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There will be new storm in politics, explosion in BJD: Odisha voted to end corruption, labour migration, says PM Modi



Kendrapada, May 29, 2024 : Wrapping up his last phase of his election campaigning in Odisha, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday slammed the ruling BJD while addressing a mega public meeting at Kendrapara. PM Narendra Modi said that he is moved by the love showered by the people of Odisha. "After June 4, Odisha will embark on a

new journey towards development. I have come here to take the blessings of people and in return, I invite people to the oath-taking ceremony of BJP chief minister in Odisha. The chief minister will be the son or daughter of Odisha," said PM Modi. "Odisha wants freedom from the coterie that wants to hijack the governance and the state's

culture. Hence, Odisha has decided to opt for the double-engine government. Not only Odisha, but the entire country has voted for a strong and stable government. The country has seen the works done by the Congress in the last 60 years and BJP's work in the last 10 years. Earlier during Congress rule, there were reports of corruption. Now there is news of mas-

sive development and buildings," said PM Modi. There will be a political storm in the next six months in the country. There is resentment among the workers of the parties, who believe in dynasty politics, and they will seek answers. Such parties will get dismantled in the next six months, said PM Modi. "The workers of the parties, who are dreaming of breaking India, will break them instead. In Odisha, there will also be a new storm in the politics. The way politics is going on within BJD, you will see an explosion in coming days. The people of Odisha have voted for BJP MP and MLA candidates in

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Pandian Raises Accusing Finger

Bhubaneswar, May 29, 2024 : BJD Star Campaigner and 5T Chairman V K Pandian today pointed fingers towards BJP over Election Commission's (EC's) action against two senior IPS officers for allegedly interfering in the election process. Yesterday, the Election Commission had suspended senior IPS officer DS



Kutey who was working as special secretary to Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. Senior IPS officer has been charged with directly exerting undue influence on the conduct of simultaneous Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in the State. Shri Kutey has been asked to report at the office of Resident Commissioner, Odisha at New Delhi on Wednesday. Similarly, Ashish Singh, an IPS officer of 2010-batch who is presently working as IG (CM security), was asked to present himself for a detailed examination by a special medical board constituted by the director of AIIMS Bhubaneswar, not later than May 30. He has been on medical leave since May 4. Terming the action of EC as unfortunate, Shri Pandian

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Serious blast in Puri during 'Bhaunri Rituals' at Narendra Pushkarini ; More than 40 people injured

Puri, May 29, 2024 : More than 40 people were injured in a cracker blast during 'Bhaunri Rituals' of Mahaprabhu at Narendra Pushkarini today. Among them, five are minors and five are in critical condition. As many as 25 people have been shifted to Cuttack and Bhubaneswar after their health deteriorated. However, it was not possible to provide treatment to the patients due to the shortage of doctors in the hospital during the emergency situation in Puri. As a result, the angry people vandalised the hospital premises. According to the information, when the 'Bhaunri Ritual' of Mahaprabhu was go-

ing on in the Narendra Pushkarini , people were seen bursting firecrackers on the Devighat side. However, some swings came from the bursting crackers and fell into the pile of firecrackers, due to which the firecrackers exploded there. More than 50 firecrackers were burst. As a result, the onlookers there were seriously injured. As the explosion took place, people present there also rushed here and there , injuring several others. Similarly, people got scared and jumped into the Narendra Pushkarini . More than 40 people, including around five minors, were seriously injured in the firecracker

blast even as people dispersed from the spot to save their lives. Those injured in the blast were rescued and sent to Sadar headquarters hospital for treatment. However, due to the shortage of doctors and service providers, the administration failed to provide medical services here. Puri MLA Jayant Sarangi, District Collector, SP reached the hospital and enquired about the condition of the injured and monitored the situation. According to police sources, firecrackers worth Rs 3 lakh were stored without permission. In this regard, the police will register a case on their own, source said.

Rudra M II Test Flight

Balasore, May 29, 2024 : Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully flight-tested the RudraM-II air-to-surface missile from Su-30 MK-I platform of the Indian Air Force (IAF) off the coast of Odisha at around 1130 hours on May 29, 2024. The flight-test met all the trial objectives, validating the propulsion system and control & guidance algorithm. The performance of the

missile has been validated from the flight data captured by range tracking instruments like electro-optical systems, radar and telemetry stations deployed by Integrated Test Range, Chandipur at various locations, including the on-board ship. RudraM-II is an indigenously-developed solid-propelled air-launched missile system meant for Air-to-Surface role to neutralise many types of enemy assets. A number of state-of-

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Officers misutilising power will not be spared, says BJP after VK Pandian terms ECI action against 2 IPS officers unfortunate

Bhubaneswar, May 29, 2024 : A day after the Election Commission of India (ECI) ordered for suspension of IPS officer DS Kutey and medical examination of another police service officer Asish Singh, BJD leader VK Pandian termed the ECI action against the officers as unfortunate. However, the BJP welcomed the decision of ECI while slamming Pandian for questioning the

credibility of Election Commission of India. The BJP also warned that appropriate legal action will be taken after the party comes of power in Odisha. At a presser here on Wednesday, senior BJP leader Bhartruhari Mahtab said, "Those officers who have misutilised power and harassed the people Odisha will not be spared. This will not be 'witch hunting' rather ap-

propriate legal and disciplinary action will be taken based on evidences regarding such officers," said Mahtab adding that there is still time to wake up and avoid misusing power. On Tuesday, the ECI suspended IPS officer DS Kutey and ordered medical examination of another police officer Asish Singh, who is on leave. IPS officer DS Kutey, who is presently working as the

special secretary to the Chief Minister, has been put under suspension on the charge of "interfering" in the conduct of the elections. Similarly, the ECI has asked IPS officer Asish Singh, presently working as IG (CM security), to be present himself for detailed examination by a special medical board constituted by Director AIIMS Bhubaneswar, not later than May 30, 2024.

He is on medical leave since May 4. On ECI action, the senior BJP leader said, "ECI might have come across several instances and BJP too had given complaints. Hence, stern action has been taken by the ECI after finding some evidence," said Bhartruhari Mahtab. Earlier, speaking to ANI, Pandian said, "This is unfortunate. I would say that those two officers are

outstanding officers and both of them have played a great role in controlling Naxalism in Odisha risking their lives. I think they have been awarded by the highest authorities in the country for their commitment, dedication and sacrifice." On VK Pandian's statement, senior BJP leader Bhartruhari Mahtab said, "Is VK Pandian questioning ECI's transparency?"

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Odisha Police Removed 420 Offensive Posts To Check Social Media Misuse

Bhubaneswar, May 29, 2024 : To check misuse of social media in the ensuing General Elections 2024 in Odisha the Social Media Monitoring Cell of Odisha Police has removed 420 offensive contents related to the General Elections 2024. Apart from that, 5 FIRs have also been registered related to violations on social media platforms and are under various stages of investigation. IT Professionals have also joined hands with Odisha Police as Cyber Volunteers in bolstering these efforts. These actions have been taken against various instances of social media misconduct, violation of model code of conduct for elections

or against those violating the law. The action has been taken across multiple platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and X (formerly Twitter). These posts, originating from supporters of various political parties and other groups, were identified as potentially derogatory or abusive or inflammatory or hateful, highlighting the importance of proactive monitoring in maintaining a peaceful environment. The Social Media Unit of Crime Branch has been functional for quite some time. But as per the direction of Election Commission, Social Media Cells were formed and activated in all Police Districts. The com-

bined efforts of the State Social Media Unit and the District Social Media Cells have led to notable accomplishments:

i) On Facebook, 788 requests were sent for content takedown or removal. META has promptly responded by taking down or removing 256 posts/ accounts of objectionable content.

ii) In the case of Instagram, 471 requests were submitted for content takedown or removal. META acted upon on 154 of these requests, successfully removing problematic content from the platform.

iii) For YouTube, 96 requests were issued for content takedown or removal. Google

has responded by taking down or removing 9 pieces of content, which were deemed inappropriate or harmful.

iv) Apart from these, around 950 handles are under surveillance across the state by various Social Media Cells of Odisha Police.

The primary focus of Social Media Cell is round the clock cyber patrolling across popular social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and Twitter for locating offensive, hateful and abusive posts and initiate appropriate action, including the removal of pages or accounts to ensure free, fair and impartial electoral process. IT Pro-

fessionals have also joined hands with Odisha Police as Cyber Volunteers in bolstering these efforts. These collaborative actions demonstrate a proactive approach in curbing the spread of harmful or inappropriate content across various social media platforms.

Cyber Crime Unit of Crime Branch is also actively spreading awareness among the public against cybercrimes and financial frauds through daily posts on its official social media accounts @cybercopodisha. These posts are aimed to educate people about the dangers posed by cyber fraudsters, fake news, misinformation,

and disinformation. Through valuable insights and practical tips, Cyber Cops are empowering individuals to discern credible information from deceptive content.

Crime Branch also appeals to citizens to use social media in a decent and appropriate way without harming other individuals and organizations. It is a powerful tool for information gathering as well as for dissemination if used in the right manner. The Cybercops engaged in cyber patrolling are keeping a watch on deviant handles and legal action would be taken at the appropriate moment. Hence it is requested to stay away from social media misuse to save one from getting on to the wrong side of the law.

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today alleged it was done as per "design of the BJP, which was unable to digest imminent defeat" in elections in the State. "It is very unfortunate that the Election Commission has taken action against some of the officers who are working in the CMO. I would say that those two officers are outstanding officers of Odisha and both of them have played a great role in controlling Naxalism in Odisha risking their lives. I think they have been

awarded by the highest authorities in the country for their commitment, dedication and sacrifice. This is very unfortunate and it is as per the design of BJP which cannot digest imminent defeat in the hands of BJD and it cannot stand against the popularity of Naveen Babu and his sway over the people of Odisha," the BJD leader said. Stating the action as unfortunate, Shri Pandian said, "It is as per the design of the BJP, which can-

not digest imminent defeat in the hands of BJD. And it cannot stand against the popularity of Naveen babu (Patnaik)." Hitting out at the BJP-led Central government over the coal royalty issue, the 5T Chairman said that the Centre is taking Rs 60,000 crores from Odisha and repaying only Rs 4,000- 5,000 crores alleging that they are taking away all the profits. "The Central leaders and CMS who are coming to Odisha repeatedly, their campaign

will not have an impact because they have not done anything for Odisha. They are taking Rs 60,000 crores from Odisha and repaying only Rs 4,000-5,000 crores and are shedding crocodile tears saying that Odisha is a mineral-rich State. Coal is one of the biggest minerals from Odisha, you take Rs 27,000-30,000 crores and give Rs 4,000 crores to Odisha. Why can't you revise the coal royalty for the last 20 years?" Pandian asked.

"The people of Odisha can understand what the Centre takes away from Odisha. Yes, we are mineral rich but where are you allowing us to get the profit out of minerals? You are giving us pollution and taking away all the profits," the BJD leader said. Exuding confidence in the BJD's win in the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in the State, Pandian said that the people of Odisha will not be swayed away by the statements of

central leaders and Chief Ministers who are coming to the State for their campaign. "The people of Odisha will not be swayed away by central leaders and Chief Ministers' statements. If they have done something for Odisha definitely their visit will have an impact and if they have not done anything and they are shedding crocodile tears, the people of Odisha are smart enough to understand this," the BJD leader added. Tathya

bumper votes. It is after a gap of 25 years that Odisha has voted for change, to end labour migration, corruption and to get a clear picture of the mystery surrounding the Ratna Bhandar. The BJP will come to power and all the gates of Jagannath temple will be opened for the devotees. Hence, Odisha is voting for the BJP. My commitment is for the all-round development of the people of Odisha," said PM Modi. Odisha BJP has come up with a number of welfare schemes and I am happy that the state and its

people have taken a step towards development and scripting new history, said PM Modi in his address. Everybody knows about the corruption done by BJD in pucca houses. The people have voted for BJP so that they get pucca houses, said PM Modi while urging party workers and people to report if they come across anyone staying in kutchha houses. Odisha has an abundance of natural resources including water. But the farmers are deprived of getting water for irrigation, said PM Modi add-

There will be new storm in politics... ing that Odisha has voted for a change including the loot in the free rice scheme. "Be it youths, old or women, everyone is saying that there will be double engine government for the first time in Odisha. PM Modi again expressed concern over the deteriorating health condition of CM Naveen Patnaik. "The well-wishers and others, who know CM Naveen Patnaik, have told me that there is a lot of trouble for him. They also apprehend that there could be some conspiracy behind CM's health poor

health. BJP is serious on the issue and hence a committee will be formed to investigate the matter after coming to power in Odisha. A special committee will be formed and the panel will bring the entire truth as to why his health is degrading," said PM Modi. My colleague, Baijayant Panda is very hardworking and dedicated. Hence, I appeal to people to vote for him so that he wins with a record margin, said PM Modi in his address in Kendrapara. While speaking on the occasion, Rudra M II...

BJP National Vice-president and party's Kendrapara's Lok Sabha candidate Baijayant Panda said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has changed the fate of India in the last 10 years. "Be it Covid vaccination, financial assistance or rescuing people from war-struck countries, India is leading under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. 25 crore people have been lifted out of poverty. But Odisha has been deprived of development as the BJD government is trying to

hijack the central schemes. They have now been caught. Odia Asmita is now in danger. Be it Ratna Bhandar or the recent incident where Odisha's chief has been kicked on dias, everybody has seen what is happening here," said Panda. Panda further said that lakhs of youths in Odisha are not getting jobs and there is goondaraj. Many BJD candidates are involved in crimes and corruption. "PM Narendra Modi has given a guarantee to free Odisha from such irregularities," Panda added.

the-art indigenous technologies developed by various DRDO laboratories have been incorpo-

rated in the missile system. Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh congratulated DRDO, IAF and in-

dustry on the successful test-flight of RudraM-II. The successful test has consolidated the role of Officers mis-

using... BJD leader Bhartruhari Mahtab said that the Odisha government has not given any focus on educa-

tion and fulfilling vacant posts, rather it only spent money on other aspects. Already three phases of

untiring efforts and contribution culminating into the successful flight test. Tathya

Birds of same feathers flock together. Only DGP will give certificate of dynamism. Anti-naxal opera-

tions are conducted under the direct supervision of Centre. Who is dynamic, it will be known. It cannot be

called dynamism if one does activities which help a person or party to achieve interests." Senior

elections have been completed in Odisha and the last phase of election is scheduled to be held on June 1.

Himanta's campaign will harm BJP itself'

Bhubaneswar, May 29, 2024 : The BJD on Tuesday said the campaigning by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma in Odisha would only harm the BJP's poll prospects. BJD MP and party national spokesperson Sasmit Patra claimed that the more Biswa Sarma campaigns in Odisha, the higher would be the margins of defeat for the saffron outfit's candidates in the Lok Sabha and Assembly polls in the State. "We thank the Odisha BJP for accepting our yesterday's request to them,

through a Press meet, to retain Biswa Sarma in Odisha for campaigning for the BJP candidates," Patra said in a post on X. "The more he campaigns, the Odisha BJP candidates will end up with a bigger defeat, higher margins of defeat and many losing their deposits. We, therefore, further request Odisha BJP to retain him till end of campaigning on May 30 so that his hilarious and rubbish statements will lower Odisha BJP more in the eyes of the people of Odisha, reduce more votes of the BJP candidates," he added.

'Look for your future, vote for your family's benefit'

Bhubaneswar, May 29, 2024 : After two days, voting for the fourth phase of elections would be held in Odisha. The people of the State should not believe the false promises of BJP and BJD and think about their future. Whatever the BJD has not done in its 24 years' rule and nine years of BJDBJP rule, the Congress would do that for the people, said Odisha Congress in-charge Ajoy Kumar here on Tuesday. The Narendra Modi and Naveen

Patnaik governemtns are only christening the Congress' schemes in their name and hoodwinking people. So, instead of being carried away in their words, people should vote or the Congress, urged Dr Kumar. Congress national president Mallikarjuna Kharge would come to Odisha on Wednesday and hold huge rallies in Bhadrak and Baleswar. Rahul Gandhi would also come to Odisha on May 30 and campaign in Bhadrak, he informed. If the

Congress comes to power, it would give bonus to farmers and an MSP of Rs 3,000 per quintal of paddy. The Naveen Patnaik government is only giving MSP of Rs 1,700. Besides, free electricity would be provided to farmers and they would also be given a monthly allowance of Rs 2,000. The domestic consumers would be given 200 units of free power. The degree and diploma holders would be given unemployment allowance of Rs 3,000, said Kumar.

BJP scored 9 self-goals, to be rejected by people'

Bhubaneswar, May 29, 2024 : Asserting that the BJD would sweep the polls with a 90-95% strike rate, party leader VK Pandian on Tuesday lashed out at the BJP accusing it of trying to mislead people with nine 'self-goals', which are detrimental to Odisha's interests. Claiming that the people of Odisha would reject the BJP for its self-goals, the BJD star campaigner told reporters that the saffron party's self-goals include dragging Lord Jagannath and the Puri temple into political debates. Stating that the people of Odisha do not appreciate this approach, Pandian said that making Lord Jagannath an electoral issue would cost the BJP dearly in the polls. Moreover, people do not like the way leaders of BJP are using abusive language against Naveen Patnaik, considered the most popular Chief Minister of the country, he said. On Odisha visits of top leaders of BJP and Congress for election campaign, Pandian said these leaders are

crossing all limits and abusing Naveen. The people of Odisha take it to their heart. "It is going to help the BJD," he claimed. Pandian said the saffron party is hatching a conspiracy to close Mission Shakti and Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) and introduce Ayushman Bharat Yohana in Odisha. While 90 per cent of the people are being benefited by BSKY, Ayushman Bharat is meant only for BPL families. The BJD government has introduced 5T schools and colleges with a focus on the young generation and Nua O scholarship has also been launched. The BJP would scrap these benefits for students, Pandian claimed. While a Special Development Council (SDC) has been formed by the BJD regime for the development of tribals, no such system exists in the States having the BJP's double-engine government, he pointed out. He said the BJP has inducted several leaders who were

thrown out from the BJD for alleged involvement in criminal activities. Claiming that the BJP has been rattled by the BJD's promise to provide free electricity, he said the saffron party is talking about solar power, which is bound to become a big fiasco like its earlier promise for free cooking gas. Terming the BJP's promise to raise MSP for paddy to Rs 3,100 per quintal as misleading, Pandian said the government at the Centre has been evading the issue for the last ten years. He also called the BJP's proposed Subhadra Yojana with Rs 50,000-voucher to women another misleading promise. Pandian claimed that the BJD has already secured a majority to again form government after three rounds of polls with an 80-85% strike rate. After the fourth and final phase slated on June 1, the BJD's strike rate would further rise to 90-95%, he asserted.

Parents of brain-dead baby donate his organs

Bhubaneswar, May 29, 2024 : The parents of 21-month-old Pratyush Panigrahi, who was declared brain dead, donated his organs, saving two lives. His liver and heart were transplanted into children at hospitals in Chennai and Delhi. "He was just 21 months' old and yet, he used to offer food to others before consuming the same," recalled the mother of Pratyush Panigrahi whose organs have been donated to save two precious lives. Pratyush's parents decided on organ donation after he was declared brain dead by the doctors in Bhubaneswar. However, the couple tried their best to provide the best treatment to their baby who also fought with the adversities strongly till the end. The liver and heart of the baby will be harvested in two other children undergoing treatment at MGM Hospital in Chennai and ILBS in Delhi. It is for the first time in Odisha that the organs of such a small baby had been harvested to help save lives elsewhere, sources said. Gaurishankar Panigrahy, Pratyush's father said, "My son was undergoing treatment for a long time. We have spent around Rs 30 to Rs 40 lakh to save him. We decided to donate organs so as to provide new life to others." Gaurishankar's wife Sharmistha said, "He is with us and will always be with us. He used to call us mama and papa and used to play with medical staff here. He used to offer food to others first before eating it. He stayed with us for a short period and made us proud."

Cyclone Remal hits Olive Ridley turtle hatchlings

Kendrapada, May 29, 2024 : The gusty wind and torrential rain due to the effect of cyclone Remal in the Bay of Bengal played havoc for the turtle hatchlings at the mass nesting sites of Nasi-2. Rajnagar DFO Sudarshan Gopinath Jadav said, "Though only 1.20 lakh of endangered Olive ridley sea turtle hatchlings emerged from the egg shells at the mass nesting sites of Nasi-2 three days back, but the prevailing adverse weather due to cyclone Remal stopped the emergence of the baby

turtles from the pits. "We are anticipating the eggs might have been destroyed due to the cyclonic rains." Around 3 lakh Olive Ridley turtles came ashore en masse to Nasi-2 within the Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary and laid eggs within a span of five days since April 2. The emergence of hatchlings from egg shells continued for three days as 1.20 lakh baby turtles broke out of the eggshells and wandered around the sandy beach for nearly an hour before making their way

to the swirling sea water. It was expected that the process would continue for at least 4/5 more days and more than 1 crore of baby turtles would come out from the egg shells. But the cyclone Remal played spoilsport. Earlier, due to multi-layering at Nasi-2, more than 15% laid eggs were destroyed in some of the segments. Later, the predators like crows and seagulls also destroyed some eggs, though forest personnel were engaged to guard and drive away the predators.

3 Killed, 5 Critical As Passenger Bus Overtakes In Kandhamal

Phulbani, May 29, 2024 : In a tragic incident, as many as three persons were killed and five persons sustained critical injury after a passenger bus overturned in Kandhamal district of Odisha on Tuesday. The accident took place near Phiringia. As per reports, the 'Salunki' bus was on its way to Phulbani from Muniguda today. When it was near Phiringia it met with an accident after somehow it overturned. Due to the accident three persons were killed on the spot while five others sustained critical injury as per reports. The critical patients have been shifted to the district head quarter hospital in Phulbani. Further investigation of the case is underway.

Mango yields drop by 50% in Koraput this year

Koraput, May 29, 2024 : Koraput is known for its mangoes but this year the people of Koraput district may not enjoy the sweetness of mangoes due to a drastic fall in the production. If yield has dropped by over 50 per cent, bad weather conditions, thunderstorms during flowering and fruit setting stages are said to have caused decline in production. Mango crop cover-

age spreading across 15,000 acre in the district, including Kundra, Boipariguda, Borigumma, Lamaputa, Narayanpataka, Dasmantpur, Laxmipur, Nandapur and Koraput have been severely affected by thunderstorm and rain. Local farmers here grow both local and export varieties. While normal production yields three

to four tonne per acre, this year's production has reduced to just one to two tonne, causing significant losses to the local farmers. Inclement weather condition marked by a lack of rainfall during March and April further exacerbated the situation affecting the crops badly, sources said. "We have suffered a lot due to low productivity this year, after a decade. There will

be only one to two tonne mango production per acre which may not meet our cost of inputs," rued Trilochan gadba, a mango grower of Kundra block. "The market prices for mangoes have skyrocketed, with common varieties like Dasserri and Amrapali reaching up to Rs 100 per kg, compared to last year's price of Rs 40 per kg it is hard for us to purchase and

eat," said Satya Hota. "Borigumma mango market which is major centre of Koraput district was also affected due to low productivity. As low supply from local mango growers is recorded, we are looking to import from neighbouring states to meet the demands," said trader of Borigumma market Simanchal Patro. To meet the local demand, traders

are now importing mangoes from Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh. Koraput's deputy director of Horticulture, Sudam Charan Biswal, acknowledged the fall in mango production, citing bad weather conditions during critical growth stages. "Mango has an alternative bearing habit, and this year's weather was not conducive during flowering and fruit setting stages," he added.



"All the powers in the universe are already ours. It is we who have put our hands before our eyes and cry that it is dark."

- Swami Vivekananda



From the Editor's Pen...

Attraction of IPL

When the Indian Premier League i.e. IPL started in the cricket world, it was expected to increase its quality. But the way the glare took over, it seems that this game has been made a means of business and earnings. Parallel to this, it is also true that it no longer shows the level of attraction within cricket and people towards it, which was once its specialty. At one time, in all aspects of cricket, there was an attempt to establish the height of artistry and from the audience to the analyst, comparative performance, talk about the art of the game, now after the dominance of IPL, cricket is seen as a speed game. Earlier, where emotions were attached to the team and its victory and defeat were accepted with sportsman spirit, now this choice is being reduced to a particular player, the high price he received in the auction and then personal performance. Now people expect that their favorite player will be bought by a team at the maximum price, he hits a lot of fours and sixes or very fast. Of course, this event has also given a lot of new talented players, but according to the expectations of the audience and the needs of the market, the pressure on the players in the field has increased and the scope for consistency has decreased. The artistry and experimentation of cricket is taking a backseat in 20 overs matches compared to Test or ODI matches and only the demand for aggressive performance has increased. Moreover, unwanted activities like betting have also disappointed cricket lovers. In such a situation, the way cricket has been made a means of glitz business, cricket is now becoming a market-based game. It is not without reason that the glow of an event like IPL is now getting blurred.

Thoughts of the day.....

No cricket team in the world depends on one or two players. The team always plays to win.

Virat Kohli

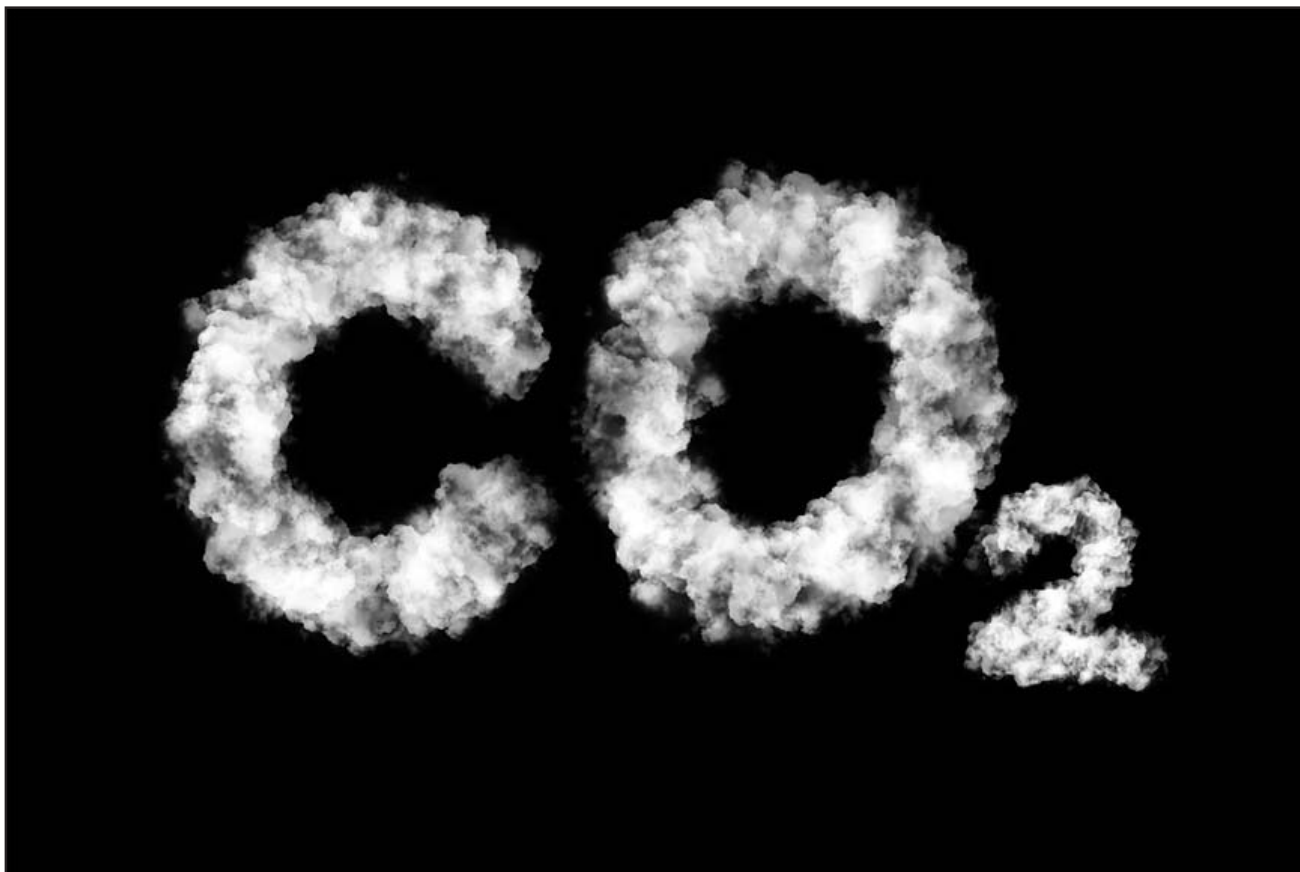


Cricket is not everything, not by any means, but it is a large part of who I am.

MS Dhoni



New Reactor System Converts Carbon Dioxide Into Usable Fuel



Researchers developed a method using distributor-type membrane reactors to convert CO2 emissions from small boilers into methane, significantly improving efficiency and offering a versatile tool for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

A novel reactor design transforms CO2 emissions from small boilers into methane fuel, providing a promising strategy for addressing climate change.

Cutting carbon emissions from small-scale combustion systems, like boilers and other industrial devices, is essential for achieving a sustainable, carbon-neutral future. Boilers, which are prevalent in numerous industries for critical functions such as heating, steam generation, and power production, play a major role in greenhouse gas emissions.

Boilers are generally quite efficient. As a result, it is difficult to reduce CO2 emissions simply by improving the combustion efficiency. Therefore, researchers are exploring alternative approaches to mitigating the environmental impact of CO2 emissions from boilers. One promising strategy to this end is to capture the CO2 emitted from these systems and convert it into a useful product, such as methane. **Technological Innovations with Membrane Reactors**

To implement this strategy, a specific type of membrane reactor, called the distributor-type membrane reactor (DMR), is needed that can facilitate chemical reactions as well as separate gases. While DMRs are used in certain industries, their application for converting CO2 into methane, especially in small-scale systems like boilers, has remained relatively unexplored.

This research gap was addressed by a group of researchers from Japan and Poland, who were led by Professor Mikihiro Nomura from Shibaura Institute of Technology in Japan and Prof. Grzegorz Brus from AGH University of Science and Technology in Poland. Their findings were recently published in the Journal of CO2 Utilization.

The team conducted a two-pronged approach to the problem through numerical simulations and experimental studies to optimize the reactor designs for efficient conversion of CO2 from small boilers into methane. In their simulation, the team modeled how gases flow and react under different conditions. In turn, this enabled them to minimize

the temperature variations, ensuring that energy consumption is optimized while methane production remains dependable.

Design Innovations and Efficiency Enhancements

The team further found that, unlike traditional methods that channel gases into a single location, a distributed feed design could spread the gases out into the reactor instead of sending them in from one place. This, in turn, results in a better distribution of CO2 throughout the membrane, preventing any location from overheating. "This DMR design helped us reduce temperature increments by about 300 degrees compared to the traditional packed bed reactor," explains Prof. Nomura.

Beyond the distributed feed design, the researchers also explored other factors influencing the reactors' efficiency and discovered that one key variable was the CO2 concentration in the mixture. Changing the amount of CO2 in the mixture affected how well the reaction worked. "When the CO2 concentration was around 15%, similar to what comes out of the boilers,

the reactor was much better at producing methane. In fact, it could produce about 1.5 times more methane compared to a regular reactor that only had pure CO2 to work with," highlights Prof. Nomura. Additionally, the team investigated the impact of reactor size, finding that increasing the size of the reactor facilitated the availability of hydrogen for the reaction. There was, however, a tradeoff to be considered as the benefit of higher hydrogen availability required careful temperature management to avoid overheating.

The study thus presents a promising solution to the problem of tackling a major source of greenhouse gas emissions. By utilizing a DMR, low-concentration CO2 emissions can be successfully converted into usable methane fuel. The benefits gained thereof are not limited to methanation alone but can also be applied to other reactions, making this method a versatile tool for efficient CO2 utilization even for households and small factories. .SciTechDaily

Poverty is the blessings of God

When you read this sentence you may criticise, 'It is impossible'. The actual meaning of that is "Poverty is state of one who lacks of a usual or socially acceptable amount of money or material". No one likes to be poor, who has no food to eat, no good cloth to wear. Even no house to live in comfort. The poor persons can not provide proper education to their children. Their old parents are deprived of getting balanced food and medicine. When festival comes rich parents take their children to fair or to nearby town and cities to refresh their mind and make them feel happy. But poor parents send children to collect the fodder for cattles or sell the flowers and fruits in front of the temples. They make kites for earning money not to fly it. Poor parents spend their time half-eaten or not lucky enough to eat delicious food in A-mart or Krishna Hotel. They are familiar with sleep on floor under straw roof. Disease



Akshay Kumar Panda

and suffering are their friends. Still they are very honest towards their duty and perform their responsibilities. Either they work in paddy field or load sand or cement in tractors or trucks. They never hurt anybody or beat anybody. Never they ask for Government schemes. They are far from alcohol, cigarette, ganja and opium. They work hard to get their livelihoods. They pray God and involved doing continuously good work. Atleast, they provide healthy educational environment to their children. As a result, their children qualify different competitive examinations. If you verify the IAS, IPS,

Medical or Engineering Examination, you can definitely find out they belong to the poor family. Swami Vivekanand, Chhatrapati Shivaji, Lal Bahadur Shastri and A. P. J. Abdul Kalam are bright example. One educationist Ratikanta Patra said, "If you create green, clean and peaceful environment where proper caring and sharing attachment there, definitely it will impact on your words". So one thing is more important that you have to encourage them and inspire them but not to make them feel unhappy. Everybody wants happiness, peace, prosperity and progress. No one can get it without hard work and honesty. It is said that "Poverty is a curse". But really it is the blessings of Almighty. God watch you, guide you and make you a super human being. Don't loss your patience being a poor man. Do your hard work, walk in honest path and believe in God. Then you know poverty is blessings or curse.

Aul, Kendrapada

Meet Himanshu Sekhar Sahoo, the 'people's candidate'

Jajpur, May 29, 2024 : Meet Himanshu Sekhar Sahoo, the 'people's candidate' In Dharamasala. Himanshu, popular as Liku, filed nominations as an Independent candidate after being denied ticket by the BJP. Having strong organisational skills, he is credited with strengthening the saffron party at the grassroots level in Dharamasala. he popularity of Dharamasala Independent candidate Himanshu Sekhar Sahoo increasing as he steps up his campaign across the constituency. Thousands of Dharamasala workers, supporters and general people thronged Kaima to Patapur In Jajpur on Wednesday cheer Himanshu sekhar Sahoo as he conducted the Mega road show. During the campaign trail, Independent MLA candidate Himanshu sekhar Sahoo saying that the people of Dharamasala have made up their minds to bring change in Dharamasala assembly seat. Himanshu, said he would contest the election on the issue of development of the constituency. "Dharamasala has remained neglected in all aspects for a long time. The locals had approached me with their issues several times. I want to highlight their problems with the government he said. Himanshu also said



he decided to participate in the electoral politics on the request of the voters of Dharamasala. "I was moved by the love and expectations of the people. I am confident of winning the election with their support," he added. Thousands of workers, supporters and general people Said Dharma will prevail in Dharamasala. Himanshu, said he would contest the election on the issue of development of the constituency. "Dharamasala has remained neglected in all aspects for a long time. The locals had approached me with their issues several times. I want to highlight their problems with the government he said. Himanshu also said he decided to participate in the electoral politics on the request of the voters of Dharamasala. "I was moved by the love and expectations of the people. I am confident of winning the election with their support," he added. Thousands of workers, supporters and general people Said Dharma will prevail in Dharamasala.

Ganjam: Man Thrashes Wife To Death, Deceased's Brother Lodges Complaint

Ganjam, May 29, 2024 : A man allegedly thrashed his wife to death in Ganjam district of Odisha recently. The deceased's brother has lodged a complaint in this regard against his brother-in-law. The incident took place in the Benigouri village under Rambha Police Station limits in the district. The deceased has been identified as K Manita Patra. As per reports, Manita Patra had married K Santosh Patra one year ago. However, as claimed by the deceased's brother, her sister was being tortured by her in-laws for dowry. Accordingly, I had brought her to my home, as she

was pregnant by two months. Yet, her in-laws did not took her to the hospital. I had repeatedly called them but in vain. Nobody was taking care of my sister though she was pregnant. And her (unborn) child died before s/he could see the world, said the deceased's brother who has lodged a complaint against his brother-in-law alleging that he has thrashed his sister to death. After getting the complaint Rambha Police swung into action, initiated action and registered a case. Police have detained the husband while the deceased's other in-laws are absconding.



Ollywood actress Jhilik Bhattacharjee, wife of BJD MLA candidate Priti Ranjan Ghadai, campaigning for her husband in Sukinda assembly constituency on Wednesday.

Man Dies Allegedly Due To Online Gaming In Cuttack

Cuttack, May 29, 2024 : In a shocking incident a man allegedly died due to online gaming in Athgarh block of Cuttack district in Odisha said reports on Wednesday. According to reports, his body was recovered in a hanging condition from Mundia sahi under Tigiria police station limits in Nuapatna area of Cuttack. The deceased has

been identified as 38-year-old Keshari Pradhan a resident of Basudevpur village. The Tigiria police reached the spot and are continuing the investigation. While the cause of the death is still unclear. The Tigiria Police Station In-charge Ranjan Samal has informed that the incident took place due to playing online games.

Chilika MLA Prashant Jagdev's health deteriorates in jail, admitted to SCB Cuttack

Khorda, May 29, 2024 : Chilika MLA Prashant Jagdev, who was arrested on the charges of toppling an Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) during the third phase of polling held in Odisha on May 25, has been admitted to SCB Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack. As per reports, Jagdev's health condition deteriorated in jail following which he was

admitted to the hospital. He is undergoing treatment in the ICU of the Medicine ward of SCB, informed sources. Though Jagdev was arrested, scores of villagers of Kaunripatana under Bolagarh block in Khordha district claimed that the allegations levelled against the MLA were politically motivated. Besides, the arrest of Jagdev has spread outrage in the

area as locals expressed resentment and termed it a conspiracy by the ruling party. On Saturday, the MLA had gone to a booth to cast his vote along with his wife when it was alleged that he toppled the EVM. Based on the complaint filed by the presiding officer, Police detained Jagdev from Begunia from where he was taken to the reserve police camp.

Doctor on quest to save humanity in Telangana

Hyderabad : While doctors already have to bear a large portion of the burden of humanity in this dog-eat-dog world, some of them go beyond the confines of the hospital walls and take on public service in a way that only a few can. One such saviour of humanity, Dr Ravinder Chawkidar, 41, a general and laparoscopic surgeon and assistant professor of general surgery at a government medical college in Mahabubabad district, wants to be more than just a white coat-clad person desensitised to the suffering around him. Through his Susruta Foundation For Health, Culture and Education, he performs surgeries at minimal cost, provides books and pays fees for students from financially disadvantaged families apart from contributing to constructions of temples. Established in 2006, the foundation was officially registered 10 years later due to the lack of members. "It took so long because I didn't find trustworthy people. I can't let just anyone join the organisation because there is a chance of misusing it," Dr Ravinder tells TNIE. To date, it operates with just five members — Dr Vinod Kumar Dussa, assis-



tant professor of oncology at KMC, Warangal, Dr Ram Ijjagani, Assistant Professor at GMC (Manukota) Mahabubabad, Badhavath Bikshapathi, MTech (Structural Engineer), and BJP district spokesperson Dara Indu Bharathi. Each member contributes 20% of their monthly income to support the foundation's activities. With the name of the foundation inspired by Susruta, considered the father of Indian surgery, Dr Ravinder says, "I instantly connected with this name because he is my inspiration. I first got to know about him when I was doing my MBBS. He is the reason I moved towards surgery." Born in Thurputhanda, Enugal in Warangal district, Dr Ravinder pursued his studies with determination, even running away from home to join a hostel in Gangaram village, Kothagudem. After complet-

ing his Intermediate education, he secured a seat in Osmania Medical College in Hyderabad, where he participated in Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) activities. Upon completing his Masters at Kakatiya Medical College in Warangal, he returned to Gangaram in 2018 to serve as a medical officer for four years until he joined as an assistant professor of general surgery in Mahabubabad in 2021. Despite the availability of free government healthcare services, Dr Ravinder established a private organisation to address the inefficiencies and delays associated with state-run hospitals. "Though I work in a government hospital, I help people who approach me for surgeries through my foundation because the procedure in a government hospital takes a lot of time. And I may not be available all the time in the

hospital. That is why I established this foundation, where I can treat and discharge patients as soon as possible." However, as his nature, he goes above and beyond to offer services that are not available in local government hospitals. Referring to one of the cases, where he helped an elderly woman named Rukminamma, he explains, "Rukminamma had a 12 kg tumour in her stomach. Her family members initially approached many hospitals in Hyderabad, but couldn't afford the treatment since the surgery costs around Rs 7 lakh. Through the Susruta foundation, we operated and removed the tumour and charged just Rs 70,000 for ICU and medicine." One might make assumptions about his financial security but Dr Ravinder's resources are modest. He owns a two-and-a-half-acre paddy field,

and he donates the harvest to the needy. When asked about his motivation behind his philanthropic activities, he shares, "I was born and brought up in a poor family where I faced all kinds of struggles. My dad, a daily wage worker, inspired me a lot. Since I know what living in poverty looks like, I don't want others to go through the same. So, I help to whatever extent I can. Recently we helped four medical students by paying their admission fee of Rs 1 lakh." "There's an old saying, 'Where there is a will, there is a way.' This aptly describes Dr Ravinder because, despite not being born into a rich family, he completed his studies and settled into the medical profession. Naturally, these days there are many ways to earn as a PG doctor, but he was never interested in money. Though he doesn't

have financial power, God gave him a big heart to help poor students and sick people. He also has unlimited knowledge of social matters, especially a deep understanding of ancient dharma," says Srinivas Reddy Pingili, a local. At 41 years of age, Dr Ravinder not only aids the needy but also conducts awareness programmes every Sunday on various topics such as education, health and agriculture across approximately 60 villages with the help of his friends. He enlists respected community members to further motivate people. Additionally, he offers private tuition for underprivileged children. Dr Ravinder never turns away anyone seeking help. If he is unable to help personally, he leverages Facebook Live to gather support from those who trust him. His journey in philanthropy began during his MBBS when he and his friends raised funds for a student, Ranjith, who needed money for bank coaching. Today, Ranjith works in Chhattisgarh. Since then, Dr Ravinder has brought smiles to numerous faces and hopes to continue on this quest for a better and healthier India.

Revolutionary Treatment for Breast Cancer-related Lymphoedema Introduced in KIMS

Bhubaneswar : In a significant medical advancement, the KIMS Superspeciality and Cancer Centre has become the first facility in Odisha to offer a pioneering treatment for arm and forearm swelling, commonly experienced by patients after breast cancer surgery. This condition, known as lymphoedema, has traditionally been a challenging consequence to manage. The innovative procedure, Vascularized Lymph Node Transfer (VLNT), was successfully performed by a multidisciplinary team of surgeons recently. The procedure is performed in a few centres in India. This team was led by Dr. Sunil Kumar Rout from Plastic Surgery, along with Dr. Sabyasachi Parida, Senior Surgical Oncologist spe-



cializing in Advanced Oncoplastic Breast Surgery, and Dr. Samir Kumar Patel, also from Plastic Surgery. The patient has recovered completely and has left for her home. Lymphoedema occurs when lymph nodes are removed or damaged during cancer surgeries, impairing the

normal flow of lymph fluid which can lead to swelling and discomfort. Dr. Parida, who has been keen on minimizing the risk of lymphoedema through careful surgical techniques, found the VLNT to be necessary for a patient suffering from progressive and debilitating arm swelling. The proce-

dures involves transferring lymph nodes from a donor site in the patient's body, in this case, the neck, to the affected area. The doctors chose the right supraclavicular lymph nodes based on their quality and number, using an ultrasound-guided assessment. These nodes were then trans-

planted into the distal forearm of the patient, with connections made to local blood vessels to ensure the lymph fluid could be effectively drained. Senior specialists from the Anesthesia department, Dr. T. Rajmohan Rao and Dr. Purabi Acharya, were responsible for administering

anesthesia to the patient during the operation. Hemanta Ku Sahoo (Senior OT Technician), Sumitra & Kalpana Ojha (Senior OT Sisters), Sasmita (Nursing Officer), Mikina Pradhan (Senior OT Support Staff) were part of the core team that made the surgery successful. VLNT is comparable to organ transplantation in its complexity and precision. The meticulous surgery required the team to employ a high-resolution operating microscope to connect the transplanted lymph nodes with the forearm's radial artery and cephalic vein. This successful operation not only elevates our capabilities at KIMS but also promises a new lease on life for many patients suffering from post-cancer lymphoedema.

Singapore Open BWF Super 750 Badminton Tournament: P.V. Sindhu Advanced To Second Round Of Women's Singles

New Delhi : Ace Indian shuttler P.V. Sindhu advanced to the second round



of the women's singles section of the Singapore Open BWF Super 750 badminton tournament, beating World No. 21 Line Kjaersfeldt in straight games, 21-12, 22-20. However, in men's singles, Lakshya Sen and Kidambi Srikanth retired out in the opening round. After the first rally of the

tie, Sindhu came out on top and took a 4-3 lead. Sindhu continued increasing her

lead and ended the game 21-12. Her opponent Kjaersfeldt looked promising but Sindhu seemed to have an answer for everything. The second game, which got intense in the end, was too dominated by Sindhu. However, a late comeback by Line forced Sindhu to make some

cross-court errors as the Danish player took the lead at 16-19. The 28-year-old two-time Olympic medallist then saved four game points and took the momentum in her favour to end the match 22-20. Lakshya Sen went down to World ranked 1 and reigning Olympic Champion Viktor Axelsen 13-21, 21-16, 13-21 after making a second-game comeback. It was the seventh defeat in the last eight matches for Lakshya against Axelsen. Earlier, former World No.1 Srikanth retired from his opening round match after losing the first game 14-21 against Kodai Naraoka of Japan. Trailing 3-11 in the second game Srikanth had to bow out due to an injury. GNR

Boxing: National Champion Arundhati Choudhary Registered Convincing Victory In 66 Kg Weight Category To Reach Pre-Quarter-Finals



New Delhi, May 29, 2024 : In Boxing, National Champion Arundhati Choudhary registered a convincing victory in 66 kg weight category to reach the pre-quarter-finals in the Boxing World Qualifiers for Paris Olympics in Bangkok, Thailand today. Choudhary began her campaign with a clinical Round 1 against Stephanie Pieneiro of

Puerto Rico. She was slightly conservative in Round 2 as she consolidated her position before again dominating the next round to get a unanimous 5:0 verdict in her favour. Other Indian contender Narender Berwal (+92kg) put up a strong fight against Ecuador's Gerlon Gilmar Congo Chala but it was not enough to advance to the next round. GNR

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SC Rejects Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal's Plea Seeking Seven-Day Interim Bail Extension



New Delhi, May 29, 2024 : Supreme Court registry today refused urgent listing of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's plea seeking extension of his interim bail by seven days for undergoing certain medical tests. Refusing to accept Kejriwal's application, Supreme Court registry said since he has been

given liberty to move trial court for regular bail, the plea is not maintainable. Delhi Chief Minister had got interim bail from Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta on May 10 and was asked to surrender to Tihar jail on June 2. The bench had on May 17 reserved verdict on Kejriwal's

challenge to the validity of his arrest by ED in a PMLA case linked to Delhi liquor scam. Refusing to accept application, the apex court said that since the verdict is already reserved on challenge to arrest, Kejriwal's plea for extension of interim bail has no relation to main petition. GNR

Campaigning For Seventh And Last Phase Of Lok Sabha Elections In Full Swing

New Delhi, May 29, 2024 : Campaigning for seventh and final phase of Lok Sabha elections reaches its last leg as only two days have been left for canvassing. Voting in this phase will be held for 57 Parliamentary Constituencies across seven states and a Union Territory on 1st of June. A total of 904 candidates are in the fray in this phase. Prime Minister and senior BJP leader Narendra Modi has said that everyone looks at India with respect today, be it the US, Europe, or Japan. Addressing an election rally in Mathurapur, West Bengal, Mr Modi said, this has been made possible because people voted to power a BJP led NDA government at the Centre. Listing the achievements of his government, Prime Minister said, in the past 10 years, Central government has provided pucca houses to 4 crore poor people, brought tap water connection to over 12 crore homes and provided electricity to every village. In Bihar, Senior BJP leader and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is holding a public meeting in Bikramganj in Karakat parliamentary constituency in favour of NDA candidate. He is also scheduled to hold public meetings in Buxar and Patna Sahib Lok Sabha constituencies. BJP state president and Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary is attending public meetings in Jehanabad constituency. He will address public meet-

ings in Karakat, Nalanda, Sasaram and Pataliputra Lok Sabha constituencies. Lok Janshakti Party Ramvilas chief Chirag Paswan addressed public meeting in Chenari in Sasaram parliamentary constituency. He calimed that NDA will clean sweep in the elections. Eight parliamentary constituencies will go to the polls on 1st June. In Uttar Pradesh, Union Home minister and Senior BJP leader Amit Shah has a hectic day in state with four rallies and a road show. Addressing his first rally in Maharajganj, Mr Shah claimed that BJP will get more than 300 seats in just five phase of elections and sixth and seventh phase will give the party more than 400 seats. He is sheduled to address rallies in Deoriya, Ballia and Sonbhadra. In Ghazipur he will hold a road show. Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath today addressed a political rally in Kushinagar and said that only BJP is capable in safeguarding the borders of the country. He will campaign in Deoriya and Gorakhpur districts also. On the other hand Samajwadi Party Chief Akhilesh Yadav will campaign for Party candidate in Dudhi assembly constituency where bypolls will be held in the final phase of elections. He will later address rallies in Robertsganj and Mirzapur Loksabha constituencies also. Senior congress leader Rahul Gandhi came down heavily on BJP. GNR

Setbacks Galore for BJD as Odisha Braces for Last Phase of Polls on June

Bhubaneswar, May 29, 2024 : Monday was a day of great setbacks for the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) in Odisha. First, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in an interview with news agency ANI aired in the morning, made it clear that he won't mind 'sacrificing' his friendship with Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik in the larger interest of Odisha. He also reiterated the claim he has made repeatedly during his hectic campaigning in the state: that a BJP Chief Minister would take oath on June 10. Together, the two statements effectively put at rest all speculation that it would be back to business as usual between the frenemies once the election is over. Having staked everything – and stuck his neck out to fix an 'expiry date' (June 4) for the Naveen Patnaik government – the PM is clearly in no mood to back off now. In the afternoon came the embarrassing revelation, courtesy the

CCTV footage of the incident in a booth in the Begunia Assembly constituency on election day (May 25) released by BJP candidate for Bhubaneswar Lok Sabha seat Aparajita Sarangi, that Prashant Jagdev, the BJP candidate from Khurda, had nothing to do with the breaking of an EVM for which he had been arrested and sent to jail by the police. The leaked video made it clear why the Khurda SP had said the footage would be examined 'after the election process is over'. It would have revealed that Jagdev was being falsely implicated in a case. The double standards of Odisha Police were revealed when Angul police lodged a case against Susant Behera, BJD MLA from Chhendipada, but only after being instructed by the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), but was yet to arrest him despite a tell-tale video that clearly showed him assaulting a BJP

worker at a polling booth on May 25. In Jagdev's case, an FIR filed by the presiding officer was good enough to arrest him without looking at the CCTV footage. The administration obviously thought it could get away with this brazen misuse of power given Jagdev's dubious record as a 'bahubali' leader, who had rammed his car into a crowd in Banpur, injuring over 20 people, in March, 2022. By evening, another video that went viral on social media brought more embarrassment for the ruling party. It showed the left hand of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik shaking violently while addressing an election meeting and his alleged successor VK Pandian dragging his hand and placing it on the podium. It was the latest proof – if any proof was needed at all – that the aging BJD supremo was not in the pink of health. In a damage control exercise, the CM issued a video

statement – as is his wont these days – saying the Opposition was making an issue out of a non-issue. But there were not many buyers for his reasoning this time. But the biggest setback for the ruling dispensation came late in the evening when news came about the Election Commission suspending DS Kutte, the special secretary at the CMO, for interference in the election process. In what constitutes a scathing indictment of the man widely seen as the de facto DGP of the state, he was asked to report at the office of the Resident Commissioner, Odisha in New Delhi by 3 pm on Tuesday. The letter by the EC addressed to the CEO, Odisha left no room for doubt that his suspension had to do with the false case against Jagdev. To add insult to injury, the EC also directed Ashish Kumar Singh, the IG in charge of the CM's security who had already been removed from election duty, to present

himself before a specially constituted team of doctors from AIIMS, Bhubaneswar for a detailed medical examination of his health status. Singh, who had been barred from all election related work on April 3 based on a complaint lodged by the state BJP, had gone on medical leave since the day after. The suspension of Kutte, widely seen as the all-powerful officer pulling the strings of the state police from the safety of the cat among the pigeons. Apart from bringing to light how a handful of mostly non-Odia officers ensconced in the CMO has usurped all power to itself and rendered the chief secretary and the DGP irrelevant, the action also put others in the CMO on notice. They would be desperately praying for the BJD to retain power, fearing vindictive action by the BJP government in the unlikely event of the saffron party coming to power. What the epi-

sode also revealed was the spunk shown by CEO Nikunja Nihari Dhal who, unlike many of his fellow IAS officers, has refused to play ball with the powers that be. As the state braces for the last phase of elections on June 1, the back-to-back setbacks could not have come at a worse time for the BJD. What must be causing particular trepidation to the party is the fact that PM Modi, who has been unusually harsh in his criticism of the Naveen Patnaik government right through this election season, is scheduled to address three election rallies in Baripada, Balasore and Kendrapara on Tuesday. Given his penchant for hitting where it hurts the most, Modi is unlikely to miss out on this heaven-sent opportunity to up the ante against the BJD. And the ruling party must be dreading the prospect of his last round of electioneering tilting the scales against it in the six Lok Sabha and 42 Assembly seats going to polls on Friday.

Fraudster Held In Rs 50 Cr Ponzi Fraud Case


Bhubaneswar, May 29, 2024 : The Economic Offence Wing (EOW) of Odisha Crime Branch on Tuesday arrested a person for duping several depositors in Odisha of over Rs 50 crore on the pretext of various Ponzi schemes, said an official here. The accused was identified as Mohan Kumar Parida of Bhadrak district. Parida, an MBA graduate, is the Managing Director of M/s Way to Add India (P) Ltd. His wife is also the director of the sham private firm set up in 2020. Parida was arrested on the basis of a complaint lodged by one Chitta Ranjan Palo of the Kalinga Nagar area in Bhubaneswar City. Palo alleged that Parida in connivance with other accused persons induced him to invest money to the tune of Rs 44.60 lakhs in various schemes of their company promising high interest, bonus, and commission. The accused persons reportedly had only given Rs 12,600 to Palo initially against his investment of Rs 44.60 lakhs. "EOW found that Parida was actually running a Ponzi scheme in a pyramidal binary structure. The accused through his company floated different schemes like the autopool package and boosting package etc. From 2020 to 2023, he in-

duced the gullible people to invest in the two schemes to get hefty returns i.e. 26 per cent per month consecutively for three months on the invested amount," the EOW official added. The official further stated that the company also used to offer a bonus of two per cent for investors for enrolling new members. A new member is required to join the schemes by depositing Rs 2500 which is non-refundable and after depositing the amount. The investor was later given one login ID under which he could further enrol three persons to get more commission/bonus. The company to win the confidence of investors would initially give some money and Ayurvedic products of Rs 500 to them. "Following the collection of more than Rs 50 crore from 2000 investors from Odisha, the accused Parida all of a sudden closed the schemes and fled away with the collected amount after closing the company office its registered office at Prachi Vihar in Rasulgarh area of Bhubaneswar city," said EOW official. The accused Parida was on Tuesday produced before the designated court under the OPID Act at Cuttack which sent him to 14-day judicial custody.

Alert On Heat Wave

Bhubaneswar, May 29, 2024 : : With mercury soaring over 45 degrees Celsius in some places of the State, ACS Revenue & Disaster Management & Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) Satyabrata Sahu today asked all collectors to take precautionary measures to tackle anticipated hot and high humidity weather conditions. In a letter to all District Collectors, SRC, Satyabrata Sahu said the maximum day temperature would be more than 40 degrees Celsius at many places in the interior districts. The maximum temperature is likely to be above normal by 2 to 3 degrees Celsius at a few districts in coastal Odisha, he said. As hot and high humid conditions would prevail over coastal Odisha during this week, the SRC has

asked the collectors to review the basic health facilities at the community health centres, primary healthcare centres, subdivisional and district headquarters hospitals to tackle heat related problems. ACS Shri Sahu has also advised the health department to review the engagement of doctors and health workers working at the grassroot level. Till 11.30am on Wednesday, the highest temperature of 42.8 degrees Celsius was recorded at Jharsuguda, followed by Sambalpur (42.2), Hirkud (42), Rourkela (40.8) and Keonjhar (40.5). At least three places of Odisha had recorded a temperature of 45 degrees or above on Tuesday. The places are—Boudh (45.9 degrees), Sonapur (45.3) and Titlagarh (45 degrees). Tathya




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