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Government pulls up Google over apps issue

CALLS TECH FIRMS MEET

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Taking a strong view of Google pulling out some apps from its Play Store, the Government on Saturday said delisting of Indian apps cannot be permitted and that the tech company and the startups concerned have been called for a meeting next week.

In an interview to PTI, IT and Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the startup ecosystem is key to the Indian economy and their fate cannot be left to any big

tech to decide.
The Minister's comments The Minister's comments assume significance as Google on Friday began removing some apps, including popular matrimony apps, from its Play Store in India over a dispute on service fee payments, even as apps and well-known startup founders cried foul.

Taking a serious view of

Taking a serious view of the issue, Vaishnaw said: "India is very clear, our policy is very clear...Our startups will get the protection that they need." The Minister said





to resolve the dispute.
"I have already called Google...I have already called the app developers who have been delisted, we will be meeting them next week. This cannot be permitted..This kind of delisting cannot be permitted," he asserted.

than 100 unicorns from scratch in a matter of 10 years, the Minister said the energy of youth and entrepreneurs must be channelised fully and cannot be left to the

policies of any big tech."
"I will be telling
Google...Our the Government will be meeting Google and app developers who have been delisted, next week, lakh startups, and more startup programme, 10 years

back we had practically nothing and today we have more than 1,00,000 startups, more than 100

unicorns...This something...The energy of our youth, the energy of our entrepreneurs, energy of our talented people that has to be channelised fully well, it cannot be left to the policies of any big tech,' Vaishnaw said.

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2 policemen held by Vigilance for taking bribe

PNS CUTTAC

Separate teams of Vigilance sleuths arrested two policemen for allegedly accepting bribes in Cuttack and Nabarangpur districts on Saturday.

In the first incident, an Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) of police identified as Alok Kumar Sarangi, presently working in Bhadreswar PS in Cuttack, was caught red-handed while de-

manding and accepting a bribe of Rs 8,000 from a complainant to help him in a case registered earlier at the police station. The bribe money was recovered and seized from the possession of Sarangi.

Following the trap, simultaneous searches were underway at three different locations associated with the ASI from a disproportionate assets (DA) angle.

A Vigilance case was regis-

tered and an investigation was in progress against Sarangi.

In the second incident, another ASI identified as Simanchal Moharana, presently working in Dabugaon PS in Nabarangpur, was apprehended by Vigilance inside the police station while demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 5,000 from a complainant for showing leniency and for helping in a case registered earlier in the PS against him

and his family members.

On seeing the Vigilance officials, Moharana threw the entire bribe money into the PS Malkhana. However, the cash was recovered and seized.

Following the trap, simultaneous searches were underway at two separate locations linked to Moharana from a DA angle. In this connection, a Vigilance case was registered and an investigation was in progress against Moharana.

Remuneration of Art Instructors, PETs, PHIEVs hiked

Multilingual Education

Teachers also benefited

PNS BHUBANESWAR

The State Government on Saturday hiked the remuneration of Art Instructors, Physical Education Teachers (PETs), PHIEVs and Multilingual Education Teachers to Rs 10.000.

As per a release from the

Chief Minister's Office (CMO), the remuneration of Art Instructors and PETs engaged at upper primary schools increased to Rs 10,000 from Rs 7,000. The Art and PE Teachers will receive monthly remuneration for 12 months instead of 10 months, announced Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik.

As per the announcement, the teachers will take 30-period classes instead of 24-period classes in a month. Besides, like other government employees, the women Art and

PE Teachers can avail maternity leave if required. With the decision, a total of 4,605 Art teachers will be benefitted in the State.

Also, the government an-

nounced to increase the remu-

neration of PHIEVs (Inclusive

Education Volunteer for physically-handicapped children) and Multilingual Education Teachers to Rs 10,000.

As per the release, the PHIEVs and Multilingual

As per the release, the PHIEVs and Multilingual Education Teachers will get a hike in remuneration from Rs 5,379 to Rs 10,000 per month.

The PHIEVs are engaged at different gram panchayats since 2014 to impart special education and service to physically-disabled children studying at various schools in the State. With this move, 1,117 PHIEVs will be benefitted in the State. Besides, the CM directed for regularisation of the Multilingual Education Teachers working in schools for tribal and SC students under the ST & SC Development, Minorities & Backward Classes Welfare Department on the

basis of their eligibility.

Odisha Food Processing Conclave held



SHG members from Millet Mission, FPOs, food processing enterprises, technologists attend

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he Odisha Food Processing Conclave was held here in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and State Department of MSME. Special Secretary, Department of

MSME, Bibhuthi Bhushan Dash was the chief guest at the event.

FSSAI Director Shakti P Mishra, OUAT Dean Dr Sanjay Kumar Dash and ICC State Council Agri Food Processing Committee advisor and SNM Group chairman Dr Pradipta Mohanty were on the dais, while ICC chairman JB Pany delivered the welcome address and gave detailed information on the food processing industry in Odisha.

ICC senior director Madhuparna Bhowmick delivered the vote of thanks. Other guests present were Additional Director of Agriculture and Food Production Directorate Tankadhar Sahu,

Deputy Director of Industries Cuttack Mitrasu Tripathy, regional president of Sea Food Exporters Association of India Dr Kamlesh Mishra, Food Processing Engineering CAET, OUAT Dr Kalpana Rayguru, SBI Bhubaneswar AGM Dr Milan Kumar Patro, Cold Storage Association of Odisha president Janardhan Sahoo, Davik Food and Beverage Private Limited founder director Dr Bhawana Gupta and ICC Odisha regional head JP Pal. The programme was attended by more than 130 food processing entrepreneurs, SHG members from Odisha Millet Mission, FPOs, food processing enterprises

and technologists from

Odisha

MP engineer missing from rly station

S BHUBANESWAR

An engineer from Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh has allegedly gone missing in Bhubaneswar in mysterious circumstances.

The matter came to light after the elder brother of the engineer alleged this before the media.

As per reports, the missing engineer was identified as Bishnu Singh. His brother

Satendra Pratap said the last time Bishnu spoke to the family member over phone was after reaching the Bhubaneswar railway station

He was supposed to return home by a Delhi flight on Friday.

Later, when family members contacted Bishnu, an unknown person picked up the call and told that Bishnu had been hospitalised. Though his

family members tried to contact him, he could not be reached over phone, Satendra said.

On hearing the news,

Bhubaneswar and searched for his brother at different hospitals but in vain.

However, no complaint has

Satendra rushed to

However, no complaint has been filed in this connection.

A worried Satendra told the media that he has not been able to trace his brother.

Orug seized from minor boy in Shreemandii

PNS PL

The illegal trade of narcotic drugs continues unabated in Odisha involving minors in trafficking in the premises of the Jagannath Temple in Puri.

In a shocking incident, a minor boy was caught with brown sugar inside the temple on Saturday.

According to reports, a security personnel deployed at the Shreemandir spotted the minor boy opening the banned contraband from a container that he was carrying pear the Maa Bimala

the container and recovered

banned contraband from a container that he was carrying near the Maa Bimala Temple situated inside the Jagannath Temple. The onduty personnel examined forma

rown sugar.

During interrogation, the minor boy revealed that he had been given the brown sugar for sale inside the Shreemandir.

The accused was taken to the Singhadwar police station to ascertain more information about the incident.

BJD Govt has turned 'PC' Sarkar: Congress



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The Naveen Patnaik-led BJD Government is a 30- percentage (PC) Sarkar. The PC culture is rampant starting from the panchayat to the State Secretariat levels and this varies from 20 to 40%, alleged the Congress at a Press meet here on Saturday.

In the garb of transparency, this government is the most corrupt government the State has ever seen. In the Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha scheme alone, there has been PC transaction of around Rs 1,019 crore. The total fund allocation for Ama Odisha Nabin

Odisha in 2022-2023 is Rs 3,397 crore and average 30% PC means Rs 1,019 crore has been siphoned away from the State exchequer, said PCC spokesperson Sudarsan Das.

Likewise in 5T schools' scheme with Rs 1,268 crore, the total amount of PC is to the tune of Rs 380 crore. The PC money is being used by the BJD for its electoral gains, alleged Das.

The Congress has thrown an open challenge to the BJD to refute the allegations.

Among others, Prasanta Satpathy and Nalinikana Nayak were present at the Press conference.

SOCIAL CANVAS

Bus terminal named after visionary of Odisha's devt Ambedkar

he BJD Government has taken a commendable decision by recognising Dr BR Ambedkar and named the most important inter-State bus terminals in Bhubaneswar after him.

Earlier, the Government also named the oldest Cuttack bus stand after Netaji Subash Bose. During the last 25 years of BJD rule, naming one of its major projects after Ambedkar happened for the first time. The Government also planned to raise awareness about Ambedkar's contribution, as one of the makers of modern India, by creating a special gallery to exhibit the life and ideas of him.

These days, cutting across party lines, Ambedkar is being recognised and celebrated in India and abroad, not as a Dalit icon but as a modern democrat who represents all forms of equality along the lines of Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela and they all fought against discrimination based on race and caste. The status and university chairs in Ambedkar's name and studies on his thoughts and ideas are growing rapidly across the globe.



MANAS JENA

The Colombia University, London School of Economics, many universities in Canada, North America, Europe and Australia have such memorials. He was the one who studied in the universities of three continents. The Government of India has contributed to building major memorials at Ambedkar's birthplace at Mahu, Darar and death place at Nagpur in Mumbai. The Government of AP has built the biggest statue of him and Telengana named its Assembly after him.

Dr Ambedkar visited Odisha as the Labour Member in the Viceroy's Executive Council to the Government of India. In his

presidential address at a conference of representatives of the Central Government and Government of Odisha, the central provinces and eastern States held at Cuttack on November 8, 1945, he explored the possibilities of developing Odisha's rivers to control flood while managing water for its best multipurpose use for the people. He made valuable opinions relating to the development of Odisha based on available information in those days. He was worried after realizing the socio-economic suffering of the people in those days. He identified floods, drought, famine, deterioration in health, malaria, malnutrition, vitamin deficiency and, above all, low income and poverty as the major issues of Odisha and these issues remain as a challenge before the State even these days. He identified lack of internal communication links within the State either by railway or by canal to connect the vast hinterland with the sea coast as one of the reasons of its backwardness. He said Odisha has natural resources, minerals, forest products and precious possession of vast

three districts, such as Cuttack, Puri and Baleswar, can be traversed by a network of distributaries arising mainly from five rivers, like Mahanadi, Brahmani, Baitarani, Budhabalanga and Subarnarekha, for multipurpose use of water in all seasons. The poverty and backwardness of Odisha can be changed by using the best method of utilisation of water resources, he opined. He was critical of the Odisha Flood Inquiry Committee report in 1928 and the subsequent reports in 1937 and the Odisha Flood Advisory Committee report in 1939, with the involvement of eminent engineers, such as Adams William and M Visvesvarayya, in their approach to counter floods without a water management plan. Because the plan of only building embankments is not helpful in conservation of water; there is a need to build small reserves to store the water flowing in the rivers, he opined. Water being the wealth of people, its distribution and conservation is highly essential from the point of view of public good. He suggested constructing

dams in rivers at various points to conserve water permanently in reservoirs and the reservoirs can serve many purposes, such as generating electric power. The power can be helpful in running factories to make Odisha industrially developed.

Another important area was navigation, which was equally important and could supplement the railways. He said in spite of railways, the importance should be given to canals by reviving old canals and making new ones, like Germany and Russia, those which have used their water resources in the best possible ways for multiple gains. While supporting the scheme of the canal, he said, historically, canal played an important role in British India and the East India Company invested public budget for development of canals. Odisha has one such canal having its multipurpose use, but after 1875 the focus was more on railway replacing canal navigation. It impacted agriculture and the overall economy and changed the nature of public investment. He proposed that it be possible to connect Chandabali to Sambalpur by a navigable inland waterway by construction of three dams seven miles above Naraj, Tikarpada and Sambalpur.It will be an affordable, cheap and convenient artery for passengers and goods traffic from the sea coast to Sambalpur.

He was equally concerned about submergence of land and its impact. Finally, the conference decided to undertake a survey of the Odisha's rivers to prepare projects for unified and multipurpose development like flood control, navigation, irrigation, drainage, soil conservation and power development. Adviser to the then Governor of Odisha BK Gokhale also spoke at the meeting in support of the proposal and said Odisha was the most backward part of India and the irrigation project would bring multipurpose development for the State.

Even today, the natural advantage of the Odisha's river system, as a perennial source of water wealth, has not been fully tapped and managed for the development of irrigation, which is a major reason of the

underdevelopment of the agriculture sector of the State. The development of agriculture will pave the way for industrialisation where water management will play a key role in producing power for the industry. The available hydro power will boost the small-scale industries, especially the argo based industries, for a balanced economic growth in the State. The utilization of natural resources and manpower in a scientific way will increase production, employment and income in the State.

Dr Ambedkar argued for one State, one language and said linguistic provinces would make democracy work better than a mixed language province. He was always in favour of federalism, which gives legislative, executive and judicial power to the States in managing the governance of the States. In recent times, while the States are demanding financial autonomy and power to manage natural and financial resources, the discourses developed by him have become more relevant for resourcerich poor States such as Odisha. (manasbbsr15@gmail.com)

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Ahead of the 2024 general elections, MLA Arabinda Dhali has resigned from the Biju Janata Dal (BJD), he informed it on Saturday.

Dhali sent in his resignation letter to BJD supremo and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik via email on Friday, citing no specific reason for quitting the party.

He informed the media on Saturday that he would join the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in a programme on Sun-

Dhali represents the Jayadev xonstituency, one of the seven assembly segments of the Bhubaneswar Parliament Seat in Khordha dis-

The five-time MLA was first elected to the Odisha



Legislative Assembly from the Malkangiri constituency on a BJP ticket in a by-election in 1992. He retained the seat for two consecutive terms on the BJP ticket from 1995-2000 and 2000-2004. He joined the BJD and was elected to the Assembly from

the Jayadev constituency in

2009. He won the Assembly polls from Jayadev on BJD ticket in 2019.

During his tenure, he was given ministerial berth in Naveen Patnaik's Cabinet in various departments like Cooperation, Textiles & Handloom and Commerce and Transport between 2000 and 2004.

MLA Arabinda Dhali quits BJD | **Teaching hospitals launched in 5 dists**

4 med colleges to be upgraded

BHUBANESWAR

→hief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Saturday launched teaching hospitals at government medical colleges in five districts and laid foundation-stone for upgradation of four others

While 650-bed teaching hospitals (THs) each were launched at Balangir's Bhima Bhoi Medical College, Baripada's Pandit Raghunath Murmu Medical College and Baleswar's Fakir Mohan Medical College, Sundargarh Government hospital and Keojhar Dharani Dhar Medical Colleges got 500-bed THs each.

Total 2,950-beds in THs worth over Rs 2,000 crore were inaugu-

Among the proposed medical colleges to be upgraded with world-class facilities are Cuttack's



Acharya Harihar Post Graduate Institute of Cancer, Brahmapur's MKCG MCH, Rourkela RGH and

VIMSAR Burla. The CM said people of the State have faith in his government's healthcare services. "To provide the best of medical assistance to people is the goal of the government.

Today's launches are a major step

in ensuring that people of Odisha have access to the best of health services. A healthy State is a happy State. Nearly 3,000-bed teaching hospitals worth over Rs 2,000 crore were launched in a single day, which is no small feat. This will benefit people across all socio-economic backgrounds in the districts concerned," he said.

No alliance with BJD: Manmohan

'We'll form next govt in Odisha'

NALINI SAHU BHUBANESWAR

Putting all speculations to rest, BJP State president Manmohan Samal on Friday night said his party would fight in all the 147 Assembly and 21 Lok Sabha constituencies in the State on its own strength and there would be no alliance with the

"The central leaders of our party, Parliamentary Board and Central Election Committee have decided that the BJP would fight the elections all alone. We will form the government in the State," said Samal here after his return from New Delhi.

"Our party's central leaders have realised that the party is strong enough in Odisha to fight the elections all alone," he said.

BJP in-charge for Odisha Vijay Pal Singh Tomar also said there is no discussion about alliance with the BJD. "From the very beginning, I have been maintaining that there is no possibility of alliance with the BJD or any other party. We are capable enough to win at least 80 of the 147 Assembly seats and at least 16 of the 21 Lok Sabha seats," said Tomar.

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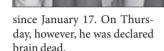
18-yr-old boy's kidneys donated after death

honour during funeral

RAJESH BEHERA ■ KENDRAPADA

Setting an example for others, the bereaved family members of a plus two student, who was declared brain dead at the SCB Medical College and Hospital, Cuttack on Thursday, donated their son's two kidneys to save the lives of two persons.

Om Sibu (18), son of Ramesh Das of Nayakote village in Pattamundai Block who was studying +2 first year at Kendrapada Autonomous College, was suffering from brain tumour and was undergoing treatment at the SCB



Wishing to donate organs of the deceased, his parents discussed with the SCB au-

the medical authorities retrieved Sibu's kidneys with the help of the State Organ and Transplant Organisation (SOTTO).

Sources informed that one of his kidneys will be transplanted to a patient at SCB and the second one will be provided to a private hospital in Bhubaneswar for transplantation. Earlier on February 15, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik had announced to provide State honour to the

Prof Parida

emerges top

BHUBANESWAR

he political barometer in

Puri undivided district is on

the rise. It is understood from

reliable sources that the ruling

BJD is on the lookout for a

fresh MP nominee as it is not

sure if present MP Pinaki

Misra will contest again from

Meanwhile, the names of

the Puri Parliamentary seat.

contender

organ donors' funerals in recognition of the sacrifice and courage of those who save the lives of others by donating the organs of their deceased family member. As per the decision of the Odisha Government, the State honour was provided to the mortal remains of Sibu at the village funeral ground.

many probables for BJD ticket

are doing the round. The

name of one Prof Dr Ajay

Parida is being discussed as a

top contender. It is said that

his lobby is strong for ticket

from the ruling BJD either for

the Puri Lok Sabha seat or

Dr Parida, a Professor of

KIIT University in the Depart-

ment of Computer Science, is

an erudite. He has two PhD

degrees to his credit. One from

the National Institute of Tech-

nology, Meghalaya and the

Nimapara Assembly seat.

6 Odisha artists to receive Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards

 $A_{
m s}$ many as six artists from Odisha will receive the prestigious Central Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards for the years 2022 and 2023.

Renowned vocalist and scholar Sangita Gosain will be honoured for her significant contributions to Odishi music in 2023. Snehaprava Samantaray, a

former Lecturer at the Utkal Sangeet Mahavidyalaya, will receive the award for her excellence in Odishi dance for the same year.

Debasish Pattnaik will be awarded the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar-2023 for his achievements in Odishi dance as a young artist. Alok

other from Utkal University,

while he has his B.Tech from

KIIT and MTech from CET.

He has also his LLB Degree

from Utkal University. A

good organiser, Dr Parida

spends his time in many pro-

people programmes includ-

ing organizing health, eye

and blood donation camps in

the undivided district of Puri.

He reached out to people dur-

ing cyclones and floods. He

is also taking up many

programmes at the slum ar-

eas of Puri district for educa-

Ticket lobby for Puri LS, Nimapara Assly seats strong

Women join community awareness drive

Bishoyi, a talented folk dancer and musician, will also be honoured with the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for the year 2023.

In the category of Odishi dance, Guru Niranjan Rout has been selected for the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2022. Arupa Gayatri Panda has been chosen for the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for 2022 in the category of dance for Odishi. Recipients of the award receive a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh along with a 'Tamrapatra' and an 'Angavastram'.

The Sangeet Natak Akademi fellowships and awards will be presented by the President of India during a special investiture ceremony.

tion and other developmen-

Heavy weight leader and

former three-time MLA

Samir Das is uncertain to get

BJD ticket from Nimapara

this time, given the contro-

versies surrounding him. An-

other ticket aspirant for the

seat is Subrat Chhatoi. But he

is considered as an outsider.

One Rojaline Nayak has

emerged as a leading woman

candidate for ticket from BJD

to contest the Assembly poll

in Nimapara also.

tal works.

Keonjhar minor rape Youth gets 25-yr RI, father 20-yr RI

Additional and Special Judge Subhashree Tripathy on Friday awarded 25 years' rigorous imprisonment (RI) to one Bubun Sethy (22) and 20 years' RI to his father Dologobindo (45) on th charges of raping a minor girl in Keonjhar district.

The judge also directed Bubun to pay a fine of Rs 33,000 and in default to undergo another three years' imprisonment. Dologobindo was also asked to pay a fine of Rs 10,000 and in default he has to undergo another year's

abducted the girl along with some of his friends while returning from the Banspal market to Bileipada. But hearing the girl's screams some transgenders informed the police. The cops rescued her and handed her over to her family.

Two days later on October 28, 2021, family members of Bubun forcefully took the girl to Sargigada village of Sundargarh district. During confinement she was raped several times. Later, on the complaint of the victim's family, the Sadar police rescued the girl and arrested Bubun and his father.

CUO featured in UGC Avenues of Excellence



he Central University of Odisha (CUO), Koraput was

The Avenues of Excellence

Delhi. The episode on the CUO focused its campus, departments, labs, library and buildings. The future academic vision of the university was explained by its Vice-Chancellor Prof Chakradhar Tripathi in his byte in the video. Registrar Prof NC Panda spoke about the CUO's infrastructure expansion plans.

The coordination of this programme was carried out by the students of Department of Journalism & Mass Commu-

featured in an episode of Avenues of Excellence TV series aired on DD National on Sat-

False plaints by Sarkhel

Amidst speculations of Sarkhel's potential shift to another political party and his attempts to regain power, two working journalists from Paradip, Sashank Acharya and NM Baisakh, have filed complaints at the Paradip Model Police Station, seeking protec-

Sarkhel's history of legal troubles, including involvement in two murder cases and further fueled concerns about his intentions and the safety of those who oppose him. His alleged targeting of journalists underscores the importance of safeguarding Press freedom and ensuring the safety of

rounding Sarkhel continues to unfold, calls for accountability and justice have intensified, with many urging authorities to take swift action to protect the rights and safety of journalists reporting on

is an initiative by the UGC which is part of the 'Study in India Portal' under which every week an episode is aired featuring a Higher Education Institution. The series is produced by TALIEM, New

Paradip scribes seek protection

Arindam (Bapi) Sarkhel, a former Congress candidate and controversial political figure in Paradip, has faced criticism for resorting to spreading fake news and lodging false complaints against journalists in a bid to salvage his tarnished reputation. His recent actions have ignited widespread condemnation within the Paradip community.

tion from potential retaliation.

subsequent bail releases, has

media professionals in the re-As the controversy sur-

matters of public interest.

In B'swar Probe into woman's death at in-laws' house

he Khaira police began an investigation into the mysterious death of a woman at her in-laws' house in Khaira block on Thursday

The deceased was identified Sasmita Sahu of Mainsamunda village under Shyamsundarpur Gram Panchayat. The in-laws while maintained it was a case of

suicide as Sasmita was found hanging, the parental family of the deceased alleged that she was murdered.

As per reports, Sasmita was married to Dipak Behera eight years ago and was eight months' pregnant. Dipak said when he woke up in the morning, he found Sasmita hanging from the ceiling fan. The body was sent for postmortem to ascertain the exact cause of death, said police.

In Kendrapada 2 youths missing while talking bath in river

I wo staffs of a cement company went missing in the Brahmani river on Saturday while they were taking bath at Narendrapur Ghat in Nimapur village under the Pattamundai Rural police station in Kendrapada district.

The two youths were identified as Ajit Kumar and Javed, who were from Agra in Uttar Pradesh .Seven painters from outside Odisha were engaged by the cement company in

They were returning from Rajnagar after completing their assignment to Cuttack. Then, they decided to take bath in the Brahmani.

filing of the report.

In Baleswar

Rs 80L LAD fund for stadium, ambulance

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw sanctioned Rs 45 lakh and Rs 35 lakh respectively for the development of a stadium at Baleswar town and an advanced life support ambulance for Lions club Jaleswar. The fund has been released from his MPLAD

Reports said for construction of first floor for players' dressing room, dormitory and conference hall etc,

the District Athletic Association had requested Vaishnaw for sanction of funds. Similarly, a request was made to him for an advanced life support system ambulance for Lions Club,

The members of the District Athletic Association including working president Abhay Mohapatra and general secretary Adhip Das, past district Governor SB Gupta and members expressed their thanks to the Minister.

Rajnagar block to paint walls.

While they were taking bath, Ajit and Javed went miss-

ing as they were swept away by strong currents. Though their fellow worker with the help of locals and Fire Brigade personnel conducted a search operation to rescue them, the duo was yet to be traced till

Organised by SAHAYOG

NIRAKARPUR

Leading up to the International Women's Day 2024, a community awareness initiative took place in Nirakarpur in Tangi block of Khordha district. The programme revolved around the IWD-2024 theme

"Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress." More than five hundred women belonging to SHGs, community members, and young individuals from Nirakarpur, Lendo, Dia, and Rameswar Gram Panchayats actively participated.

The event was organised by SAHAYOG, a social organisation, in partnership with Vishwa Yuvak Kendra

from New Delhi.

Youth social activist Pravat Swain extended a warm welcome to all the distinguished guests, PRI representatives, women's self-help group members, teachers, women, and youth. Shedding light on the program's objectives and International Women's Day 2024, secretary of SAHAYOG Bijayalaxmi Rautaray shared

insights about Vishwa Yuvak Kendra in New Delhi and its partner organisations across India. They also discussed launching a campaign with various initiatives based on this year's theme, 'Investing More for Women: Accelerating Progress'. While women from diverse backgrounds spoke, the vote of thanks was given by social worker Sukanta Behera.

In Ganjam Engineer, Clerk held taking bribe

PNS BRAHMAPUR

he Vigilance police on Saturday caught Benudhar Dalai, Executive Engineer (EE), (Irrigation), CAD Division No.8, Aska in Ganjma district and Kailash Ch Behera, Junior. Clerk of the same office while accepting a bribe of Rs 20,000 from a person.

The duo had demanded the bribe from the complainant (owner of a vehicle) to clear his pending bills towards hire charges of his vehicle for use by the said office.

Following the trap, simultaneous searches were carried out at three different locations of Dalai and two locations of Behera from the DA angle. Further investigation was in progress against accused.

Driving training institute unveiled in Talcher



to upskill youths on commercial vehicle driving

DHIRAMOHAN RAY TALCHER $T_{
m alcher}$ got its very own

Commercial Vehicle Driving Training Institute, setting the stage for skilled driver development, increasing the employability of Talcher's youth in the respective profession.

Chairperson, Vikash Foundation Trust, Dr Mridula

the institute. Aligned with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of positioning India as a global Skill Hub, the institute aims to revolutionise the perception of driving as a profession, she said.

Thakur Pradhan inaugurated

It is a collaboration between NSDC, Skill India, LINDE, and LSC underscoring a concerted effort towards addressing the burgeoning demand for skilled heavy vehicle drivers. At the heart of the initiative lies an innovative heavy

vehicle test driving track-V, poised to harness the region's immense potential. By equipping drivers with the state-ofthe-art training facilities and streamlining the licencing process, the institute aims to empower Talcher's driver community and enhance their economic prospects. The event was also graced by esteemed dignitaries, including CEO, Logistics Sector Skill Council (LSC), Ravikanth Yamarathi and Head of Distribution, Linde South Asia Ankur Desai.

Snakebite death —

Summons issued to 3 dist Collectors by safety and security to the stu-

 $T_{ ext{he National Human}}$ Rights Commission (NHRC) has issued conditional summons afresh to district Collectors of Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj and Bhadarak to appear before the Commission on April 10 along with detailed action taken report including the status of payment of ex-gratia amount to the family members of the deceased persons due to snakebites.

Considering the petition filed by lawyer and rights activist Radhakanta Tripathy and the reports submitted by the Centre and State authorities, the NHRC passed the order.

Tripathy alleged that due to negligence of the School and Mass Education Department and district administration of Keonjhar, three students died

them, while they were sleeping inside a coaching centre in the Nischitapur area in Keonjhar on July 22, 2023.

Amongst the disaster causalities in Odisha, snakebite deaths alone accounted for more than 40% and snakebite death cases in Odisha became more than double in the year 2021 especially due to shortage of anti-snake venom stocks in the Governmentrun-health facilities. The AVS (Anti Venom Serum) is also not easily available in the open market in Odisha.

Tripathy requested the NHRC for payment of compensation and benefits under the social welfare schemes to the next of the kin (NoK) of the deceased persons, action against the officials for their lapses who failed to ensure

dents running coaching center, adequate availability of anti-snake venom in the hospitals, maintenance of a comprehensive national data of snakebite cases, make more search on the issue and designate the snakebite as a 'Notifiable Disease' within the 'Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme' to get a perma-

nent solution etc. Pursuant to NHRC notice, both Centre and State and the district Collectors of Boudh and Bolangir submitted the requisite reports.

The CDMO, Keonjhar submitted that four children namely Raja Naik, Akash Naik, Elina Naik and Snehashree came to the Department of Paediatric, DDMCH, Keonjhar, at different times with the alleged

It was reported by the school teacher that the children used to sleep on the floor of the hostel and were bitten by poisonous snake. Akash Naik was alive after getting all necessary treatment measures at DDMCH, Keonjhar and SVPPGI, Cuttack. However, rest three children Raja, Elina and Snehashree died due to bite of poisonous snake which was confirmed by the post-mortem examination. However, the District Mag-

istrate, Keonjhar has yet not reported regarding payment of ex-gratia amount to the family members of the deceased children. Similarly, the requisite reports from the DMs, Mayurbhanj and Bhadark have also not been received, the NHRC observed.

Classical dancer from India shot dead in US Sunak pleads

n yet another deadly attack on Indians and Indian-Americans in the US in recent months, a 34-year-old trained classical dancer from India and a student of Washington University, was shot dead in St Louis, Missouri. Kuchipudi

and dancer Bharatnatvam Amarnath Ghosh, who migrated to the US from West Bengal last year "to follow his dancing dreams," was shot several times near the border of St Louis Academy and Central West End neighbourhoods. He died on the spot. According to the St Louis Metropolitan Police Department, the shooting happened at 7:15 pm on Tuesday at Delmar Boulevard and Clarendon Avenue, news por-

Friday. Ghosh was pursuing his master's in the Performing Arts Department of Washington

Hailing from Suri town in West Bengal's Birbhum district, Ghosh was an alumni of Kalakshetra, a prestigious Chennai institution that is a vital centre for the study and performance of fine arts, from 2007 to 2011.

His uncle Shyamal Ghosh said in Suri on Saturday, he is still in the dark about the details of his nephew's death in the USA even after four days. "We had informed the district police and administration about what we had heard from various sources. But till today, we don't have any details about his death," he said.

Calling him "very friendly

friends Hima Kuppa and Ravi Kuppa in the US said, "He was always travelling a lot for his performances. A lot of organisations called him for performances, but he always wanted to come back to St Louis."

Ghosh was learning ballet and dance. "I think it was a full scholarship at Wash U. His ultimate dream was to get his PhD in dance and work full-time with us at our Kuchipudi Art Academy," Hima was quoted as saying by '5 On Your Side.'

He enjoyed volunteering as a dance instructor at a local studio and also taught children between the ages 5 and 18. His friends told the news outlet that Ghosh was the only child of his parents; his mother died three years ago and his father died when he was a child.

ed India's consulate in Chicago to take up the issue with local police and the university.

Asserting that the mission is "extending all help to the relatives of deceased Amarnath Ghosh," India's Consulate in Chicago posted on X that it has "taken up the case strongly with St Louis police and the University for investigation of the reprehensible gun attack." Offering deep condolences

to family and friends of the

deceased in St Louis, Missouri,

it said, "We are following up forensic, investigation with police and providing support." Washington University, where Gosh was a student, has condemned his killing as 'senseless violence beyond

comprehension." There are no words to express the pain and anguish Amarnath's family and friends are experiencing. His death is a terrible shock to us all. This type of senseless violence is beyond comprehension and we are devastated by this loss. To have this happen in our own St. Louis community is especially heartbreaking," Anna "Dr G" Gonzalez, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs said in a statement released to all Washington University students, faculty and staff. It was Devoleena

Bhattacharjee, who first alerted the authorities on social media about her friend Ghosh's death. Taking to X, she posted, "The reason, accused details everything are not revealed yet or perhaps no one left in his family to fight for it except his few

Excellent dancer, was pursuing PhD, was taking an evening walk and suddenly he was shot multiple times by an unknown." She tagged the X handles of the Indian Embassy in the US, Prime Minister Narendra Modi among others and said, "Some friends in US are trying to claim the body but still no update about it" and requested the Embassy to look into it.

"At least we should know the reason of his murder," she said in the post on Friday. On Saturday, Bhattacharjee said in another post on X: "Hope we get the update of this heinous crime as early as possible. If I am not wrong, this is 5th or 6th murder of Indian Students in 2 months. We all are worried here & grieving."

to protect democracy

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has issued an impassioned plea for Britain to protect its democracy as he warned that extremist forces were out to tear

the country apart and undermine its multifaith identity.

Referencing his own Hindu beliefs, the British Indian leader on Friday stressed that the enduring values of the UK are about embracing migrants of all faiths and ethnicities and urged protesters to ensure peaceful demonstrations are not

"Immigrants who have come here have integrated and contributed. They have helped write the latest chapter in our island story. They have done this without being required to give up their identity," said Sunak in a speech outside 10 Downing

hijacked by extremist forces.

Street. "You can be a practising Hindu and a proud Briton as I am, or a devout Muslim and a patriotic citizen as so many are, or a committed Jewish person and the heart of your local community, and all under-pinned by the tolerance of our

established, Christian church," he said.

"But I fear that our great achievement in building the world's most successful multiethnic, multi faith democracy is

being deliberately undermined. There are forces here at home trying to tear us apart," he added.

He was speaking soon after what he characterised as the "beyond alarming" win in a byelection on Thursday of a controversial politician,

George Galloway, in Greater Manchester following a campaign dominated by the divisions of the Israel-Hamas con-

He said on too many occasions recently, the streets of Britain had been hijacked by small groups who are hostile to British values and have no respect for its democratic tradi-

"Islamist extremists and the far right feed off and embolden each other. They are equally desperate to pretend that their violence is somehow justified when actually these groups are two sides of the same extremist coin... both loathe the pluralist, modern country we are," he said.

Zardari, Achakzai file papers for Pak presidential poll

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's former president Asif Ali Zardari and his rival ethnic Pashtun politician Mahmood Khan Achakzai on Saturday filed their nominations for the presidential election to be held on March 9.

Zardari, from Sindh province, is the co-chairman of the Pakistan Peoples Party and has the support of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz as the two leading parties joined hands to form a coalition government after the February 8 elections produced a split mandate.

the president for the second time as he is being supported by the parties that enjoy a majority in the electoral college. He also served as president from 2008 to 2013. Achakzai, 75, from Balochistan, is the chief of the Pashtunkhwa Milli Awami Party and was nominated by Imran

The only surviving member of the mountaineering

expedition that first conquered

Mount Everest said Saturday

that the world's highest peak is

too crowded and dirty, and the

mountain is a god that needs to

among the 35 members in the

team that put New Zealander

Edmund Hillary and his Sherpa

8,849-meter (29,032-foot) peak

mountain to reduce the number

of climbers," Kanchha said in an

interview in Kathmandu on

Saturday, "Right now there is

always a big crowd of people at

Since the first conquest, the

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"It would be better for the

Kanchha Sherpa, 91, was

be respected.

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on May 29, 1953.

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Khan, the jailed leader of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party. In Parliament, Achakzai would be nomination papers will be held on Monday. The elections will be

pleted a five-year term last year. advice of the prime minister.

peak has been climbed thou-

sands of times, and it gets

more crowded every year.

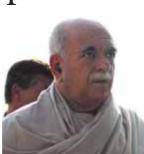
During the spring climbing season in 2023, 667 climbers

scaled the peak, but that

brought in thousands of sup-

port staff to the base camp

between the months of March



However, in the absence of the electoral college required to elect the president, Alvi is still in office. The president is elected by an electoral college comprising members of the Senate, the National Assembly, and the four provincial assemblies. Voting is held through a secret ballot in Parliament and four provincial

The president is the ceremonial head of the state and enjoys limited powers as he acts on the

Ship attacked earlier by Houthi rebels sinks in Red Sea

AP DUBAI

ship attacked by Yemen's Asnip attacked by Tentens
Houthi rebels has sunk in the Red Sea after days of taking on water, officials said Saturday, the first vessel to be fully destroyed as part of their campaign over Israel's war against Hamas in the Gaza Strip. The sinking of the Rubymar comes as shipping through the crucial waterway for cargo and energy shipments moving from Asia and the Middle East to Europe has been affected by the Houthi

Already, many ships have turned away from the route. The sinking could see further detours and higher insurance rates put on vessels plying the waterway — potentially driving up global inflation and affecting aid shipments to the region.

Belize-flagged Rubymar had been drifting northward after being attacked on Feb 18 in the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, a crucial waterway linking the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden.

Yemen's internationally recognized government, as well as a regional military official, confirmed the ship sank. The official spoke on condition of anonymity as no authorisation was given to speak to journalists about the incident.

The Rubymar's Beirutbased manager could not be immediately reached for com-

Yemen's exiled government, which has been backed by a Saudi-led coalition since 2015, said the Rubymar sank late Friday as stormy weather took hold over the Red Sea. The vessel had been abandoned for 12 days after the attack, though plans had been made to try and tow the ship to a safe port. The Iran-backed Houthis, who had claimed the ship sank almost instantly after the attack, did not immediately acknowledge the ship's sinking. The US military's Central Command previously warned the vessel's cargo of fertiliser, as well as fuel leaking from the ship, could cause ecological damage to the Red Sea.

 $B_{\text{ed three persons, including}}^{\text{angladesh police have arrest-}}$ two owners of a restaurant, in connection with the massive fire that broke out at a shopping mall in the capital Dhaka that

called Chumuk and the manag-

Inconvenience is regretted.

were arrested on Friday, Dhaka Metropolitan Police Additional Commissioner Kh Mahid Uddin He said, "The fire started

police will file a case over negligence in connection with the deaths in the fire incident." Besides, anyone from the

victim's family can file a case if they want, said the police official.

ferent floors of the seven-storey Green Cozy Cottage. Legal action will be taken

gainst whoever is found respon-

sible in this incident, he added.

He said that three people arrested in this incident are being interrogated.

The building did not have permission to house restau-

The building had permis-

sion for office use, not restaurants and eateries, according to Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk). But the building housed eight restaurants, a juice bar and a tea and coffee shop, the report

PPGCL

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NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Prayagraj Power Generation Company Limited invites expression of interest (EOI) from eligible vendors for Repair & Revamping of 3 blocks at labour camp at PPGCL of 3x660 MW Thermal Power Plant at Prayagraj Power Generation Company Limited, Bara, Dist. Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, India. Details of pre-gualification requirements, bid security, purchasing of tender document etc. may

be downloaded using the URL- https://www.ppgcl.co.in/tenders.php Eligible vendors willing to participate may submit their expression of interest along with the tender fee for issue of bir document latest by 4th March 2024.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

SSA-12/3/2023-MIS-Sec/SSA/1/482035/2024 Dated 02.03.2024 Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha Axom, Kahilipara, Guwahati-

 Assam invites bids vide GEM/2024/B/4693414 Dated: 01-03-2024 for supply of Tablet Computers through GeM portal. Interested bidder may visit GeM portal and submit their bid in GeM portal accordingly. The bid is also available in SSA website: https:// /ssa.assam.gov.in

Sd/-Mission Director. Samagra Shiksha Axon Kahilipara, Guwahati-19



Baba Farid University of Health Sciences Sadiq Road, Faridkot -151203



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E-tenders are invited for the procurement of following items upto 18-03-2024 1) Sale of waste paper (torn), used Answer sheets and spine cutting of use 2) Projector and IT equipments at BFUHS, Faridkot, 3) supply of computer and UPS at BFUHS, Fdk, 4) HP cartridge

E-tenders are invited for the procurement of following items upto 23-03-2024 Construction of Ramp (G+3) storey in super specialty Block in GGSMCH Faridkot 2) Parking stand at GGSMCH, Faridkot Ferms and conditions can be downloaded from http://eproc.punjab.gov.in. The

enders will be accepted in E-Tender mode only. Bidder can also d notification and document from the University website i.e. www.bfuhs.ac.in 00/12/217/2023/33097 Dated CHD :- 3/1/2024

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

SSA-34/1/2023-MIS-SEC-SSA/I/480404/2024

Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha Axom, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) through e-Tendering process from Authorized dealer or OEM of Tablet Computers.

To participate in this tender process through e-procurement document, bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and have to register in the portal https://assamtenders.gov.in by

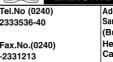
The Bidder who have downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website https://assamtenders.gov.in. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission

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Sd/-Mission Director Samagra Shiksha Axom Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.





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Head office : Town Hall Pin 431001 E-Tender Call AMC (For Help): Cell No. 9764999592

No/AMC/EX.Eng./Bldg./19/2024 Date 28/02/2024 Last Date of Tender Work Name Construction of School for Special children Therapy and Research Center at N-12 09/03/2024 Cidco, Chhatrapati Sambhaiinagar (Tender Amount Rs.10,18,00,962/-) Note 1. For the above stated work is available on web site www.mahatenders.gov.in Sd/-**Executive Engineer** (Building & Electrical) Municipal Corporation

supported by the Sunni Ittehad Council, the new home of the Zardari, 68, is set to become PTI-backed independent lawmakers. Their nomination papers were filed for the presidential elections and the scrutiny of the

The new president will replace Dr Arif Alvi, who com-

'Mt Everest crowded and dirty now' "It is very dirty now. People throw tins and wrappings after eating food. Who is going to pick them up now?" Kanchha said. "Some climbers just dump

their trash in the crevasse,

which would be hidden at that

time but eventually it will flow

down to base camp as the snow

melts and carries them down-There have been concerns For the Sherpas, Everest is about the number of people living on the mountain for months Qomolangma or goddess mother of the world, and is revered on end, generating trash and plans to cut down on the number of permits they issue to

There are rules that require climbers to bring down their own trash, equipment and everything they carry to the mountain or risk losing their deposit, but monitoring has

s is to informed public at large that my client i Nagender Mohan Goyal S/o Late Shri

Kailash Prasad Goyal R/o K-95-C, Sheikh Sarai

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Goyal, except the above mentioned. If anyone

has any objection regarding this, he/she can raise objection within 30 days from the date of this

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not been very effective.

ing the mountain. It is our be dirtying the gods," he said "Qomolangma is the biggest god for the Sherpas but people smoke and eat meat and throw

them on the mountain."

Vinay Kumar (Advocate) Ch. No.582, Saket Court, New Delhi-17 FARIDABAD (4204): 1-E / 20, B.P. NIT,

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Kamal Kant Gupta (Advocate)
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Pre-Bid meeting time and venue: 12/03/2024 at 12:00 hours at the Office of the Mission Director, Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban), Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6

Incharge (Purchase)

Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban), Assam Dispur, Guwahati-6

3 held for Dhaka mall fire er of Kacchi Bhai restaurant state, from the rooftop and dif-

killed at least 46 people.

The fire broke out around 9:50 pm on Thursday at the restaurant named "Kacchi Bhai" on the first floor of the building, Green Cozy Cottage, and quickly spread to the upper floors that had more restaurants and a garment shop, according to fire ser-

vice officials. Two owners of an eatery from the food shop on the ground floor of the building. The

At least 46 people were killed, and over 20 others sus-

tained severe injuries by a devastating fire on Thursday night. Firefighters rescued 70 people, including 42 in unconscious

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No. CE/EAP/ARRBP/111/TENDERS/2024/39

CORRIGENDUM

Project: Assam Resilient Rural Bridges Program (ARRBP) Ref: i) RFB No. CE/EAP/ARRBP/111/TENDERS/2024/19, dated: 20/02/2024

The following RFBs for construction of RCC Bridges in the districts under the World Bank Financed ARRBP as mentioned and published in the following newspapers are hereby cancelled due to unavoidable reasons. Fresh RFBs will follow. RFB No. Name of Neswpaper & Published date

ii) RFB No. CE/EAP/ARRBP/111/TENDERS/2024/33, dated: 27/02/2024

The Sentinel dtd 22/02/2024 CE/EAP/ARRBP/III/TENDERS/2024/19 Niyomiya Barta, dtd. 22/02/2024 and The Pioneer, dtd. 22/02/2024 CE/EAP/ARRBP/III/TENDERS/2024/33 The Assam Tribune, dtd. 28/02/2024 Niyomiya Barta, dtd. 28/02/2024 and The Pioneer, dtd. 28/02/2024

Chief Engineer (EAP), PWRD, Assam ARR&TI Complex, Fatasil Ambari, Guwahati-25 Janasanyog/CF/6156/23-3-March/24

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India retains policy space at WTO

Will protect interests of farmers, fishermen in every respect: Goyal

PTI ABU DHABI

dhe outcome of the 13th ministerial conference of the WTO was "good" and India is "completely satisfied" as the country continues to retain its full policy space to protect the interests of farmers and fishermen in every respect, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has

He said that New Delhi's procurement of food grains for distribution among the poor continues uninterrupted and without any hindrance.

"India continues to retain full policy space for the benefit of our farmers, our fishermen, and in every respect, we have been able to take India's interests to the highest level possible," the minister told reporters here after the fiveday meeting of the trade ministers of 166-member World Trade Organisation

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India has eliminated extreme poverty, a commentary authored by

economists Surjit Bhalla

and Karan Bhasin in a

leading American think-tank The Brookings

tank The Brookings Institution said, citing the

just released consumption

expenditure data for 2022-

23. In the article, the two

noted economists cite the

data to say real per capita

consumption has grown 2.9

per cent per annum since

at 3.1 per cent being

significantly higher than

urban growth of 2.6 per

Also, there has been an

unprecedented decline in

urban and rural inequality.

The urban Gini declined

from 36.7 to 31.9; the rural

Gini declined from 28.7 to

The Gini coefficient, or the

Gini index, measures the

inequality of income

distribution, whereas a higher value closer to one

(or 100 per cent) represents

"In the annals of inequality

analysis, this decline is

unheard of, and especially

in the context of high per

capita growth," the article

High growth and a large

decline in inequality have

combined to eliminate poverty in India, it said,

citing the PPP of USD 1.9

(purchasing power parity at

2011 prices and not the PPP USD 2.15 line at 2017

greater inequality.

India eliminates

extreme poverty:

Brookings article

As the members were not able to reach consensus on key issues such as agriculture and fisheries subsidies, the talks

that were scheduled to end on February 29 got extended for The talks at the WTO's ministerial conference ended

with no decision on issues such as finding a permanent solution to public food stockpile and on curbing fisheries subsidies, but the members agreed to further extend the moratorium on imposing import duties on ecommerce trade for two more

The ministerial conference, the highest decision making body of the WTO, also managed to get more outcomes such as new disciplines on domestic regulation for services, formal joining of Comoros and Timor-Leste as members of WTO, and least



developing countries continuing to get the benefits of LDC even three years after graduation.

India successfully pushed the food security issue and the country did not yield any ground on protecting the interest of poor farmers and fishermen as well as on other Goyal said that "it's a good

outcome and completely satisfied... A lot of issues continue to make progress in terms discussions.

"Generally through MC13, progress was made on contentious issues which had not been closed for years. Forward movement is always a sign of a possible closure going

He added that in the proposed fisheries subsidies agreement aimed to curb subsidies that lead to over capacity and over fishing, found several ambiguities on the proposals that were on the table. Some of the subsidies that certain countries give to their resource-poor fishermen

forward," he said.

resource-poor fishermen were sought to be excluded. Besides, definitions were not satisfactory and several areas where deeper consultations and greater degree of flexibility was required to ensure a fair and balanced agreement, were not possible in such a short period of time. "By and large, the objectives with which we had come to Abu Dhabi are largely met and we go back fully satisfied," he said, adding, "our largest interest was to protect our farmers and our fishermen, both of which we are strongly doing and that is

our offensive interest which we are actively pursuing."
On further extension of the duty moratorium on ecommerce trade, the minister said that India was "not necessarily opposed" to it

fully.

Since the members had not discussed pertaining to the moratorium during the time between MC12 (happened at Geneva June 2022) and MC 13, such as its scope and its impact on different economies, believe that it's in the best interest that we continue this e-commerce moratorium", he

When asked about the effort certain developed countries to push non-trader investment issues like facilitation agreement, environment and labour in the WTO, Goyal said India has been successful in making sure that such issues cannot become part of the WTO.

Sensex, Nifty hit all time high in special live trading session

Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty hit fresh all-time peaks in a special trading session on Saturday, extending their previous day's sharp rally, amid impressive GDP data and foreign fund inflows.

Leading stock exchanges BSE and NSE are conducting a special trading session in the equity and equity derivative segments on Saturday to check their preparedness to handle major disruption or failure at the primary site.
The special live trading

session will have intra-day switch over from Primary Site (PR) to Disaster Recovery (DR) site.

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 236.77 points to reach its all-time high of 73,982.12 in early trade. The Nifty went up by 81.5 points to hit its record peak of 22,420.25. There will be two trading

sessions -- the first from 9:15 am to 10 am on the PR, and the second from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm on the DR site, according to the exchanges. "Trading members are requested to note that the exchange will conduct a special live trading session with intraday switch over from Primary Site (PR) to from Primary Site (PR) to Disaster Recovery Site (DR)

equity and equity derivatives segments," BSE and NSE said in separate circulars. Among the Sensex firms, Tata Steel, Larsen & Toubro, Tata Motors and State Bank of

India were the major gainers.

on Saturday, March 2, in

Mahindra & Mahindra, Titan ICICI Bank and NTPC were among the laggards.

India's economy grew by better-than-expected 8.4 per cent in the final three months of 2023 -- the fastest pace in one-and-half years. The US markets ended with

gains on Friday. India's manufacturing sector growth climbed to a fivemonth high in February amid

a sharper uptick in factory production and supported by both domestic and external demand, a monthly survey said on Friday.

The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose from 56.5 in January to 56.9 in February, pointing to the strongest improvement in the health of the sector since September 2023.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 128.94 crore on Friday, according to

Coal production rises 27 per cent in Apr-Feb

The coal production from captive and commercial mines has increased 27.06 per cent year-on-year to 126.8 million tonnes (MT) in the April-February this fiscal. statement. and 9.72 MT, respectively. auctions, seven blocks ha The coal dispatch from the The total coal production and As of February 29, 2024, the already started production.

captive and commercial mines in the first eleven financial year also rose 29.14 per cent to 128.88 MT over the corresponding period of previous fiscal, the coal said in ministry

dispatch in February was total number of producing 14.85 MT and 12.95 MT, mines was 54, with 35 months of the current registering an increase of 37 per cent and 33 per cent, 11 allocated to the nonrespectively. In the year-ago

dispatch stood at 10.85 MT under commercial coal

allocated to the power sector, regulated sector, and 8 for the sale of coal. The total coal production and Of the 91 mines awarded

auctions, seven blocks have

Boeing in talks to buy Spirit AeroSystems

AP ■ NEW DELHI/DALLAS

argued, was more because $B_{\text{Spirit AeroSystems, which}}^{\text{oeing is in talks to buy}}$ the PPP of USD 1.9 closely corresponds to the official builds fuselages for Boeing 737 Max jetliners, including India Tendulkar poverty The Headcount Poverty Ratio (HCR), the the one that suffered a doorpanel blowout in January, proportion of a population that lives below the poverty according to a person knowledgeable about the discussions.

line, has declined from 12.2 per cent in 2011-12 to 2 per The timing of a deal - or whether the two sides even cent in 2022-23, equivalent to 0.93 percentage points reach a final agreement - is per year. Rural poverty stood at 2.5 per cent, while urban cent."These estimates do

reported the talks. The not take into account the free food (wheat and rice) supplied by the government approximately twothirds of the population, nor utilisation of public health and education," the authors noted in the

the economists

The decline in HCR is remarkable given that in the past it took 30 years for India to witness a similar decline in poverty levels, which has now been witnessed over 11 years, the article said.

commentary.

Given the near elimination of extreme poverty, India should now graduate to a higher poverty line, which provide opportunity to redefine existing social protection programmes to give greater support to the genuinely poor, it added. "Official data now confirms that India has eliminated extreme poverty as commonly defined in extreme international comparisons.'

to Boeing, its former owner. Boeing and Spirit AeroSystems declined to comment.

suppliers.

Shares of Spirit jumped 15% in afternoon trading. A deal could help Boeing respond to critics who have blamed the company's manufacturing problems in large part on outsourcing key work to Spirit and other

Boeing spun off Spirit in 2005 uncertain, according to the as part of a strategy to person, who spoke about the outsource the supply chain outsource the supply chain private talks on condition of for its commercial planes. In The Wall Street Journal first have mounted at Spirit, including fuselage panels that newspaper said Friday that didn't fit together precisely Spirit hired bankers to enough and holes that were Spirit hired bankers to enough and holes that were consider strategic options and improperly drilled. Those and preliminary other flaws held up deliveries discussions about a sale back of Boeing 737s and 787s.



administration. Scrutiny of Spirit - which is grew even stronger after an place were missing after the

Oregon on January 5.

Investigators said the panel had been removed at a Boeing factory to let Spirit workers fix damaged rivets, and bolts not related to Spirit Airlines - that help hold the panel in

repair job. It is not clear who removed the bolts and failed to put them back. Two weeks later, Boeing CEO

David Calhoun toured the Spirit factory in Wichita, Calhoun and Shanahan pledged to work together improve manufacturing quality. Shanahan said Spirit would work with Boeing, regulators and airlines, and he vowed, "We will restore confidence." Calhoun has long defended Boeing's outsourcing, but his tone changed in recent weeks. than USD 2.5 billion. Boeing

reported a fourth-quarter loss, Calhoun said that outsourcing probably went About 70 per cent of Spirit

AeroSystems' revenue last

year came from work done

company's other revenue comes from making parts for Airbus, Boeing's European Spirit also is looking into selling operations in Ireland

for Boeing, according to Spirit's latest annual report.

That is up from 60 per cent

two years earlier. Most of the

that make parts for Airbus, the Journal reported.

Spirit lost USD 616 million last year and hasn't turned a full-year profit since 2019. Since then, it has lost more more financial help to Spirit. Boeing said it would provide USD 100 million for Spirit to retool its factory and adjust prices to give the supplier another USD 455 million

over two years.

Lulu Group to decide on location to set up food processing unit

team of Lulu Group, a Aleading multinational diversified conglomerate that has planned to set up a export oriented full-fledged food processing plant will visit Vijayapura soon and conduct site visits to decide where the food processing unit should be set up, officials said on Top representatives of the

preliminary meeting about the proposed project with the Minister of Large and Medium Industries M B Patil, who is also the district in-charge minister for Vijayapura, they said.

Lulu Group export division CEO Najbuddin, Director Anant and his team participated in the meeting held on Friday at Khanija

Minister's office, Patil was quoted as saying that the team of Lulu Group will visit Vijayapura soon and will conduct site visits to decide on where the food processing

unit should be set up.
At the recent World Economic Forum in Davos, Lulu Group had expressed interest and signed an agreement to set up a full-fledged food processing plant in Vijayapura district by

meeting was held as a continuation of that and the minister assured that the government will extend full cooperation, it said.

The minister has emphasised that the proposed unit will facilitate the purchase of local food products for grading, sorting and packaging purposes for supply to domestic and export markets, the statement added.

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Paytm shares decline 2.50 per cent

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Shares of Communications One97 which owns and operates Paytm, declined more than 2.50 per cent in Saturday's special trading session, after the Financial Intelligence Unit slapped a penalty of Rs 5.49 crore on Paytm Payments Bank.

Leading stock exchanges BSE and NSE conducted a special trading session in the equity and equity derivative segments on Saturday to check their preparedness to handle major disruption or failure at the primary site.

The company's stock fell by 2.56 per cent to settle at Rs 414.55 apiece on the BSE. During the day, it went lower by 3.61 per cent to Rs 410.05. On the NSE, it declined by 2.13 per cent to Rs 414.40 per share.

One97 Shares Communications on Friday jumped 5 per cent after the company said the board has approved

discontinuation of intercompany pacts with Paytm Payments Bank to reduce dependencies.

In fresh trouble for Paytm Bank, Payments Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) has slapped a penalty of Rs 5.49 crore on the payments bank for violating anti-money laundering law, the finance ministry said on



Bank directed it to stop accepting fresh deposits from customers with effect from February 29 -- a deadline which was later extended to March 15. Earlier this week, Vijay Shekhar Sharma stepped down as part-time non-executive Chairman of PPBL and the board of the bank was reconstituted.

Friday. Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) has been in

trouble after the Reserve

The finance ministry said FIU-India had initiated a review of Paytm Payments Bank on receipt of specific information from law enforcement agencies in respect of a few entities and their network of businesses engaged in illegal acts, including organising and facilitating online gambling.

BUSINESS BRIEF IIFL FINANCES LAUNCHES 'LADIES FIRST' GOLD LOAN MELA

IIFL Finance, which is one of India's largest non-banking finance companies launched a unique 'Ladies First' Gold Loan Mela Campaign for women customers only. The industry first initiative will offer an assured gift and zero processing fee to all new women

prices).



customers, who will take gold loan from IIFL Finance branches across India between March 5 and March 12, 2024.

IIFL Finance will also offer bumper prizes including gold coins to winners. Saurabh Kumar, Head of Gold Loan Business at IIFL Finance said, "To celebrate women

entrepreneurs, we at IIFL Finance have launched India's first Gold Loan mela dedicated to women borrowers in the week of International Women's Day.

Strong GDP growth, weak monsoon drove up India carbon emissions in 2023: IEA countries together need to cut

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Strong GDP growth and a weak monsoon drove up India's energy-related carbon emissions by around 190 million tonnes in 2023, though the country's per capita emissions remain far below the global average, the International Energy Agency said.

Global energy-related carbon emissions grew by 1.1 per cent in 2023, increasing 410 million tonnes (Mt) to reach a new record high of 37.4 gigatonnes (Gt) in 2023, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said on

It said emissions in China grew average," the IEA said. around 565 Mt in 2023, the India grappled with warm and Climate Change (IPCC),

largest increase globally and a continuation of its emissionsintensive economic growth in the post-pandemic period. Per capita emissions in China are now 15 per cent higher than in advanced economies. However, China continued to

dominate global clean energy additions. "In India, strong GDP growth drove up emissions by around 190 Mt. But a weak monsoon increased demand for electricity and cut hydro contributing production, around one-quarter of the increase in its total emissions in 2023. Per capita emissions in India remain far below the world

dry conditions throughout 2023 and experienced a weak monsoon season, with August being the driest in at least 45

In 2022, energy-related global emissions increased by 490 Mt, representing a 1.3 per cent rise.

According to the Intergovernmental Panel on

warming greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and methane by 43 per cent by 2030 to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. The IEA noted that emissions from coal accounted impacted hydropower exacerbated by the influence of

El Niño.

for more than 65 per cent of the increase in 2023. It said global hydropower capacity increased by around 20 gigawatts (GW) in 2023. Despite this increase, the global generation of hydropower saw a record decline last year. This was primarily driven by severe and prolonged droughts major regions,

No. 1 seed Jessica in San Diego Open semis

AP ■ SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Top-seeded Jessica Pegula beat Anna Blinkova 6-1, 2-6, 6-2 on Friday to advance to the semi-finals of

the San Diego Open.
Pegula, ranked No. 5 in the world, will face sixth-seeded Marta Kostyuk, fourth-seeded eliminated Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 in a rain-delayed quarterfinal.

"Anna's always a really tough competitor," Pegula said. "She makes you really have to earn it. I feel like I started out playing really well, then she changed up her game plan and started hitting a lot of high balls. I wasn't stepping in and was getting frustrated. I reeled off some really bad errors for a couple of games there, but I managed to find my range

Pegula finished with 24 She made 17 winners. unforced errors, the majority of which came in the second

Third-seeded Emma Navarro advanced to the semi-finals for the second year in a row by beating the last remaining qualifier, 113th-ranked Daria



Saville, 6-4, 6-2. She'll face Katie Boulter, who beat 2022 runner-up Donna Vekic 6-4,

champion at Virginia, was was maybe the push I just trailing 1-4 in the opening set needed," said the 22-year-old her

before reeling off five straight games to take control of the match.

'Someone in the crowd told Navarro, 2021 NCAA singles me to wake up. I guess that

Navarro, who capitalized on eight of her 14 break-point pportunities.

'Ît's tough playing someone I've never played before. I was just kind of getting used to together a strategy of how I wanted to play. It took me a little bit to find that, but I got there in the end. I'm happy with the win and excited to be moving forward."

It will be Navarro's fifth tour-level semifinal in less than a year. She won her first WTA title earlier this year in Hobart, Australia.

There will be no return trip to the semifinals for Vekic. The seventh seed was upset on a windy day by Boulter, who at No. 49 is Britain's top-ranked player. Earlier this week, Boulter beat second-seeded Beatriz Haddad Maia 3-6, 6-3,

"It was an absolute battle," said the 27-year-old Boulter, who overcame a 1-3 first-set deficit to reach the second tour-level semifinal of her career.

"Very tricky conditions. Not easy to get any rhythm for either of us, because we're both big hitters. I found it tough to kind of get into the match. I just tried to stay as strong as I could and somehow found a way over the line. I'm an aggressive player, so I do try to go for it no matter what the conditions



Indian trio draws on a dull day in Prague Masters

PTI ■ PRAGUE

The Indian trio of R Praggnanandhaa, D Gukesh and Vidit Gujrathi played out draws on a dull fourth round day in the Prague Masters Chess tournament

It was time for some recovery for Praggnanandhaa after two back-to-back losses and the Indian just played a solid game to sign peace with local hopeful Nguyen Thai Dai

Gukesh did not give any chances to Nodirbek Abdusattarov of Uzbekistan and split the point while Gujrathi could not make headway much against Mateusz Bartel of Poland.

The day witnessed no decisive games as the remaining two were also drawn. Parham Maghsoodloo of Iran drew with highest ranked Czech David Navara and Richard Rapport of Romania got the same result against German Vincent Keymer.

As a result the overnight positions remained unchanged with everyone heading a half to their kitty. Abdusattarov

Maghsoodloo now share the lead on three points out of a possible four Gukesh and Rapport share the third with

Indian boxers renew quest for Paris Olympic quotas in Italy

two and a half points apiece. Gujrathi stands at fourth spot on two points, a half point ahead of Praggnanandhaa, Navara, Dai Van and Keymer. Bartel moved up to a full point and remained at the bottom of the tables.

The Nimzo Indian has been a part of Praggnanandhaa's repertoire and he used it effectively as black. The Capablanca variation by Dai Van only saw pieces change hands at regular intervals.

The players arrived at a heavy pieces endgame with white having a little pull but the Indian warded off the threats with a timely pawn sacrifice leading to a theoretically drawn rook and pawns endgame. The game lasted 40 moves.

Abdusattarov again banked on his pet Catalan opening but Gukesh was calm and in control right through. The Uzbek had ridden on his luck in the previous round when he won a lost position against Navara but in the fourth round he was presented with no such opportunity.

Gukesh went for a thematic central breakthrough in the early part of the middle game and developed his forces efficiently to force some exchanges. The players reached a Queen and pawn The endgame that was just level

and offered no hopes for complications. Gujrathi's Scotch opening as

white raised visions of a complicated game but Bartel was up to the task even though it looked like the Indian was on top. Gujrathi won a rook for a minor piece but black had sufficient counter-play. The draw was a just result.

In the Challengers section Grandmaster R Vaishali scored her second victory on the trot at the expense of Stepan Herbek of Czech Republic. The victory brought Vaishali back to a fifty percent score after two losses in the first two rounds. Meanwhile the race for India's top rated continued and Viswanathan Anand again reclaimed the top spot as Arjun Erigaise lost the second round game against Xiangzhi Bu in the Shenzen Masters in China. **RESULTS** round 4 (Indians

unless stated): Richard Rapport (Rou, 2.5) drew with Napport (Rou, 2.3) drew with Vincent Keymer (Ger, 1.5) David Navara (Cze, 1.5) drew with Parham Maghsoodloo (Iri, 3); Nguyen Thai Dai Van (Cze, 1.5) drew with R Praggnanandhaa (1.5); Nodirbek Abdusattarov (Uzb, 3) drew with D Gukesh (2.5); Vidit Guirathi (2) drew with Vidit Gujrathi (2) drew with Mateusz Bartel (Pol. 1)

AIFF women committee discusses appointment of new coaches

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The All India Football Federation's (AIFF) women's committee on Saturday held discussions regarding the appointment of new coaches for national teams and recruitment of more 'A' and 'B' License coaches

In recent times, the country finished joint winners in the SAFF U19 Women's Championship in Dhaka. Immediately after that, the senior team secured the runners-up position in the Turkish Women's Cup.

The U-16 women's team is currently playing in the SAFF Championship and won the first match comfortably. "The women's senior national team did-

n't have the opportunity to get international exposure for many months. There are plans to give the team more frequent exposure in the near future," said acting secretary general Satyanarayan.
"In light of these achievements and with



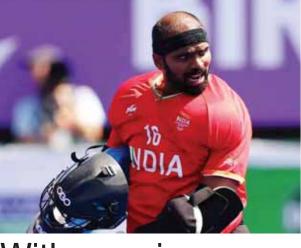
various international competitions underway, the 'Khelo India' Women's Football League continues to serve as a beacon of

It offers a crucial platform for aspiring women footballers to unlock their potential and play an important role in fostering the growth of the sport throughout the nation.

The committee analysed the performances of the various women's national teams and deliberated upon the discused in the country, such as the Khelo India Women's League and the Indian Women's League. The committee also lauded the strategic deployment of scouts across regions of the country recognities the regions of the country, recognising their important role in talent identification and development. Additionally, discussions were held regarding the appointment of new coaches, signalling a promising step forward in advancing women's football in India. The committee underscored the impor-

tance of recruiting more A and B License coaches, particularly goalkeeper coaches, and encouraging their active participation within the ecosystem. In addition to these initiatives, the com-

mittee recommended the celebration of Women's Day and the organisation of virtual workshops.



With experience, things have changed for me: Sreejesh

Tokyo Games in 2021.

goalkeeper.

positive

Sreejesh

Volleyball

dominate."

During a discussion on how

athletes can develop mental

strength at an early age,

Sreejesh opened up on his

struggles as a young

Goalkeeping is a mental

game. Being a player, we understand how we want to

get involved in a match. But,

being a goalkeeper, I just stand

behind and my game is in my

"As a young player, my negative feelings used to

dominate my positive feelings,

and that would lead me to

concede goals. Now, with my experience, things have changed for me, and I allow

providing a platform for youngsters to showcase their skills and recalled his experience of playing in the erstwhile Hockey India

"I was always very curious to

see how the top overseas

players are playing and how they train and behave.

"Earlier, I never used to care

about my diet, preparations,

or proteins. I was a good listener, but never took an

initiative in meetings. But the

aspects of my game.

thoughts

League

praised Prime

head," Sreejesh said.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Veteran goalkeeper PR Sreejesh says he has learned to steer clear of negative thoughts with experience, something that has helped him immensely while guarding the post for the Indian team in big matches.

As he prepares for the upcoming Paris Olympics, Sreejesh spoke about the criticism that comes with the "thankless job" of manning the goalpost for the national

"It is a thankless job at times because if I made 10 saves and concede one goal, everyone will remember that one mistake. But I have accepted that and I have moved on with that," he said on Saturday.

"This profession has helped me in my personal life on how to deal with pressure and criticism as well," Sreejesh added during a conversation with David Lee, who is the head coach of Prime Volleyball League franchise Bengaluru Torpedoes.

One of the best players in modern-day volleyball, Lee represented USA thrice at the Olympics, and led his side to a gold medal and a bronze

Sreejesh, who is one of the top goalkeepers in the world, has represented India at the Olympics three times, and won the bronze medal at the

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The seasoned Shiva Thapa, Deepak Bhoria and Nishant Dev will be among nine Indian boxers fighting it out for Paris Olympic berths at the 1st World starting in Busto Arsizio, Italy on Sunday.

Seven men and two women from India will be aiming to secure Olympic berths at the qualifiers being conducted by the Paris 2024 Boxing Unit (PBU), an ad-hoc body created by the International Committee Olympic Executive Board.

The tournament has 49 quota places on offer and a boxer will be assured of a Paris ticket after reaching the semifinals. In the women's 60kg category, however, there will be a box-off between the losing semifinalists to decide the Olympic berths as only three

spots are available. While several boxers have already obtained quota places via their respective continental events, there are many world-class pugilists

including Colombia's Martinez Yuberjen Tomoya Tsuboi of Japan in the men's 51kg, reigning 57kg world champion Makhmud Sabyrkhan of Kazakshtan and Olympic silver medallist Yoel be keen to seal the deal in Italy this month.

will India's hopes spearheaded by the trio of 2023 world championship Bhoria (51kg), medallists — Mohammed Hussamudin (57kg) and Dev (71kg).

Bhoria and Dev have emerged as strong contenders in their respective weight classes over the last year.

Two-time Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Hussamudin will be back in the ring for the first time since vear's world championships, having undergone a surgery on his left knee.

Expectations will be high from the six-time Asian Championship medallist Thapa (63.5kg) as well as medallist former Asian champion Sanjeet (92kg).



Super heavyweight boxer Narender Berwal (+92kg) is also a strong contender. He came the closest to clinching a quota among all Indian male pugilists at the Asian Games, which was the first qualifying

event for the boxers from the continent.

Among women, Jaismine Lamboria will have her task cut out in the women's 60kg category. She was given strong competition by Simranjit Kaur at the nationals in December the CWG bronze and medallist will have to up her game for a favourable outcome.

world Former vouth champion Ánkushita Boro

(66kg) has been given a chance over Arundhati Choudhary, who had defeated the Assam boxer in the final of the nationals in December. Two-time world champion

Nikhat Zareen (50kg), Preeti (57kg) and Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain (75kg) have already secured their passage to Paris.

This is, however, not the last chance for boxers to qualify for the Paris Games as the last qualifying event will be held in May-June in Thailand.

India had nine boxers competing at the Tokyo Olympics, which yielded one medal —a bronze by Borgohain.**SOUAD:**

WOMEN: Jaismine Lamboria (60kg), Ankushita Boro (60kg), Ankushita вого (66kg). MEN: Deepak Bhoria (51kg), Hussamudin

Mohammed Hussamudin (57kg), Shiva Thapa (63.5kg), Nishant Dev (71kg), Lakshya (80kg), Sanjeet Narender Berwal Chahar (92kg), (+92kg).

FIA president: Red Bull boss Christian Horner controversy 'damaging sport'

AP ■ SAKHIR (BAHRAIN)

The president of Formula 1's governing body told the Financial Times the controversy around Red Bull team principal Christian Horner is damaging the sport but that the FIA won't conduct its inquiry unless it receives a complaint. Ahead of Saturday's season-

opening Bahrain Grand Prix, Mohammed Ben Sulayem said any complaint lodged with its compliance officer would be investigated. But, it had not received one related to Horner's situation and would not "jump the gun," the newspaper reported. "It's damaging the sport," Ben Sulayem told the newspaper, which added that he was speaking Friday after a meeting with Horner. "This is damaging on a human level."

league helped me in learning On Wednesday, the team's parfrom the overseas player and helped me improve in all these ent company dismissed a complaint of alleged misconduct by



for the Bahrain Grand Prix, a file alleged to contain evidence against Horner was emailed to nearly 200 people in the F1 speculation." paddock, including Liberty Media, F1, the FIA, the other nine team principals and mul-

tiple media outlets.
The authenticity of the files has not been verified by The Associated Press; the file came

Horner has denied wrongdoing and said in a statement issued Thursday that he would not

"comment on anonymous Three-time defending champion Max Verstappen said after qualifying for pole position Friday that Horner was "fully committed to the team" but that his team principal was also probably a little bit distracted. Premier League coaches who believe teams will use defensive and negative tactics if a that his team principal was also

FIFA rules panel scraps plan for blue cards

AP ■ LOCH LOMOND (SCOTLAND)

There will be no blue cards shown in soccer, FIFA president Gianni Infantino said Saturday ahead of the annual meeting of the sport's rule-making panel.

The rules panel known as IFAB is due to look at extending trials of "sin bins" at low-level games. But beyond that, the idea aired a month ago of adding blue cards to referees' pockets with their red and yellow to remove players from the field for several minutes has been scrapped.

"Let me be clear — it's a red card to the idea of blue' cards," Infantino told reporters in a video clip posted overnight on his Instagram account. "There will not be any blue cards used at elite level."

This is a topic that is non-existent for us and FIFA is completely opposed to blue cards," Infantino said at a lakeside hotel that will host the meeting near Glasgow.

Sin bins were introduced in grassroots soccer in the 2019-20 season to try to reduce dissent and increase fair play. The idea has been unpopular with English



However, the new suggestion of using blue cards to send players to sin bins was met with widespread derision.

The IFAB panel is made up of officials from FIFA and the four British soccer federations. FIFA has four votes and the federations of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales each has one. Six votes are needed for a proposal to pass.

Sin bins are used in rugby for a variety of fouls. Ice hockey similarly whistles penalties that send players to the "penalty box." Infractions such as tripping are two-minute penalties that give the other team an advantage called the power play" that creates more goal-scoring

opportunities.

NEW ZEALAND BOWL OUT AUSTRALIA, CHASES 369

Part-time off-spinner Glenn Phillips took 5-45 as New Zealand bowled out Australia for 164 in its second innings Saturday on the third day of the first cricket test. Phillips' maiden five-wicket total comprised the wickets of Usman Khawaja (28), firstinnings century-maker Cameron Green (34), Travis Head (29), Mitch Marsh for a first-ball duck and Alex Carey (3). Matt Henry took 3-36 as Australia was bowled in less

than four hours. Australia still increased its overall lead to 368 after leading by 204 on the first innings. At stumps New Zealand was 111-3 and 257 runs behind.

Rachin Ravindra reached a half century from 77 balls just before stumps and was 56 not out at the close of play and Daryl Mitchell was 12.

when it dismissed Kane Williamson for 9 in the last session. Williamson fell to Nathan Lyon, the off-spinner who likely holds the key to the

After being run out for 0 in the first innings, Williamson was caught by Steve Smith at leg slip from a ball that bound more than he expected. Smith moved to first slip and caught Will Young (15) off Head as New Zealand's hopes of winning began to melt away.
Ravindra revived those hopes
a little before stumps with his
first half century in his first
match against Australia. The only previous time he passed

A New Zealand win remained unlikely and of the three possible results still in play an Australia win is most probable. A draw also looms as a possibility as rain is forecast for most of the fourth

50 in his test career, he made

successful fourth-innings run chase in New Zealand is 324 and the current target would represent the 10th-highest successful chase in the history of test cricket. Still, Phillips' incredible contribution in the middle session when four of his five wickets fell helped save some face for New Zealand after it was bowled out for 179 in reply to Australia's 383.

New Zealand captain Tim Southee threw the ball to Phillips as his first spin option of the second innings. New Zealand didn't take a specialist spinner into the match but relied on Ravindra who took

1-24 in the first innings. Southee then backed Phillips who bowled his 16 overs without a break.

"It's a dream come true absolutely," Phillips said. "Tim (Southee) is an incredible captain and he really gives me the confidence to go out there



and stick to my plan and also gives you the chance to be able to miss every now and then. As a spinner you really need

"The bowling unit today really stuck to the things we wanted to stick to. Partnership bowling all the way."

Phillips has a reputation in the New Zealand team as a player.

New Zealand team as a player who can make things happen in all three formats: a hard-hitting middle-order batsman, an athletic fielder and now as a serious bowling option. He had taken only 11 wickets in his five previous tests with a best of 4-53.

When Green became his fifth victim, brilliantly caught by Will Young under the helmet at short leg, Phillips set off on a long, jubilant run around the Basin Reserve, finally ending the Hansy's arms the Henry's arms. "I've got a six-year-old

daughter and any celebration a six-year-old girl would do, that's probably me," Phillips

what to do if I got a five-for but the emotion, the way the crowd went up. It was just an

unbelievable moment." Phillips acknowledged New Zealand's chance of winning the test is slight but happy to able to give his team a chance. "I understand we've got to combat the cituations that are

combat the situations that are out there," he said. "Obviously there's a bit of turn so it's a matter of how we go about combating (Nathan) Lyon. The way their big fast bowlers bowl as well is going to be a

challenge. 'I definitely think we've got the time on our hands to be able to pull this off."

Australia resumed Saturday at 13-2 after losing Steve Smith and Marnus Labuschagne late on the second day. Nathan Lyon was once again a useful nightwatchman and he made 41 before he fell in the first session and Khawaja also was out stumped before lunch.

RANJI TROPHY SEMIFINAL

Deshpande, Thakur shine as Mumbai thrash Tamil Nadu

PTI MUMBAI

Tushar Deshpande (3/24) and Shardul Thakur (2/48) starred with the ball to put Mumbai on top following a meek display from Tamil Nadu on the opening day of their Ranji Trophy semifinal here on Saturday

Tamil Nadu skipper B Sai Kishore's decision to bat first backfired as the visitors were shot out for a mere 146 in the first innings with Deshpande and Thakur making life miserable for the visiting batters at the BKC Ground.

If it was any consolation, Tamil Nadu struck twice with the ball but Mumbai shaved off a significant chunk of firstinnings deficit, reaching 45/2 at stumps to trail by another 101 runs

Musheer Khan (24 not out) and nightwatchman Mohit Avasthi (1) were at the crease with Mumbai losing openers Prithvi Shaw (5) and Bhupen Lalwani (15)

Shaw fell early against Kuldeep Sen while Sai Kishore trapped Lalwani for the second wicket, but Mumbai remained on top. On a track which had movement off the surface as well as turn for spinners, Mumbai proved to be the extracted more bowlers support and their batters did not find getting runs as tough as the visitors

Tamil Nadu, shellshocked by a disastrous start to their first semifinal in seven years, could not muster the courage to stage a fightback and folded shortly after tea despite Vijay Shankar (44) and Washington Sundar's

Avesh Khan-led Madhya Pradesh pace bowling unit hit right lengths on a pitch that

offered enough carry to bowl out

Vidarbha for a meagre 170 on

day one to gain control of their

Ranji Trophy semifinal match

Avesh (4/49) was the pick of

MP bowlers, while receiving

good support from Kulwant

for one in their first innings at

The VCA Stadium deck wore

such fine green tinge as MP employed spin for just 2.4 overs in a total of 56.4 overs

Left-arm spinner Kumar

Kartikeva, who dismissed last

man Umesh Yadav, did the

spinner's duty for a brief

Other spinners in their ranks

like offie Saransh Jain

remained spectators of the

Vidarbha's feeble fight came

through Karun Nair, who

fine start to the match when he

uprooted the stumps of opener

Vidarbha lost wickets at

regular intervals from that

point and their biggest partnership was a 36 between

Atharva Taide (39, 63b, 8x4)

and Aman Mokhade (13, 75

balls) for the second wicket.

made 63 (105 balls, 9x4). India pacer Avesh gave MP a

Dhruv Shorey (13).

close, and trail by 123 runs.

they bowled on the day.

(2/38)

here on Saturday.

Khejroliya

period.

proceedings

Venkatesh Iver (2/28). Madhya Pradesh reached 47



(43) rearguard act.

The horror began when B Sai Sudharsan was trapped legbefore on the fourth ball of the match by Shardul Thakur and it did not take long for the Mumbai bowlers to get all over the Tamil Nadu side in the first

Mumbai bowlers exploited the early moisture with the new ball to perfection as Mohit Avasthi had TN's leading runmaker N Jagadeesan (4) caught at short leg by Musheer Khan. Coming in as first change, Deshpande remained unplayable throughout the innings for the Tamil Nadu

Pradosh Ranjan Paul's bat curled in his hands as he hit one straight to Despande, who took a fine return catch for the third wicket. It was a brave call for skipper R

ahead of the dependable Baba Indrajith but one that did not work.

Sai Kishore's footwork was all over the place when Deshpande pitched one in line of the stumps to move the ball back in, pegging back the middle-stump as Tamil Nadu slumped to $1\overline{7}/4$.

MP bowl out Vidarbha for 170 on Day 1

It came in almost 16 overs but

the home side failed to

capitalise on all the hard work.

Taide, who made a gritty

hundred against Karnataka in

the quarterfinals, snicked Iyer

to stumper Himanshu Mantri

who took a lovely tumbling

It brought Karun, Vidarbha's

highest run-getter so far this

season, to the middle and he

played a fine innings filled with

But the right-hander did not

find support from the other

end as Avesh dismissed a

The hosts soon lost Yash Rathod, bowled by Iyer, and

skipper Akshay Wadkar in the

space of five runs to slip to 106

The catch Yash Dubey took at

gully off pacer Khejroliya to

oust Wadkar was a stunning

one. He made a low-dive to his

stubborn Mokhade.

for five.

those typical drives and cuts.

catch behind the first slip.

took a body blow when Indrajith (11) was caught at short midwicket with Tanush Kotian (2/10) taking a sharp diving catch in front of him to

leave the visitors reeling. Shankar and Sundar fought well on either side of the lunch break but the pitch did not relent in giving support to the Mumbai bowlers. Shankar, who began well with a

flurry of fours, was tested consistently outside the offstump by Deshpande, who kept moving the ball away from the right-hander.

hard work Deshpande's resulted in a breakthrough for Thakur who had Shankar caught at the second slip by Shams Mulani for a 109-ball 44 which featured eight fours.

Having shown a little interest in getting runs, Shankar's departure forced Sundar to get a move on.

While he was mostly resolute in defence, Sundar also had luck favouring him twice. An outside edge off Shardul had Shreyas Iyer spilling a tough chance on 11 and when he reached 37, Musheer spilled a catch at cover.

Mohammed Mohammed smacked three fours in a row of Thakur towards the end to make it 22 runs from one over. visitor's total.

BRIEF SCORES:

Tamil Nadu 146 in 64.1 overs (Vijay Shankar 44, Washington Sundar 43; Shardul Thakur 2/48, Tushar Deshpande 3/24, Tanush Kotian 2/10) lead Mumbai 45/2 in 17 overs (Bhupen Lalwani 15, Musheer Khan 24*; Kuldeep Sen 1/25, Tamil Nadu's hopes of a revival SaiK Kishore 1/3) by 101 runs.

left to pouch a screamer as

Wadkar tried to steer the ball

Vidarbha's hopes of reaching at

least 200 was dashed when

Karun dragged a Khejroliya

delivery to his stumps while

bowlers were not as accurate as

their MP counterparts as the

visiting batters saw off the day

The lone jarring note was the dismissal of Dubey who feathered an edge off Umesh to

Vidarbha (1st Innings): 170 all

out in 56.4 overs (Karun Nair

63, Atharva Taide 39; Avesh

Khan 4/49, Kulwant Khejroliya

2/38, Venkatesh Iyer 2/28) vs

Madhya Pradesh: 47/1 in 20

overs (Himanshu Mantri 26

batting, Harsh Gawli

Wadkar behind the stumps.

BRIEF SCORES:

Vidarbha

attempting a pull.

However, the

without any alarm.

from outside the off-stump.

CA chief Hockley denies reports Big Three ignored study to save Test cricket

ricket Australia CEO Nick Hockley on Saturday rebutted reports that India, England and his organisation had not paid attention to a draft presented to the International Cricket Council to save Test cricket.

A report in the Sydney Morning Herald said that the three powerful boards were dismissive of a document compiled by New Zealand Cricket chair Martin Snedden, who proposed an overhaul of the future tours program (FTP) to save the longest version of the game.

"Categorically, I think there was some misreporting around that. Certainly, the discussions I'm in at the moment are very much thinking about how we can optimise the calendar and how we can continue to grow cricket around the world," Hockely told SEN Cricket.

The changes proposed in the blueprint document include additional windows for T20 leagues other than the Indian Premier League, alteration in the World Test Championship points system, 40over ODIs, apprehensions about T20Is

and an effort towards pooling of broadcast rights revenue for bilateral series. Hockley, when asked about the report, denied suggestions that the powerful nations were turning a blind eye to Test cricket, saying he had met Snedden dur-ing the New Zealand-Australia first Test in Wellington and conveyed to him that Australia was very much committed to help ICC ensure all the three formats

"We had a great catch-up with Martin (Snedden) here yesterday (Friday in Wellington)," Hockley said.

We're very much involved with that piece of work. I think at Cricket Australia we've got good influence and I think we've got really important role to play around the

a really important role to play around the ICC in terms of driving strategy.
"I think that Cricket Australia has been behind many of the developments. Whether that's the introduction of the World Test Championship. I'm on the FTP working group with the ICC, and making sure that we're keeping all three formate healthy and strong that we're formats healthy and strong, that we're growing the game in all territories," he



Pointing out the growth of cricket across the world, Hockley said countries like the United States too had embraced the game and would be co-hosting the T20 World Cup with the West Indies later this year. "It's just brilliant to see the way that the T20 World Cup in the US has been embraced. I understand that ticket sales were 20 times oversubscribed when

they were when they were released. "So, I think cricket has a great opportunity to have a format strategy where all the formats play a role and all fit together. That is really the essence of the work that Martin has started. It's incumbent on all of us as members working together to make sure that we continue to take it forward," he added.

Hockley added that Australia had great respect for the World Test Championship and that its men's Test cricket was its

prized property.

"Practically, it is making sure that the World Test Championship is given greater prominence so each Test series has "I think it's looking at the economic via-

bility in different territories and how we make sure that it is economically viable for those countries where it isn't (currently). Still for Australia... Men's Test cricket is the most valuable property. So, it's really working together. Then on the calendar, it's trying to con-

figure the calendar in a way that there's space for all three formats," he conclud-



CSK training camp ahead of IPL 2024 gets underway

PTI ■ CHENNAI

hennai Super Kings' pre-sea-Son camp got underway here on Saturday in the presence of pacer Deepak Chahar, who will be eyeing a national comeback through a consistent run for his franchise in the IPL beginning March 22.

"The first batch of local (Indian) players arrived on Friday and more are expected to arrive in the coming days," a Cricket Tamil Nadu Association (TNCA) official told PTI.

On Friday, CSK confirmed the arrival of the first batch of players in the city and they included Simarjeet Singh (pacer), Rajvardhan Hangargekar (all-rounder),

Mukesh Choudhary (pacer) Prashant Solanki (spinner) Ajay Mandal (all-rounder) and Deepak Chahar (seamer). Notably, Chahar has not played

any form of cricket since last December when he pulled out of the T20 series against Australia midway before skipping the tour of South Africa due to his father's illness.

However, he declared himself fully fit last month while training at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru. The injury-prone pacer is eyeing a comeback to the national side for the T20 World scheduled in the Caribbean and the USA in Iune.

Fan-favourite and team

skipper MS Dhoni's arrival is

yet to be confirmed. He was

spotted with his wife Sakshi in

Jamnagar on Friday when he attended the pre-wedding function of Anant Ambani, the youngest son of Indian business tycoon Mukesh Ambani. CSK open their IPL 2024 campaign versus Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) here on March 22.

EAST COAST RAILWAY

File No. DRM/Engg/KUR/23-24/ E-Tender/137, Dt. 27.02.2024

Date: 16.02.2024

Description: THROUGH TURNOUT RENEWAL AND RENEWAL OF EXISTING DAMAGED PSC FAN SHAPED LAYOUTS AT KHURDA ROAD YARD UNDER SENIOR DIVISIONAL ENGINEER (HQ) OF KHURD

Approx cost of the work: ₹185.99 lakt Date: 21.02.2024

Description: MISCELLANEOUS REPAIRS TO TYPE-I (64 UNITS), TYPE-II (OLD & NEW E, F, G & H BLOCK 88 UNITS) & TYPE-III (OLE 1, 2, 3 BLOCK & NEW 5 BLOCK 36 UNITS QUARTERS AT RAIL AWAS COLONY AND TYPE-II (1 BLOCK 12 UNITS), TYPE-III (G-20 G-21 & G-23 BLOCK 68 UNITS) QUARTERS AT MANCHESWAR COLONY AT CHANDRASEKHARPUR, BHUBANESWAR Approx cost of the work: ₹217.03 lakh, EMD ₹2,58,500/-.

Completion Period of the work: 12 (Twelv Date & time of Tender Closing: 13.03.2024

1500 hrs. (for both tenders).

No manual offers sent by Post/ Courier/Fax or i person shall be accepted against suc e-Tenders, even if these are submitted on firm letter head and received in time. All such manu-offers shall be considered invalid and shall b rejected summarily without any consideration Complete information including e-tende documents of the above e-Tenders is available in website http://www.ireps.gov.in Note: The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website 10 (ten) days before the date

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, L.I. DIVISION, BHUBANESWAR e-Mail: eeolicdivn.bbsr@ymail.com Tel. 0674-2391847 e-Procurement Notice

Bid Identification No. 1300 /2023-24 Dt. 02.03.2024

The Executive Engineer, Lift Irrigation Division, hubaneswar on behalf of ODISHA LIFT IRRIGATION CORPORATION LIMITED, BHUBANESWAR invites percentage Rate bids in online mode for installation & Energisation of Lift Irrigation Projects in Puri & Khordha district under BKVY (RIDF-XXIX) 2023-24 in TURNKEY BASIS as mentioned below from the reputed Contractors/ Firms having valid HT license issued by E.L.B.O, Odisha and Civil license as mentioned below.

2. No. of packages

7. Opening date & time

Period of completion
 Date & time of availability of bid documents in the portal
 Last date & time for receipt of bids

6. Date & time of seeking clarification

: 17 Nos

: 12.03.2024 at 10.00 A.M

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Execution of work for installation & Energisation of 17 Nos L. I. Projects in different blocks of Puri &

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(1) Fire Fighting and Manual Alarm, Public Address Signage System at College of Nursing / Unmarried Hostel (G+2) Building , SCBMC & H, Cuttack (Estimated Cost excluding GST - Rs.37,97,698.00)

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5PM of dt.11/03/2024

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(Er. P.K. Majhi

March 3, 2024

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do as an actress is my God-given talent. This is



HUMA QURESHI, the acclaimed Indian actress, has carved her niche in the film industry with her remarkable talent and versatile performances. Her breakthrough role in Anurag Kashyap's crime thriller Gangs of Wasseypur garnered widespread acclaim, establishing her as a force to reckon with in Bollywood. Known for her ability to portray complex characters with nuance and authenticity, Qureshi has since delivered captivating performances in web series like Laila Maharani. Beyond her acting prowess, she advocates for social causes and gender equality, using her platform to address important issues. Huma Qureshi continues to captivate audiences with her talent, proving herself as one of the most compelling actresses of her generation. She spoke to the PIONEER about her craft and career

ACTRES OF DEPTH AND VERSATILITY



CAN YOU share a bit about your journey into the film industry and how you got your start as an actress?

I was into theatre in college and that's where I discovered my love for acting. I moved to Mumbai with the intention of becoming an actor. In my initial days in the industry, I did a commercial which was directed by Anurag Kashyap and he offered me Gangs of Wasseypur. That's how my journey in cinema was kickstarted.

What motivated you to pursue a career in acting?

In school I used to keenly participate in extracurricular activities. Whether it was elocution, debates or plays. When I went to college, I was deeply attracted to theatre and was bitten by the acting bug. I moved to Mumbai with the dream of becoming an actor.

Of all the roles you've played so far, which

one has been the most challenging, and why? I have played roles which have challenged me as an actor and made me push myself out of my comfort zone. It's difficult to choose any one role. I thoroughly enjoyed playing both Mohsina and Jhilmil even though they belong to completely different worlds. In the recent past, whether it was Tarla, Monica, Shalini or Rani Bharti - they are all strong women who will not be deterred by society or it's norms and will rise above their circumstances with sheer will power and be unapologetic about their ambitions

Can you tell us about any upcoming projects that you are excited about?

The third season of Maharani will be streaming soon. I think this is one of the only shows which has a female protagonist and has been commissioned for the third season. I am really looking forward to how people receive it.

How do you think the film industry has evolved during your career, especially in terms of roles for women and what changes would you like to see in the entertainment industry, particularly in Bollywood? It's important for every actor to figure out their own path. There always will be a plethora of roles to play and actors must

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choose roles that work for them. The parameters for choosing roles are one's own. The sets have more women in all departments of filmmaking. Even though it's still not a level plating field, for example, the pay gap between male and female actors is still an issue, the industry has space for everyone and is constantly evolving

How do you approach preparing for a new role? Are there any specific methods you follow?

Not really. For me, reading the script multiple times helps. I just follow the script and the director's vision. Of course as an actor I improvise where it makes sense. But, essentially, I rely on the script for shaping my role.

Balancing personal and professional life can be challenging. How do you manage to maintain that balance? What are your favorite ways to unwind and relax when you're not working? I love sleeping. On days when I am not shooting, I am usually catching up on my sleep or hang out with my friends and

In recent years, many actors have become advocates for social issues. Are there any causes that you are particularly passionate about? How do you see your platform as an actress contributing to social change or awareness? I made a film which addressed body shaming called Double XL. As an actor one is expected to fit a mould but I have never adhered to that. My film was about how the skills a person has is far superior and what matters more than the looks or the how much they weigh. There has always been a lot

What advice would you give to aspiring actors who are looking to enter the film industry?

that thought process.

of pressure on women to look a certain

way and I have always advocated against

Every individual's journey is different and they have to write their own story. What worked for me might not work for someone else. Focus, determination and resilience are key qualities.

Are there any lessons you've learned in your career that you wish someone had told you earlier?

I am glad that I got the opportunity to be on the journey and experience it for myself.



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THAT REFLECTS YOUR STYLE

Recognised for its enduring value and cultural significance, handcrafted jewellery continues to be a preferred choice among discerning individuals looking to make meaningful and lasting investments in precious metals and stones. As the wedding season approaches, we speak to jewellery expert **GUNJAN SONI** about the latest trends. By **NIVI SHRIVASTAVA**



BRIDAL BLING

bridal pieces and intricate sets, the House of MBj is famous for designing statement necklaces, traditional mangalsutras, chandbalis, jhumkas and chandelier earrings, and beautifully crafted maang tikkas. Speaking about the latest trends for brides, Gunjan informs, "We understand the importance of making every bride's special day even more magical. We offer a curated selection of bridal jewellery that captures the essence of timeless elegance and contemporary flair. In terms of specific styles, we specialize in traditional, antique, and modern designs, ensuring that there's something for every bride's taste and preference. Whether

you're looking for a classic Kundan or Gold set, a regal Polki ensemble, or a modern diamond-studded piece, our bridal collection is designed to cater to diverse style sensibilities. Each piece is meticulously crafted to complement the bride's attire and enhance her natural beauty on her

wedding day. As for the latest trends in bridal jewellery, the market is currently witnessing a surge in demand for contemporary yet traditional designs. Brides are gravitating towards statement pieces that blend cultural aesthetics with a modern twist. Adding further, Gunjan says, "Personalized and customizable jewellery is gaining popularity, allowing brides to add a personal touch to their bridal ensembles. For brides who

appreciate versatility, convertible jewellery is a trend to watch. Pieces that can be worn in multiple ways, such as detachable necklace pendants or convertible earrings,

provide brides with the

different looks

flexibility to create

throughout their wedding festivities. This year, we have launched the AZRA bridal collection, which aims to transport wearers to a world of timeless charm and magical allure. Each piece in this collection is meticulously crafted to capture the essence of elegance, sophistication, and grace. The collection showcases an array of exquisite gemstones, including radiant diamonds, lustrous pearls, and vibrant colored gemstones, each carefully selected for its exceptional brilliance and symbolic significance.'



EVERYDAY ELEGANCE

APART from bridal sets, contemporary jewellery with modern aesthetics is also a huge hit among young buyers, who love sporting layered necklaces for both festive and daily occasions. For festive styling, Gunjan recommends, "Consider mixing various lengths and styles of layered neckpieces with Indian wear, while delicate and dainty options work seamlessly for daily wear. Statement earrings with intricate details and vibrant gemstones are perfect for adding glamour to festive attire, while smaller; more subtle statement earrings can elevate daily outfits. Stackable rings and bracelet stacks remain en vogue, allowing for creative expression in both festive and daily ensembles. Choker necklaces, especially those with unique detailing, effortlessly enhance traditional outfits for celebrations, while simpler versions make for stylish daily accessories. Personalized jewellery, such as pieces with initials or significant dates, adds a sentimental touch suitable for both special occasions and everyday wear."

TRADITI A N DMODERNI

urrently, young jewellery buyers in India reveal a strong affinity for contemporary designs that seamlessly merge tradition with modernity. Brands have noticed a particular fondness for minimalist pieces that effortlessly complement everyday wear. Versatility is paramount, as youngsters look for designs that effortlessly transition

from casual to formal settings, meeting diverse lifestyle needs. Gunjan reveals, "Our customization options allow for personalization with initials or birthstones and resonate deeply with this dynamic demographic seeking self-expression. We prioritize ethical and sustainable practices in jewellery production, aligning with the heightened environmental consciousness among young consumers. Collaborations





with influencers and celebrities, along with our commitment to affordability and technology integration such as virtual try-ons, enrich the shopping experience for our patrons. While embracing contemporary trends, we also honour the cultural significance of jewelry, offering pieces that celebrate India's rich heritage.



AMBASSADOR OF HOPE

75 Portraits of Prime Minister NARENDRA MODI Unveiled in Delhi



Shantamani Kala Kendra at Jain University, has embarked on an extraordinary artistic endeavour by creating 75 emotion-filled portraits of Shri Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister of India. These diverse portraits, capturing various facets of Shri Modi's work, emotions, and devotion to 'Bharat Mata', have been meticulously crafted on canvas using acrylic colors. The exhibition, which also includes a compilation detailing Modi's journey as the Prime Minister, was unveiled to

commemorate his leadership and representational role in shaping the modern India.

This unparalleled artistic feat marks a global first, with no other artist having created such an extensive series of portraits of a single individual in various forms. Dr. Avinash Kate dedicated three months of tireless effort to this meditative process, indirectly guided by spiritual influences, adding a profound dimension to the creation of these soulful portraits. Reflecting on the exhibition, Dr. Avinash Kate expressed, "The inspiring leadership

esteemed Prime Minister have been a constant source of motivation for me. This collection serves as a depiction of his emotional journey, portraying him as a true ambassador of hope." Acknowledging the support received, Dr. Chenraj Roychand, Chancellor of JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), stated, "The collection provides a unique glimpse into Dr. Kate's inner imagination, capturing the essence of

Shri Modi's emotions, whose

leadership has not only shaped the

present but is paving the way for a future where India stands tall on the global stage.' The exhibition, held at the Constitution

Club, New Delhi, attracted a significant number of art enthusiasts and prominent figures directly involved in the project, including Dr. Chainraj Roychand (Chairman of Jain University) and Dr. Gani Rajendra Vijay Maharaj (Founder of Sukhi Foundation Parivar, tribal Jain saint), among others. For his commitment and dedication, Dr. Avinash Kate has received numerous prestigious

in world records, international records, and the Limca Book of Records. Shantamani Kala Kendra, where the exhibition took place, stands as a testament to the university's commitment to promoting various art forms, including Fine Arts and Performing Arts, while JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) continues to be recognized among the top educational institutions in India, fostering a learner-centric environment that encourages innovation and entrepreneurship.

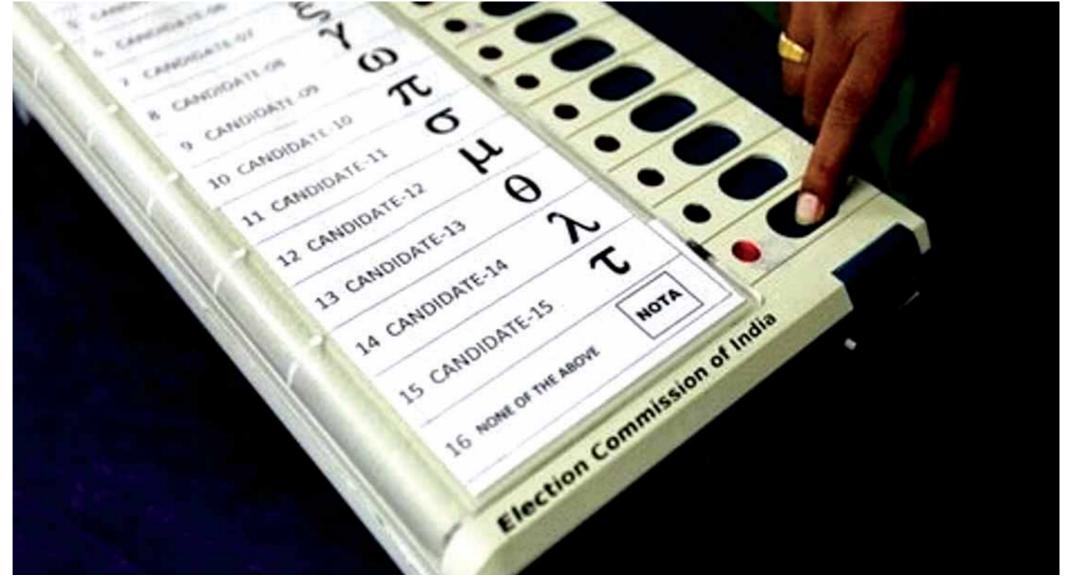


NOTA: THE SILENT REVOLUTION OR THE ILLUSION OF CHOICE?



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NOTA **CONTINUES TO** BE A TOOL OF DISSENT IN THE **ELECTORAL** DEMOCRACY. IT **EMPOWERS THE ELECTORS TO REGISTER THEIR** DISCONTENT WITH THE POOL OF CANDIDATES WHILE MAINTAINING SECRECY, THUS PERSUADING PARTIES TO FIELD BETTER **CANDIDATES**



t's impeccable to christen NOTA in the truest sense of the word as the 'Sankat Mochan' of democracy in political Lanka, as each vote deserves a political Ayodhya, not a chaotic Lanka. With the 2013 judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India (PUCL v. Union of India), a firm position was set that in an exceedingly legal system, electors must be given the right to reject, which owes its genesis to freedom of speech and expression (Art. 19(1)(a)). However, this was substantially necessitated on account that secrecy of casting a vote was duly recognised under the provisions Act, 1951, and the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, as being fundamental to free and fair

down the chassis of NOTA,

keep out criminals and other undesirable elements, and minimise the role and importance of caste and religion. Pursuant to this, no candidate could be declared returned unless he obtains at least 50% of such a percentage, even the negative vote would be treated as votes cast. The report also Reforms, 2010. Even in Columbia, blank votes are of the Representation of People's considered to be valid ones and this effect.

dated October 28th, 2013, the The 170th Report of the Law Election Commission of India victory. Some are fought simply remains insignificant. Commission, 1999, while laying clarified while referring to to tell the world that someone The State Election Commission

recommended a method to Elections Rules, 1961 (clause (a) ensure the purity of elections, of Rule 64) read with the Representation of the People's Act, 1951 (Section 65), that even if the number of electors opting for NOTA option is more than the number of votes polled by any of the candidates, the candidate who secures the the votes cast, and to determine largest number of votes has to be declared elected. This implies that even if 99% of the electors rejected the candidature of all recommends a 'run-off' and the candidates, conversely, in fresh election if candidates fail to defiance of their mandate, the secure the requisite percentage. candidate who managed to This was endorsed by the secure just 1% of the votes could Background Paper on Electoral be declared to be returned. This serves as a testimony of NOTA "Not all battles are fought for sense, however, its impact still

(Ravish Kumar) in an electoral democracy could set the stage for catalysing NOTA as just a token of gesture which is bound to be unjust.

Nevertheless, NOTA continues to be a tool of dissent in the democracy. electoral

empowers the electors to register their discontent with the pool of candidates while maintaining secrecy, thus persuading parties to field better candidates. In the 2018 Assembly election of Madhya Pradesh, NOTA bagged fifth largest tally of votes polled (1.42%) which was more than SP (1.3%) and AAP (0.66%). Similarly, in Karnataka, NOTA having no electoral value in secured more votes than BSP India, ergo, there's no wrong in and CPI (M) which are national there stands similar provision to deeming it nothing more than a parties. The figures are the ECI on March 15th, 2021 on protest vote. Be that as it may, to indicative of the significant a PIL which sought a direction to However, in its press release justify the forthcoming quote usage of NOTA in numeric the poll panel to nullify an

provisions of the Conduct of was there on the battlefield" of Haryana deviated from the for NOTA.

practice of Election Commission of India during the Municipal Elections. A notification dated November 22nd, 2018 by the SEC, Haryana deemed NOTA to be a 'Fictional Electoral Candidate'. It further went on to state that if a situation arises where NOTA receives the highest number of votes, then a fresh election would be conducted. All candidates who received lesser vote than NOTA would become ineligible from contesting the re-election. Similar notification was also published by the SEC, Maharashtra in the same year. In yet another development from the past, the Supreme Court issued a notice to the Centre and election result and conduct a fresh poll if the maximum votes in a particular constituency were

For a democracy to survive in its true form it is essential that the best available men should be chosen as people's representative and if electors find none from the roaster to be suitable enough, negative voting is necessitated. However, the rationale behind the 2013 judgement of the Apex Court has failed to bear fruits. In a vibrant democracy, voter's choice must be of paramount and if they palpably reject all the contesting candidates, their choice should be empowered by way of a fresh election.

In the existing scenario, if we picture the electoral stage as a grand theatre; NOTA plays the role of a silent spectator, leaving no tangible mark on the political drama. Thus, even with the popularity of NOTA among the electors experiencing a significant rise over the years, the question of whether it is 'revolutionary' 'illusionary' lingers.

Adaptability is key in today's ever-changing business landscape, and many businesses struggle to keep up with rapid That's changes. composable architecture steps in as the game-changer.

Composable architecture is like the Lego bricks of digital transformation. Brands can create independent, reusable, and scalable building blocks, mixing and matching them to fit their needs. The best part? It's fast. Brands can try new solutions, make changes, fail fast, and learn from failures quickly, making their business more agile.

Take the Netflix vs Blockbuster case. Netflix embraced change early on, initially delivering DVDs by mail and then swiftly transitioning to a streaming platform. On the contrary, Blockbuster failed to adapt promptly. Even though they understood that Netflix's approach was the future, they didn't evolve quickly enough. As a result, Blockbuster couldn't keep pace and eventually faced failure. It's a lesson that being late to adjust can lead to significant consequences.

The result? Blockbuster went bankrupt, while Netflix became a leader in online entertainment. lesson? Digital transformation is no longer a choice; it's a necessity.

To stay ahead, brands need a flexible and agile architecture, making composable architecture future of digital transformation. And it comes with benefits:

The Role of Composable Architecture in Your Digital Transformation Journey

One big plus of composable systems is how quickly you can get things done. Gartner predicts that by 2024, 70% of big and medium-sized companies will focus on composability to make their apps easy to put together. Teams using using composable web setups show real business benefits, like faster go-to-market time.

AGILITY:

architecture Composable involves assembling systems through loosely coupled components, creating a modular structure with easily combinable, detachable, and reusable parts.

composable Furthermore, architecture minimizes vendor lock-in to a great extent, allowing brands to build piece by piece. If one vendor doesn't have the required technology, a brand can get it from another, creating a customized structure using best-of-breed technologies.

Maintaining and updating codebases monolithic



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structures affects the entire system. However, composable architectures allow alteration in each component independently, making the process far less cumbersome and risky to deploy.

REUSABILITY

The key benefit of composable components components. The modular

system reuses and connects standards and patterns through APIs. With reusability as a central focus, any existing modules can be reused or serve as the foundation for a new application service. or Furthermore, reusability of lowers the architecture is the ability to reuse development costs to a great

QUICKER INNOVATION

Legacy systems are complex to handle and need lots of time and resources to change, keep up, and improve. Besides, multiple teams have to be involved in the entire process. Composable architecture offers a more manageable IT upgrade setup, allowing seamless integration and feature launches. With composable architecture, IT can focus on developing new ideas and giving customers a better experience instead of dealing with routine tasks like marketing and maintenance.

OMNICHANNEL

CAPABILITIES A flexible digital experience platform (DXP) combined with a headless content management system (CMS) makes creating and sharing content smooth. This allows marketers to keep a consistent presence on various digital platforms and devices, all from one central place. They can quickly and easily improve and send out campaigns to reach their target audience wherever they are.

While the many benefits of composability make it desirable

for significant brands, they must first check if they have the proper framework to adopt a composable architecture. This can be done using MACH.

MACH

- M Microservices: Independent connected via APIs.
- A—API-First: APIs linking applications or services. C - Cloud - Native:
- Applications designed for the cloud, ensuring scalability.
- H—Headless: Decoupling front-end and back-end for flexibility.

As the business ecosystem changes, companies are figuring out that composable architecture is not only the future for business continuation but also a smart move as it makes everything work better.

Companies like Walmart, Asics, Mantel, and Shell have adopted composable architecture for efficient operations. It's not just a trend; it's the usual way of doing things now.

Digital transformation is not a one-time destination; it's an ongoing journey. The process is similar to building a stack of blocks- each piece added ondemand as your business grows. Composable architecture is the foundation of your digital transformation journey. So adopt it now and make the transformation agile and enjoyable.

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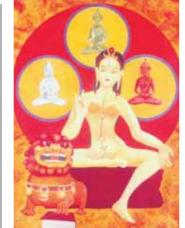




ARIES March 21-April 19

You possess a knack for innovation and hard work, always striving to ensure that tasks are executed flawlessly and efficiently. This week, prepare yourself for significant responsibilities that will demand your attention and dedication. Your commitment to diligence and leadership will not go unnoticed; expect to see a tangible return on your efforts, particularly in financial terms. However, it's essential to seek balance in your personal connections, as stability there might require some nurturing. Opportunities for professional advancement, including new projects or job offers, are likely to emerge. While you may encounter a mix of support and disappointment from those around you, and a family member might be on the move, rest assured that your initiatives are set to flourish. Patience will be your ally as you await the fruits of your labor, amidst a backdrop of meaningful friendships.

Lucky number 16 | Lucky colour Orange



LEO July 23-Aug 22

As the week unfolds, a journey begins. Embrace this path with confidence and positivity, aware that the road ahead is lengthy but promising. Your efforts and dedication are on the verge of being celebrated, bringing a sense of accomplishment that fuels your drive and ambition. This recognition not only uplifts your spirit but also inspires you to continue striving for excellence. You'll find yourself empowered, with renewed vigor and determination guiding your steps along a smoother route. However, as the week draws to a close, it's crucial to remain humble. There's a risk of losing touch with your humility, which could hinder your creative flow. Stay grounded and focused on your inner development to navigate through these

Lucky number 5 | Lucky colour Indigo Lucky day Monday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

This week, you're enveloped in a wave of romance, marking an auspicious period for new beginnings in love. As the days unfold, there's a significant chance of meeting someone who deeply resonates with your soul, signaling the blossoming of a promising connection. This budding romance holds immense potential, paving the way for enduring joy and deep, mutual affection. Your adventurous spirit shines brightly, fueling your actions with boldness and a fearless approach to life's challenges. An opportunity for a journey presents itself, inviting excitement and new experiences. However, it's wise to stay vigilant during your travels, ensuring the safety and security of your personal possessions. This period is ripe with possibilities, urging you to embrace the adventures of the heart and the world

Lucky number 2 | Lucky colour See Green Lucky day Monday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This period marks a promising shift towards prosperity and financial gain. Expect unexpected gains or generous offerings from loved ones. During this season of affection, some may find themselves on the receiving end of significant romantic gestures, potentially solidifying relationships. However, a few might navigate through intense emotional challenges, grappling with feelings of remorse and unease that disrupt sleep and peace of mind. This internal turmoil may amplify concerns, leading to a heightened sense of stress. Yet, as the week progresses, a surge of self-assurance regarding personal capabilities will emerge, inspiring a proactive stance towards life's endeavors. It's a moment ripe for transforming aspirations into tangible plans, channeling thoughts into purposeful action, and realizing ambitions with determination

Lucky number 3 | Lucky colour Green Lucky day Tuesday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week, you'll navigate through a mix of trials and triumphs with unwavering determination. Your path is illuminated by a lucid purpose, equipping you with the readiness to embrace the myriad of experiences life throws at you. Your strength and valor are at their peak, enabling you to surmount any hurdles with grace. Embodying the essence of a valiant champion, you stand prepared to conquer every challenge with resilience. Your journey this week is marked by your heroic spirit, showcasing your ability to push through adversities with an indomitable resolve. This period is a testament to your enduring spirit and tenacity, as you march forward with an unshakable confidence in your quest for success

Lucky number 19 | Lucky colour White Lucky day Thursday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week, you may experience a sense of unease and disappointment, feeling as though your efforts have yet to yield the desired results. You're on the brink of overcoming the final challenge that stands between you and your goals. As the week progresses, a shift occurs, leading to the fulfillment of your aspirations. Joy, contentment, and the realization of positive outcomes, including significant personal achievements, become apparent. This phase brings a much-needed respite and lightness, offering you a chance to truly revel in your accomplishments. Success is within reach, thanks to your confidence and the dynamic application of your creative talents. Embrace this period of completion and the rewards it

Lucky number 14 | Lucky colour Black Lucky day Thursday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

You embody the essence of freedom, allowing your emotions to flourish and your creativity to soar. At your core lies a deepseated romanticism, paired with a gentle, compassionate nature that cherishes serenity and calm. Your emotional landscape, however, is not without its fluctuations, driving a desire to leave a mark on the world through your insightful perspectives. Integrating practices such as meditation and yoga into your daily life, you navigate the spiritual realm with a sense of liberty and empowerment. Resistant to outdated perspectives, you're a fountain of innovation and imaginative prowess, maintaining a balance between your physical and mental well-being. As the week winds down, your spirit thrives in social gatherings, where the joy of success is shared amongst friends and family, reminding you of the value and warmth found in togetherness.

ucky number 8 | Lucky colour Off-white



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week kicks off with a wave of joyous occasions! Prepare to indulge in festive gatherings, whether it be intimate ceremonies or grand celebrations, each moment promises to be unforgettable. Surrounding yourself with cherished companions or family members, you'll find yourself immersed in meaningful contemplation. Revel in the delights of fine dining and the pleasure of indulgence, embracing the finer aspects of existence. This period is marked by a harmonious blend of communal warmth and personal reflection, offering a perfect balance of enjoyment and introspection. Amidst the laughter and conversations, you'll discover insights that enrich your inner world, subtly guiding your path forward. The experiences shared during these gatherings will not only strengthen bonds but also leave lasting impressions, fueling your spirit with a sense of fulfillment and connection

Lucky number 7 | Lucky colour Yellow Lucky day Saturday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Embrace gratitude and cherish every moment of joy and accomplishment. Your journey is enriched by sharing these milestones with others, leading to moments filled with joyous gatherings, from heartfelt reunions to significant celebrations that mark the passage of time. These occasions offer a respite from the daily grind. allowing you to immerse yourself in the warmth of companionship and shared happiness. As you navigate through these gatherings, remember to pause and appreciate the simple pleasures that come from being surrounded by those who matter most. This approach not only fosters a sense of community but also reminds us of the importance of setting aside our routine challenges to bask in the collective joy of togetherness.

Lucky number 1 | Lucky colour Maroon **Lucky day** Sunday



CANCER June 21-July 22

At the beginning of the week, you may encounter challenges in your romantic relationships that leave you feeling let down and wounded, especially when the hurt comes from an unexpected source. This emotional turmoil might temporarily obscure your outlook. However, as the week progresses, you'll find clarity and a renewed sense of resilience. You'll discover an inner strength and capacity for love that surpasses your previous experiences, pushing aside any confusion and negativity. This newfound clarity enhances communication and sets positive changes in motion. For some, this period also brings opportunities for professional advancement through overseas engagements, enriching your growth prospects. Additionally, you might experience a profound shift in your spiritual perspective. Any significant barriers that previously stood in your way now seem surmountable, empowering you to overcome them with newfound determination

Lucky number 12 | Lucky colour Red Lucky day Wednesday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week finds you riding a wave of heightened feelings and sensitivity. Your creative impulses are set to soar, painting your thoughts with vivid strokes of imagination. However, there's a gentle reminder to balance your aspirations could stretch beyond the grasp of reality. Some may experience fluctuations in their natural rhythms, leading to moments of frustration. Yet, this very sensitivity can be channeled into artistic or spiritual endeavors, offering a soothing balm for the soul. Beware, hough, as the week also carries a whisper of caution against being misled. Stay alert to the possibility of deceit, safeguarding yourself against those who might wish to

Lucky number 10 | Lucky colour Lavender



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

You're entering a period of genuine joy and fulfillment, having successfully navigated through previous challenges and rivalries. This phase marks the celebration of your achievements, with your efforts gaining widespread understated, it will undoubtedly be present. This moment also serves as an affirmation that you're moving in the correct direction, though the journey ahead remains extensive. Embark on this path with optimism and assurance. It's also a time to practice financial prudence, ensuring that your expenditures are well-considered and aligned with your long-term objectives. Additionally, embrace the opportunity for personal growth and learning that comes with this new chapter. Let your experiences sharpen your wisdom and guide your decisions, paving the way for continued success and stability.

ucky number 21 | Lucky colour Mustard

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p ast influences our run of life in a big way. In fact, life takes off on the premise set by the Karmic carryover from the past, which invariably is a bag full of both positive and negative thought seeds. These thought seeds hold the key to our inherent potential as well as limiting tendencies As and when they get a congenial ground, they come into play. When the potential side gets suitable exposure, it leads to creativity. And, given an unpleasant trigger, the indwelling neg atives overtake mind's drive and then makes you crazy, which also stands in way of positives bloom out in full. The question now is: Are we totally bound by the past with no scope for reinventing our course of life afresh? Here a look into the premise on which the theory of Karma stands. Human mind is driven by a sense of duality, which offers you with the opportunity to make choices over the

same issue. But whenever choice

comes into play, the probability of its

there is no free lunch in this life. You

use and misuse remains equal. And

are to own up responsibility for the

choices made and bear with conse-

quences thereof, whether pleasant or painful. That runs in succession. It implies that the learning had, skillsets acquired, virtues and attributes acquired, will get carried over as seed potential to the succeeding life. The habits and attitudes cultivated will get carried over as limiting tendencies. What you give to others, will come back to you. And unfulfilled task if any, will offer ground to work upon them. But they are just indicative and will not play out unless suitable ground is available. Here again, the choice option also enjoins upon you with the capacity to self-reflect upon own thought trends and make necessary amends. For, we are also armed with an exclusive privilege of the faculty of discriminate intelligence, applying which, you can dispassionately analyse and pick up right lead. Following which, you can make conscientious choice to redefine your destiny indicators. The irony, however, is that seldom do we remain conscious about using our empowerment tool in The other day a worried mother con-

cerned about unwanted challenge

faced by her son came asking: "What is in store of my son's destiny. He is a very well-meaning, talented, and a hard-working person. For no fault of

employer and is now without a job. He seems to have lost his spirit and is directionless. Please guide."

Well, it's not his fault that he lost his job. He carries immense potential and should look for another job. Mind signifying Moon, which being the lord of career indicating 10th house is very well aligned to benevolent Jupiter as well as his lagna lord Venus. Also, the Sun is beautifully aligned to Jupiter. It implies that he has a fertile mind. His value system is high, qualified to hold responsible positions. Mercury well aligned to Uranus makes him a talented guy. Karmic Saturn favourably aligned with Uranus means that he is inventive and thorough in his work, having eye on even minor detail. The problem with him is that instead of making best use of his potential side, this unpleasant happening has triggered indwelling negative tendencies, which has overtaken his mind's drive. Moon is placed adverse to mischievous Neptune, which makes him stuck to his fanciful dream perception, distanced from ground reality. If things do not happen on expected lines, it will be difficult for him to digest. Consequently, instead of being in look out for a fresh job, he is unnecessarily mulling on impressions of what has

already happened, which is now just the past. He, thus, has been burning his own blood for no fault of his. Saturn is conjunct Ketu, which means that given an unpleasant situation, instead of facing the challenge ahead in stride, he will begin sulking, as is happening now. He will thus fail to take timely initiative. Mercury opposite Saturn brings in fixated one track mind. Mercury also placed adverse to Jupiter makes him impatient, and which accounts for his insensible reasoning and judgment.

"Will you suggest some puja or remedial measure that may ward of these negative tendencies." Asked the lady. Well, no puja or remedial measure could strike upon his mind space to make necessary correction. What will really work is to first acknowledge his short comings and then address them by following the mind detoxification process suggested. Periodic counselling may further help.

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Detoxify the negatives to optimise the potential



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