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ARIES
Today will be an industrious day. The stars foretell that you may visit a historical place, or perhaps a museum. However, Ganesha says, you may need to pay a little attention to your health. If such is the case, it would be better to take the evening off for yourself.

TAURUS
Today, Ganesha sees your mind shifting from your professional affairs and drifting, time and again, towards your home and family. You are likely to return home early and get happily engrossed in discussing pressing domestic issues with your family members.

GEMINI
There is a possibility of conflicts brewing at your home today. The demands made by your family members will increase and you may struggle to cope to meet them. This could make you ill-tempered. You will encounter large expenses in meeting these demands.

CANCER
The day shall find you in buoyant spirits, indicates Ganesha. As you are feeling lively and full of beans, you will not mind slogging it out, even if in some mindless activities or chores. It is a perfect day for activities like gardening, cooking, baking and even for a nice house warming get-together.

LEO
Financial gains in shares and stocks are indicated. If you are an investor, your investments will yield substantial profits. Long-standing debts are also likely to be cleared, and pending dues will be settled. Expenses for the purposes of entertainment are a possibility, says Ganesha.

VIRGO
You will be in a very ambitious and conscientious mood today. Your actions will speak louder than words. You set the pace with your meticulous planning and careful execution. Ganesha says you may expect a lot of appreciation and recognition for your work coming from your boss and your colleagues.

LIBRA
Ganesha says today is a day where you will spend happy moments with your family members. You will feel happy and will get to spend some romantic time with your beloved. Your innermost feeling will be showcased in the internal thoughts of your life partner and both of you will be in tandem with each other today.

SCORPIO
Just another mundane day in store for you. At work, pressure may mount and lead to a hectic and tedious day. You may even feel irritated at times. Thus, feeling the need to unwind, you may invite your sweetheart for the cup of coffee and spend quality time together.

SAGITTARIUS
Variety is the spice of life. Add variety of activities to your daily schedule and nothing would seem boring any more, foretells Ganesha. Indulge in creative activities like writing, cooking, gardening or even reading.

CAPRICORN
You will feel little lost in the maze of problems and tricky situations. You will, however, find a way out, feels Ganesha. You like to be in a commanding position at work where you guide others and call the shots. But, it has a flip side, too. While you will be appreciated for the achievements, you will also have to bear the brunt if anything goes wrong.

AQUARIUS
If you are an astrologer, doctor or a spiritual leader, today is a favourable day for you. Those who may want to challenge you must reconsider the thought of testing your strengths, says Ganesha. Doing charity work, helping the needy, and working for humanitarian causes give you a feeling of contentment.

PISCES
You will be inspired to travel to a far off place or to a foreign land because of a very warm invitation. Some old friend or relative residing in a foreign land will get in touch and please you today, Ganesha says that today is a good day for those wishing to go abroad for some specialized study or work.

I-Day: 17 Odisha cops awarded police medals

GYAN RANJAN MOHAPATRA, OP

Bhubaneswar, August 14: As many as 17 officers of Odisha Police have been selected by the Union Government for the prestigious Police Medal under different categories on the occasion of the 77th Independence Day, 2023.

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has selected two police officers of the state for the coveted President's Police Medal (PPM) for Distinguished Service.

Senior IPS Officer Sanjay Kumar, currently posted as the Additional Director General of Police (Modernization), and Rabindra Nath Satpathy, the Additional Superintendent of Police at Biju Patanaik State Police Academy will get the PPM for Distinguished Service.

Similarly, four cops - Subedar Prahalad Himirika, SI Santosh Kumar Guru, Commando Suneel Kumar Baraha and Constable Sujit Kumar Rana will receive the Police Medal for Gallantry (PMG).

No police official from the state has been selected for the prestigious President's Police Medal for Gallantry (PPMG) this year.

As many as 11 officials of the state police will receive the Police Medal (PM) for Meritorious Service.

The MHA has selected four

police officials from the state for the 'Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Investigation' for the year 2023. The officials include, Deputy SPs Pravat Kumar Biswal and Manas Ranjan Pradhan, Inspectors Prasant Kumar Sahoo and Durgesh Nandini Mohanty.

Fireman Hemanta Kumar Sethi of Odisha Fire Services has been selected to receive the Fire Service Medal for Gallantry (FSMG) for 2023. Station Officer Pramod Chandra Bhunya and Fireman Purusottam Kumar have been chosen for the Fire Service Medal (FSM) for Meritorious Service.

Platoon Commander Gayatri Singh, Home Guard Saminthal Nayak and Civil Defence volunteer Nrusinha Prasad Mohapatra will receive the prestigious Home Guards & Civil Defence Medal for Meritorious Service for 2023.

State Prisons Department's Ganga Sagar Panda and Babuli Mahakud, both working as Chief Wardens, Prison Welfare Officer Manas Ranjan Puspalak, District Probation Officer Manoj Narayan Sarangi and Assistant Jailor Kalandi Charan Nayak have been selected to get the Correctional Service Medal (CSM) for Meritorious Service for 2023.

Bhubaneswar Rajdhani Tejas Exp flagged off

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw says second Vande Bharat train service between Rourkela and Bhubaneswar will start soon & will pass through Sundargarh, Sambalpur, Jharsuguda, Angul & Talcher



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Bhubaneswar, August 14: Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw here along with Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan Monday flagged off the Bhubaneswar Rajdhani Express with Tejas coaches and announced that Odisha will soon get the second Vande Bharat express train.

Monday's operation was a trial run and the train will run as Rajdhani-Tejas Express from August 19.

Addressing a gathering at the Bhubaneswar railway station,

Vaishnaw said second Vande Bharat train service between Rourkela and Bhubaneswar will begin soon. It will pass through Sundargarh, Sambalpur, Jharsuguda, Angul, Talcher and other places, he said.

The Railway Minister said the Bhubaneswar-New Delhi Rajdhani Tejas Express will have ultra modern facilities like automatic entrance doors, passenger announcement/passenger information system, fire and smoke detection and suppression system, CCTV cameras, improved lavatory, vacuum assisted flushing with bio-toilets,



superior toilet fittings, touch free soap dispenser, sealed vestibules, LED lights and an aesthetic colour scheme.

The Tejas rakes are for better travel experience of passengers on long-distance journeys and for their enhanced comfort. The train can run at a maximum speed of 160 kmph, a railway official said.

With the introduction of the Bhubaneswar-New Delhi Rajdhani-Tejas Express, the number of the semi-high speed train service in the country will increase to five. The first Rajdhani train upgraded with Tejas rake

was introduced in July 2021 on the Delhi-Mumbai route.

During its journey between Bhubaneswar-New Delhi, the train will have 13 stoppages at Cuttack, Bhadrak, Balasore, Hijli, Tata Nagar Junction, Muri, Bokaro Steel City, Gomo, Koderma Junction, Gaya Junction, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Junction, Prayagraj Junction and Kanpur Central, the official added.

This apart, Vaishnaw, who is also the telecom minister, said the number of mobile towers in Odisha was just 7,562 in 2014 and has increased to 26,512 in 2023.

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GOLD	₹58,925	↑ ₹19
SILVER	₹69,964	↓ ₹12

WEATHER

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TEMP. MAX	33.2°C	32.4°C
TEMP. MIN	24.4°C	24.5°C
Humidity	98%	95%
Rainfall	6.3	Nil

Forecast: Light to moderate rain

EOW nabs man in ₹4.13cr loan fraud

GYAN RANJAN MOHAPATRA, OP

Bhubaneswar, August 14: The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) arrested a person Monday for misappropriating ₹4.13 crore by sanctioning loans against fake LIC policies during 2019-21.

The accused, identified as Md Iftekhar Asif Khan, was arrested in a case (16/23) registered based on allegations of Priyabrata Panda, chief executive officer of Urban Cooperative Bank Ltd, Cuttack.

Panda had alleged in his complaint that ex-branch manager Sk Abdul Hayee and ex-senior assistant Prakash Kumar Mohapatra of the Cooperative Bank's Nuapatna Branch had

fraudulently sanctioned 25 loans against security of fake and forged LIC policies in connivance with Md Mustakim Raza, Md Sarfaraj Jawed and the arrested accused Md Iftekhar. Further, the accused persons went on renewing the loans by sanctioning new loans.

Iftekhar had availed three loans worth ₹47 lakh against one LIC policy in the name of one Pawan Kumar Gupta. The same insurance policy was also produced as security deposit by other three loanees with changing to their names. "Out of the 25 loans sanctioned through these fraudulent means, loan amount to the tune of ₹4.13 crore of eight loans could not be recovered."

Pujari operated for heart ailment

POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, August 14: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Suresh Pujari Monday got operated for multiple blockages in heart at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Delhi.

Pujari was hospitalised after he reported chest pain. He was admitted at the Cardiology department of the AIIMS for multiple blockages. He was operated at the afternoon and four stents were used to remove blockages in his arteries. The operation was successful and his health was stable.

He was operated by Akhsya Kumar Bisoi, Professor of Cardiac Surgery, and Rakesh Yadav, Senior Consultant and a team of doctors from AIIMS.

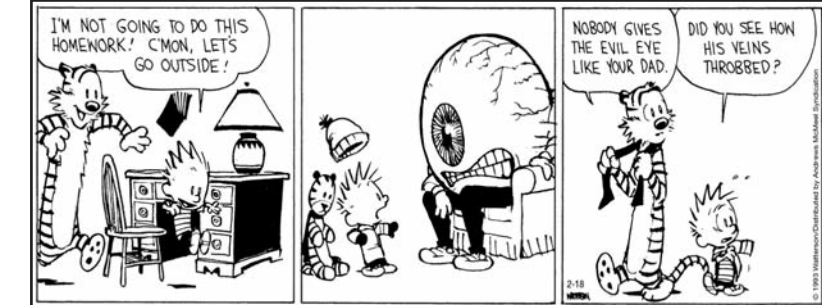
Raj Bhawan cancels 'At Home' function

Bhubaneswar: The customary 'At Home' function in Odisha Raj Bhawan on Independence Day will not be held Tuesday. While no specific reason was cited for the cancellation of the function, official sources said it has been decided due to unavoidable circumstances. The announcement in this regard was done by Governor through its official X post. "Due to unavoidable circumstances, the At-Home Function at Raj Bhawan proposed to be held August 15 has been cancelled." Prominent personalities are invited to the programme. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik is scheduled to hoist the National Flag and take the salute in the state-level Independence Day celebration at the Exhibition Ground in Unit-III here. The police have made elaborate security arrangements for the occasion. It has taken preventive measures in the Maoist-infested districts of the state for the smooth celebration of Independence Day. The Police Commissioner Soumendra Priyadarshi said, "A three-tier security arrangement has been made at the venue of the 77th state-level Independence Day celebration."

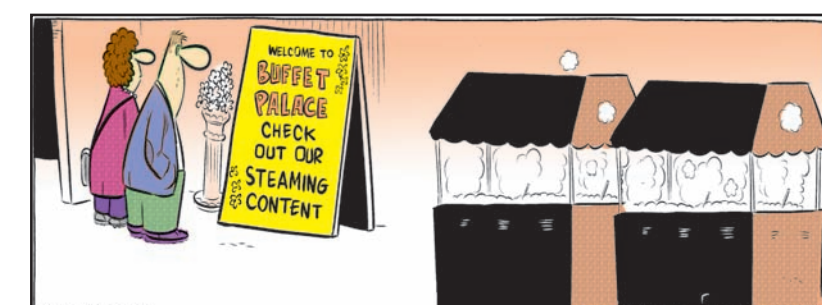
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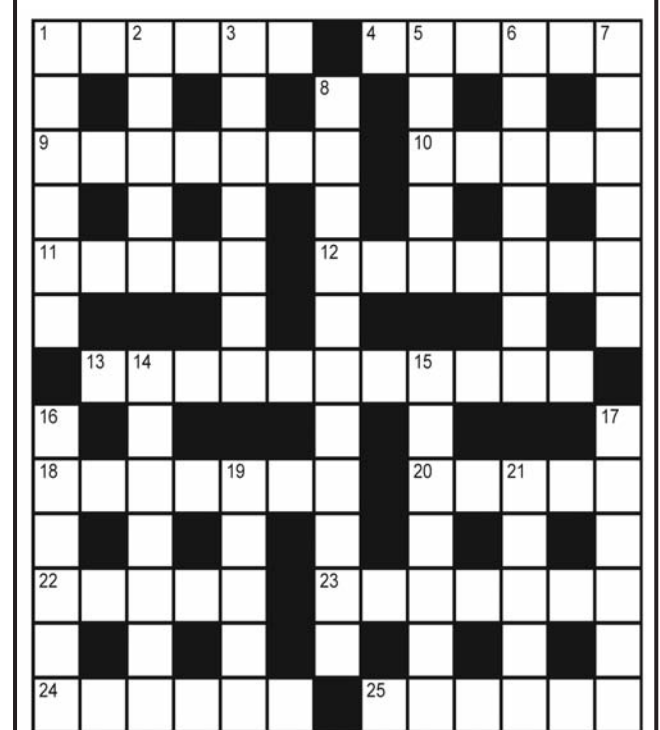
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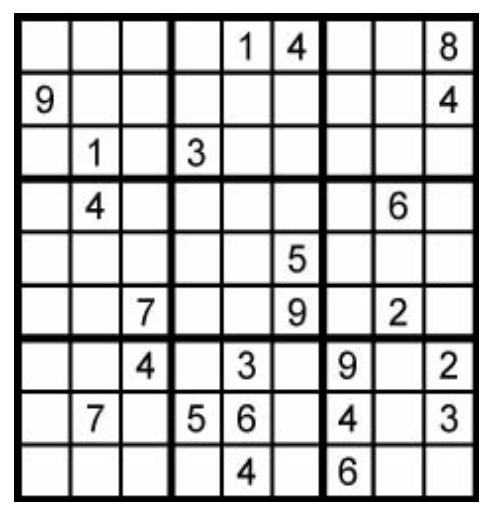
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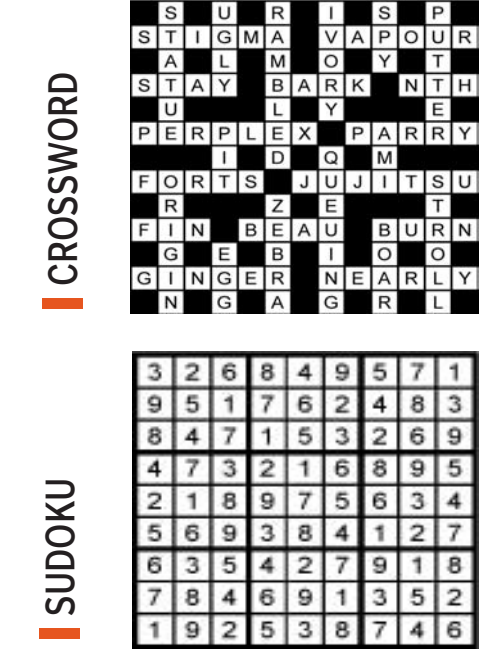
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 - 13 Educational places (4,7)
 - 18 Pulpit
 - 20 Damp
 - 22 "Likewise"
 - 23 Take under one's wing
 - 24 Disgraced
 - 25 Implement of war
 - Down
 - 1 Martial art (4,2)
 - 2 Bizet work
 - 3 Add together (5,2)
 - 5 TV sound, at times
 - 6 Call the shots
 - 7 Safeguard
 - 8 Worker's goal
 - 14 Stone name
 - 15 Witness
 - 16 Feline groups
 - 17 Fire-breathing dragon
 - 19 Geneva's river
 - 21 Crabby person

SUDOKU

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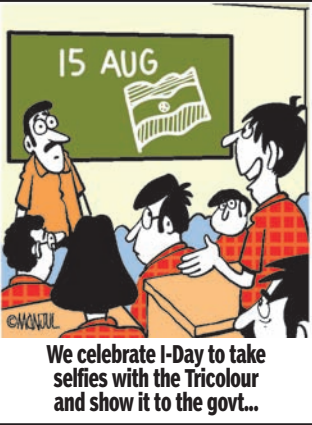
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JULY RETAIL INFLATION AT 15-MONTH HIGH

New Delhi: Retail inflation spiked to a 15-month high of 7.44 per cent in July as tomatoes, vegetables and other food items turned costlier, overshooting Reserve Bank's comfort level for the first time in the current fiscal. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has the mandate to keep retail inflation in the range of 2 to 6 per cent and after remaining above the upper limit for most of the 2022-23 financial year, inflation was in the central bank's comfort zone this fiscal till June. Official data released Monday showed that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) based inflation surged to 7.44 per cent in July, much higher than 4.87 per cent in June.

NOTICE
There will be no edition of the paper August 16 (Wednesday) as the office and press of Orissa POST will remain closed on Independence Day.
Wishing readers
HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY
- EDITOR

IRREGULAR by MANJUL



RAIN OF RUINS: Police, district administration and locals carry out rescue operation after collapse of a Shiv temple following a massive landslide near Summer Hill in Shimla, Monday

51 KILLED IN 24 HRS Rain haunts Himachal

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Shimla, August 14: At least 51 people were killed as rains wreaked havoc in Himachal Pradesh, triggering landslides that blocked key roads, damaged homes and buried devotees in the rubble of a temple here. 14 bodies were recovered from the sites of two landslides in the state capital, and officials feared there could be more people trapped under the debris of the Shiva temple in Summer Hill area. The shrine was crowded with devotees, offering prayers on an important day of the holy month of Sawan. 19 people died in rain-related incidents in Mandi district, Deputy Commissioner Arindam Chaudhary told PTI. In Solan, another badly affected district, 11 people includ-

ing seven members of a family have been killed. The weather office predicted extremely heavy rains in nine out of 12 districts of the state, barring Kullu, Kinnaur and Lahaul and Spiti, Monday and issued a yellow warning for Tuesday. In a second landslide here, five bodies have been pulled out of the rubble in Fagla area while 17 persons rescued, Shimla SP Sanjeev Kumar Gandhi told PTI. The officials said heavy rains are hampering rescue operations in Shimla several parts of which were without electricity since Sunday night as landslides and uprooted trees damaged power lines. All schools and colleges in the state were closed on Monday. According to the state emergency operation centre, 621 roads were closed in the state because of the calamity.

MOM TURNS MURDERER, ONCE AGAIN

The woman, earlier jailed for killing her daughter, now beheads 20-day-old newborn

POST NEWS NETWORK

Keonjhar, August 14: Four years after killing her daughter, a woman allegedly beheaded her 20-day-old newborn son at Juang Sahi in Namkani village under Bimala panchayat of Telkoi police limits in this district, Monday. The accused mother was identified as Lakshmi Juang, 30, wife of Guru Juang of the village, Telkoi police station IIC Bijay Kumar Bihari said. Police have arrested the killer mother and launched an investigation. The decapitated body of the baby was sent for post-mortem to Telkoi hospital. The incident took place when no one was present at home. She had delivered the infant 20 days back. Lakshmi beheaded the baby boy Sonu with an axe, villagers said. Locals noticed the killing and informed the police. It is being suspected that the woman is suffering from psychiatric disorder. "A probe has been launched into the gruesome murder. A scientific team was also pressed into service," the IIC said. Lakshmi had murdered her one-year-old daughter in 2018 by drowning her in a pond. She was then arrested and sent to jail. She was staying with her husband after being released on bail from jail two years back. She has now been arrested for killing her newborn son. Earlier, the woman had a son who is now studying in Class-1, he added.

PM-led panel can pick names at whim

The Bill introduced Thursday in Rajya Sabha courted controversy as it removed the CJI from the 3-member panel to select CEC and ECs | Section 8 (2) of the proposed law empowers PM-led Selection Committee to consider any other person than those short-listed by the Search Committee

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 14: The Prime Minister-led panel for the selection of the Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners will have the power to consider even those not short-listed by the Cabinet Secretary-led Search Committee, according to a Bill introduced in Parliament. According to Section 6 of the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term

of Office) Bill, a Search Committee headed by the Cabinet Secretary and comprising of two other members not below the rank of secretary, having knowledge and experience in matters relating to elections, shall prepare a panel of five persons for consideration of the Selection Committee for appointment as the CEC and ECs. According to section 8(2) of the proposed law, the Selection Committee may also consider any other person than those included in the panel by the Search Committee.

Section 7(1) of the Bill states that the CEC and ECs will be appointed by the President on the recommendation of a Selection Committee consisting of the Prime Minister, who will be the chairperson, the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and a Union Cabinet Minister to be nominated by the Prime Minister as members. Where the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha has not been recognised as such, the

leader of the single largest party in Opposition will be deemed to be the Leader of Opposition, the Bill clarifies. According to Section 5 of the bill, the CEC and ECs will be appointed from amongst persons who are holding or have held a post equivalent to the rank of secretary to the Government of India and will be persons of integrity, who have knowledge of and experience in management and conduct of elections. The Union government had Thursday introduced the controversial Bill in the Rajya Sabha

removing the Chief Justice of India (CJI) from the three-member panel to select the CEC and ECs. Instead of the CJI, the three-member panel, when formed, would consist of a Cabinet minister besides the Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha, and the PM, who would head it. The proposed law effectively displaces a Supreme Court judgment that had sought to divest the executive of the absolute power to appoint the CEC and ECs by including the CJI as a member of the selection panel.

EC APPOINTMENT

FOCUS ART

LESSONS FROM BAPU'S HUT



The aesthetic of India's folk arts provided many modern Indian artists with a vocabulary rooted in a tradition that can also address contemporary questions

decurts diversity. The art critic Sandip Luis describes how modern Indian art uses folk art traditions as lying "between Anthropology and History." Luis discusses what happened when the modern artist Jagdish Swaminathan went to Bhopal to head the newly created Bharat Bhavan in 1982. At that time the Indian government tried to develop the artistic potential of village and tribal communities within the context of rural industries. Subsequently, this interest was handed over to the private sector. Swaminathan served as the director of the Roopankar Art Museum linked to Bharat Bhavan, and was credited with "discovering" the young Gond artist Jangarh Singh Shyam who was working in his remote tribal village of Patangarh. The work of this extremely creative young artist can be seen in various galleries around the world, including the Museum of Art and Photography in Bangalore.

However, there is a fundamental disconnect between what is a creative expression arising from a whole community, and the individualistic art for art's sake commercialised by the art market. What we see in the problematic use of a folk culture in modern Indian art is the way the celebration of nature has been privatised and turned into a consumer item which becomes a part of an art industry. In the folk tradition, art practices were a way of bringing together culture and nature, the community and the whole living cosmos. Finally, the tragedy of Jangarh Singh Shyam taking his own life (aged 38-39, in Tokamachi, Japan) was the culmination of a series of deaths, beginning when he left his native Gond village, to serve a commercial art world where the "magic of the forest" was forgotten.

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posium by reflecting on what he called "The Message of Bapu's Hut." I once gave my Design students Ivan Illich's thoughts on the "Message of Bapu's Hut." I asked my students whether they felt such a humble dwelling place might be considered appropriate in the Indian context. I was aware that many of my students represented a modern culture that rejects as "undeveloped" such a hut. An effort to give new currency to a "vernacular architecture" is deemed out-dated, and romantic; irrelevant for a modern India striving for global priorities after political independence.

The pandemic of modernity had already hit us long before COVID-19 accelerated the widening gap between the rich and poor. A current exhibition at the Museum of Art and Photography, Bangalore, showcases the work of Jyoti Bhatt (born 1934). I find of particular interest the photographs he made, showing the traditional decorations in Gujarat villages, made on the ground and mud plastered walls of their simple dwellings, celebrating a rural culture in harmony with Mother Earth. Jyoti Bhatt documented the everyday life of communities close to the rhythms of nature, using basic raw materials sourced locally. An agricultural society has evolved a visual language that is close to the natural landscape. Such a culture has been disrupted by a con-

sumer industry. The aesthetic of India's folk arts provided many modern Indian artists with a vocabulary rooted in a tradition that can also address contemporary questions. The purpose of this art is not to "illustrate" a pre-industrial way of life, but rather to embody the daily experience of those whose life depends on the elemental seasons. When Ananda Coomaraswamy spoke of a "Swadeshi" approach to aesthetics, this inspired Abanindranath Tagore, and other students of the "Bengal School of Art" like Jamini Roy, to appreciate the folk imagination based on stories and symbols close to the natural environment. This "Swadeshi" art assumed a place in the nationalist movement, by getting away from a Western "art for art's sake" that represents what modern culture tries to develop. A vernacular idiom expresses what ecologists now believe is the only remedy for our present cultural impasse, when nature is being destroyed by consumerism.

Those who wield power in a liberal democracy marshal vested interests to harness capitalist industry for political ends. A traditional culture is made instrumental while generating a consumer ideology. Art forms are used to legitimise and privatise a common inheritance, whether biological or cultural. Creativity is controlled by a global conformity that un-

We are told these days that India is on a glorious march in the new global order. More of this will likely be said as India celebrates its 77th Independence Day on 15 August. In today's political climate, we rarely recall Gandhi's "Talisman" of 1948 that invited us to imagine the poorest and least privileged of India's population, asking "if the step you contemplate is going to be any use to him or her...." We need the Talisman more than ever. India needs a new reservoir of creative imagination to judge what impact a cultural intervention might have on the creative development of those living close to the earth. We cannot allow ourselves to forget that the ecological crisis causing climate change will affect the poor more than those who are shaping the consumer society of our modern world.

As an artist, I have been particularly interested in what could be called the "culture and art of the poor." I do believe that what has been distinctive about what we call "folk art" is its freedom from materialism. A folk aesthetics is not concerned with material wealth. That is particularly important to remember at a time when we are celebrating Independence. Independence from what? Colonialism impoverished culture by not recognising its wealth. But industrialism is another type of impoverishment, where the rich think that they control culture, by appropriating the culture of the poor. There is a value in "not possessing" (aparigraha), that lies at the heart of what is distinctive in the culture of those living close to the earth. That non-possessiveness is the essence of the kind of minimalism and simplicity that characterises a culture that is not about possessing things.

In 1978, a meeting on appropriate or "Intermediate Technology" was organised at Sevagram in Wardha. Ivan Illich inaugurated this Gandhian sym-



Jyoti Sahi

IN THE FOLK TRADITION, ART PRACTICES WERE A WAY OF BRINGING TOGETHER CULTURE AND NATURE, THE COMMUNITY AND THE WHOLE LIVING COSMOS

We must march on with the quiet certitude that what has to be done will be done.

THE MOTHER



Criminal Laws

Secrecy, publicity stunt and headline management have become the stock-in-trade of the BJP government at the Centre. Major policy decisions and executive actions undertaken by the government such as Demonetization and nation-wide lockdown after the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic followed this pattern. Each time the exercise appeared to have been prompted by a resolve to project PM Modi as a harbinger of progress and prosperity. It does not seem to matter much for the government that such measures eventually brought unmitigated suffering and disaster for the people and the country. One can detect the same logic and political objective behind the government's latest initiative to change the architecture of the country's criminal laws lock, stock and barrel.

No one can have a second opinion that the Indian laws relating to criminality, mostly drafted by the British colonialists with clear intentions of suppressing a colonized people, did deserve to be updated after serving for well over a century. However, one current motivation which seems to be at work is to divert the people's attention from the colossal crimes committed against women and men across the country and more so now in Manipur, government interference in Delhi administration, price rise. This might also help divert attention from the Supreme Court's recent observations on the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) and the ruling on the Sedition Law as also the suggestion to include the Chief Justice of India as a member of the committee that will choose the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and the Election Commissioners (ECs). The Centre introduced three crucial Bills in the Lok Sabha on the last day of the Monsoon Session of Parliament. The Bills seek to replace the Indian Penal Code (IPC) of 1860 by Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (originally enacted in 1898) by Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 by Bharatiya Sakshya Bill. Removing 'India' from the names as also the forcible use of Hindi words in the names of the new laws is a clear political decision. I.N.D.I.A., the new grouping that is politically opposed to the BJP seems to have put the government in a tight spot in matters of using that name.

The timing of introducing the Bills in the Lok Sabha is also significant. The government during its entire tenure gave no hints about its plan in this regard, but only a few months before the coming Lok Sabha polls it announced its decision to almost launch a surgical strike at the edifice of the country's criminal laws. This has taken the entire legal fraternity by surprise. The objective seems to be precisely to produce this stunning impact so as to impress on the people that the government's wisdom far surpasses that of everyone else in the country. Had it not been so, the government would have made the plan public and sought opinion of all stakeholders instead of passing the Bills only to refer to the select committee to scrutinise them.

True, India's criminal justice system is in need of repair and overhaul since the laws date back to 19th century colonial era. But, that does not mean this should be done secretly since the wisdom of the country's best legal brains and bodies is needed to be tapped for the purpose.

The result of not doing so is already there for everyone to see. For example, the announcement to repeal the Sedition Law smacks of hypocrisy and diabolic intent. The Sedition Law is sought to be retained with even harsher provisions in the garb of 'protecting the country's sovereignty.' The proposed Sanhita contains a provision that penalises "endangering sovereignty, unity and integrity of India." Without calling it sedition, it expands its definition, including aiding through financial means and "subversive activities" and encouraging "feelings of separatist activities." These are all vague terms which can be abused to suit the interests of the government of the day to silence its critics.

It could be that the government wants to circumvent the apex court's decision to keep in abeyance the Sedition Law under Section 124 mainly because the Central government undertook a re-look at the law. The new legislation is in keeping with the Law Commission's recent report suggesting changes to the Section 124A that would have made it more draconian. The proposed Clause 150 demonstrably makes the law of sedition, under a new name, more stringent. The endeavour seems to be to make the current Sedition Law wider but without the safeguards that judicial pronouncements have created so far.

There are several other features of the new legislation that have the potential to clamp police raj on the country as the police would get more powers to harass and torture the accused under Section 187 of the BNSS, where the period of police custody of an arrested person has been extended from a maximum of 60 to 90 days depending upon the offence. This will make the accused vulnerable and put them at the mercy of police officers. The character and mindset of the Indian police has not changed from colonial times. It's a negative force that always, without exception, suppresses and tortures the poor and the weak while blatantly supporting the rich and the powerful. Giving that force more unquestionable power will only help to destroy Indian society and culture.

The government's move is suspect and its authoritarian tendencies are becoming more and more pronounced. This is all the more unfortunate since the current dispensation loses not a single opportunity to slam the Congress for the Emergency Indira Gandhi imposed in 1975 to destroy individual liberty and freedom. The party which has formed the present day government would do well to remember that elections can go any which way and a day might come when the BJP will again find itself occupying the Opposition benches. If that would happen, the other parties will not hesitate to misuse these same laws against citizens owing allegiance to the BJP and its allies.

Unless, of course, the BJP leaders are convinced they will certainly win 2024 and they will permanently stop holding elections ever again in India!

Happy Independence Day to all Indians

WISDOM CORNER

- They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN
- Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes. MAHATMA GANDHI
- When a man is denied the right to live the life he believes in, he has no choice but to become an outlaw. NELSON MANDELA

WORDSWORTH

Misomusist

Invention of this word is usually credited to the Czech novelist Milan Kundera, who described it like this in his book *The Art Of The Novel* in 1988: "To be without a feeling for art is no disaster. A person can live in peace without reading Proust or listening to Schubert. But the misomusist does not live in peace. He feels humiliated by the existence of something that is beyond him, and he hates it." So a misomusist is not a passive ignorer of culture, but an active opponent of it. Active opposition to culture has been a characteristic of totalitarian governments, summed up by a famous saying: "Whenever I hear the word culture, I release the safety-catch of my Browning!". (Often attributed in a different form to Hermann Goering, it was actually written by the German dramatist Hanns Johst in 1933.)

SPECTRUM FREE SPEECH

Relying on a paradox

In response to the federal indictment accusing Donald Trump of conspiring to overturn the 2020 US presidential election and remain in office, Trump's lawyers and defenders argue that he was merely exercising his right to free speech under the First Amendment of the US Constitution. To understand the case, one therefore must understand where free speech ends and criminal fraud begins.

The fact that Trump's actions consisted of words does not make them constitutionally protected. On the contrary, numerous crimes imply limits on speech. For example, it is illegal to lie to law-enforcement officials or to a jury, and to misrepresent a product as safe when it isn't. You may not intentionally incite imminent violence, knowingly defame someone's reputation, or represent minors in sexually explicit ways. These and other information-limiting laws exist for good reason: they protect society from significant harms.

In a liberal democracy, deliberately undermining the electoral system may be the gravest harm of all. That is why there are laws to protect the legitimacy and fairness of elections by prohibiting the knowing or reckless

dissemination of demonstrably false statements. In many states, you may not deliberately interfere with voter enfranchisement by lying about how to cast a ballot or by creating fake ballots. Nor may you lie about a campaign affiliation or in campaign statements or political advertisements. In each case, intentionally misleading or confusing voters about issues or candidates may be found to be illegal.

While socially valuable speech should never be chilled by the government, speech acts that constitute moral or commercial fraud - which operate, in effect, as "anti-speech acts" - should be discouraged and may be proscribed in the interests of preventing significant social and political harms.

Often, anxieties about the risks of chilling protected speech eclipse the equally compelling, but at times competing, need to preserve the minimum conditions for a robust marketplace of opinions and ideas. Sometimes, state action that threatens free speech does indeed cause unacceptable harm; but sometimes, as with laws regulating speech acts that incite imminent violence or that constitute a fraud on the public, preventing unac-

ceptable harm requires limiting access to information or curtailing expression.

Maintaining the integrity of the electoral process is an imperative that transcends political party affiliation. Liberal democratic societies are entitled to take appropriate steps to protect the integrity of elections. They are also entitled to show intolerance toward intolerance, because, to paraphrase Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson, democracy is not a suicide pact. A prime directive of any working constitution must be to establish and protect the minimum conditions required for that constitutional regime to survive and flourish. Those who, in the name of free speech, would forfeit the power to regulate illiberal practices that thwart the meaningful exercise of free speech are relying on a paradox that we neither can nor should accept.

State regulation of anti-speech acts is not about censoring unpopular ideas, or quashing disagreeable opinions. A democracy's top priority must be to ensure a communications ecosystem in which all citizens may participate without being encumbered by deliberate efforts to rob political communication of

meaning. If a democracy cannot maintain trust in the process of deliberation itself, its days are numbered. Those who seek an unfair advantage in elections by deliberately subverting democratic discourse forfeit the protections to which democratic discourse is entitled. The constitutional right to freedom of expression does not shield fraudulent speech. The preservation of electoral integrity and the democratic ideal of deliberative discourse, no less than the preservation of the economic marketplace, requires this limitation.

The promise of freedom without an appropriate legal and political framework to secure it is hollow. Fundamental safeguards that preserve individual dignity, autonomy, and expressive liberty must be based on a prudent assessment of conditions that generate unacceptable levels of social and political harm. Viewed in this light, the federal criminal charges against Trump for conspiring to overturn the 2020 election serve vital national interests, including the integrity of the First Amendment itself.

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Richard K. Sherwin

THE PROMISE OF FREEDOM WITHOUT AN APPROPRIATE LEGAL AND POLITICAL FRAMEWORK TO SECURE IT IS HOLLOW

Taxing everything

Sir, GST was brought in to disentangle a complex web of state and central taxes and to provide a breather to the public. But now GST is doing just the opposite of what it was meant to as it is turning out to be an expensive alternative to earlier taxes. Products such as rice, tea, coffee, which were kept out of this GST scheme when GST was put into force are now slapped with a 5 per cent GST which is double that of the earlier regime of taxes. Slapping GST on essential items was not enough for this government as now it has slapped an 18 per cent GST on the issuance of pollution certificates. The government may be unaware that common people are not witnessing an exponential rise in their income like their ministers so paying taxes on literally everything is burning a hole in our pocket. I urge the government to seriously consider all these taxes they have slapped on the hard-earning common man and listen to the economists rather than making their own decisions.

Noopur Baruah, TEZPUR

Moral obligation

Sir, It is highly unfortunate that in his two-hour-long speech on the floor of the Parliament, Prime Minister Narendra Modi just spoke for ten minutes on violence-hit Manipur. The remaining part of his extensive speech was devoted to diatribes, attacking the Congress, the newly formed Opposition alliance INDIA, previous UPA governments, and the DMK in Tamil Nadu. The whole of India looked forward to Modi answering the queries raised by the Opposition on Manipur violence, for which the no-confidence motion was precisely tabled in the Lok Sabha. But his speech sounded more like a campaign for the 2024 general elections, and offered very little hope to end the months-long turbulence and restore peace in the northeastern state. It is all the more disappointing that in his speech, Modi has completely evaded the all-important question of why he hasn't visited Manipur yet, which is his moral obligation being the head of the central government.

Ranganathan Sivakumar, CHENNAI

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

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UNSUNG HEROES OF AMCO-SIMCO

Even though the tribals of Gangpur estate showed their valour against the mighty British forces, Amco-Simco failed to get its due place in history like that of Jalianawalabag

RAJESH MOHANTY, OP

Rourkela, August 14: If history is generous, one is hero and if history is cruel then one is pushed into the abyss of time. The case in point is Amco-Simco firing where more than 50 tribal people died, according to the erstwhile British government data. Eminent historian Prabhat Mallick says, "This was one of the cruelest suppression of tribal uprising. Over 5,000 tribals had gathered to demand relaxation in the levy. The levy was imposed by the caretaker queen of Gangpur estate. And they were fired upon mercilessly at Amco-Simco. The official record is just a bluff and the actual number would be much more."

It was 1939 when the tribals of Gangpur were up against the taxation policy of political agent. The tribals were united under the leadership of Nirmal Munda. April 24, 1939, the caretaker queen promised to relax the heavy tax and asked all to gather at Amco-Simco village near Raibaga.



Meanwhile, April 10, the police tried to arrest Nirmal on some pretexts but failed due to severe tribal opposition. So, the announcement was made by the queen a day before the massacre. On the other hand, political agent Lieutenant EW Marger was hatching a sinister plan to break the agitation. Tribals of nearby villages had assembled at Amco-Simco April 25, when a large section of armed police surrounded the house of Nirmal Munda. An enraged Marger asked, "Who is Nirmal Munda?" and the answer from the crowd of over 5,000 came in unison - "Moye Nirmal Munda" (I'm Nirmal Munda). Marger, while entering Munda's house, was hit by a bamboo stick of the

thatched roof. Believing that someone attacked him, Marger pierced the stomach of one Mania Munda who died on the spot. Mania's son saw this and attacked Marger.

British police officer Bosco, who was leading the forces, blew his whistle. The forces took this as a signal to open fire and they sprayed bullets on the unarmed tribals for three minutes. According to the British government data, 48 tribals lost their lives and 82 were injured.

Twenty-one days after the massacre, Nirmal and his associates were arrested and were lodged in Jasipur jail. He was released from prison after independence. In 1957 general election, he contested from Panposh and Bisra and was elected as MLA while in 1971 the government honoured him as a freedom fighter.

However, many here feel that Amco-Simco has not got its fair share in history as that of Jalianawalabag.



CELEBRATING FREEDOM: Holding Tricolours and arranging paddy saplings in a novel manner, farmers celebrate the spirit of freedom on the eve of I-Day at Kishan Nagar in Cuttack district, Monday

Fisherman missing at Dhamra port

Chandabali: A fisherman went missing after he fell off the boat at Dhamra fishing port in Bhadrak district Sunday. The fisherman was identified as Bijaya Nayak, 25, of Kuamara village under Karanpalli panchayat. As per Dhamra marine police IIC, the boat was anchored at Dhamra port. While getting off the boat, Vijay lost balance and fell into the river.

Finance firm agent kills man over EMI default

POST NEWS NETWORK

Jeypore, August 14: A man was allegedly killed by the agent of a private finance firm after he failed to repay the installment of the loan he incurred to buy a car in Koraput district, police said Monday.

The deceased was identified as Bipin Bahadur, 42, a resident of Veterinary Colony in Jeypore town. The accused was identified as Pratyush Das, an agent of a private finance firm.

After being attacked by Pratyush, a critically injured Bipin was undergoing treatment at a hospital in Vishakhapatnam where

he succumbed, Monday.

On being informed, police reached the spot and launched an investigation, IIC Satyananda Patra said. Police registered a case on the basis of a complaint filed by Bipin's brother Jakhya Bahadur. Three police teams have launched a manhunt to nab Pratyush.

Police said Bipin had bought a Maruti Alto car on EMI through the finance firm. However, he failed to deposit two installments. Pratyush waylaid Bipin at Mahadev stockyard when the latter was on his way to attend duty, August 12, 2023. There Pratyush attacked Bipin with a knife.

2 Plus II girls killed in road accident



POST NEWS NETWORK

Attabira, August 14: In a tragic incident, two Plus II girl students of Kandobahal College died and two others sustained severe injuries after being hit by a truck (OD 02 AU 7953) at Podabadi-Chhandapali Chowk on Godabhaga-Sonepur NH-54 in Bargarh district, Monday.

The deceased were identified as Anupama Mallick, 16, of Singhapali village and Jayashree Rana, 16, of Larambha village under Attabira police limits. The injured two students were identified as Archana Set of Gambharipali village and Priyamanjari Panda, 16, of Larambha village. While Archana has been discharged from Kandobahal government hospital after preliminary treatment, Priyamanjari is undergoing treatment at VIMSAR, Burla. Sources said Anupama and Jayashree were returning from the college on their cycles around 11am when the truck coming from opposite direction hit them and overturned.

While Anupama, Jayashree and Priyamanjari got trapped under the truck, Archana was flung on the road and sustained injuries. Some bystanders rescued the students and rushed them to Kandobahal government hospital. However, Anupama, Jayashree and Priyamanjari were later shifted to VIMSAR, Burla as their condition deteriorated. While Jayashree and Anupama died during the treatment, condition of Priyamanjari is stated to be critical. Police arrested the truck driver Umesh Chandra Jena of Jagatpur area.

Simulia CHC clerk held for bribery

POST NEWS NETWORK

Simulia, August 14: Vigilance sleuths here arrested the senior clerk of Simulia community health centre (CHC), Manoj Kumar Bhanja, for accepting ₹8,000 as bribe from some department staffers Monday afternoon.

As per reports, Balasore Vigilance team nabbed him when he was taking the bribe money from nursing officer Ganesh Chandra Jena, and health workers Subhadarshini Sahu, Manish Dash and Asmita

Satpathy for clearance of their increment bills.

He had allegedly demanded ₹2,000 each from the above mentioned four persons for clearing their increment bills. As per the deal, he was taking ₹8,000 from them when the anti-corruption team comprising 10 officials including the additional Vigilance SP Harekrushna Majhi, inspector Dushmanta Nayak and Ulipi Behera caught him red-handed. The trap was laid as per a complaint lodged by Ganesh Chandra Jena.

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An idol of Lord Shiva partially submerged in swollen Ganga after monsoon rains, at Parmarth Niketan Ghat in Rishikesh. Three persons were killed and 10 others went missing as torrential rains pounded Uttarakhand, demolishing buildings and causing landslides which breached the national highways to Badrinath, Kedarnath and Gangotri shrines leading to the suspension of Chardham yatra for two days



Students and teachers of Khalsa College dance during celebrations of 'Tej' festival in Amritsar, Punjab



Children holding the national flags ride a bicycle, ahead of Independence Day at a village near Balurghat in South Dinajpur district, West Bengal



People take part in a silent march on the Partition Horrors Remembrance Day, on the eve of the 77th Independence Day in New Delhi



Taliban fighters stand guard in the site of explosion through a hotel in the city of Khost province eastern of Afghanistan. An explosion ripped through the hotel, killing at least three people and wounding seven others



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has lunch with vegetable seller Rameshwar in New Delhi



Students wave national flags during a ceremony to commemorate Independence Day at the mausoleum of Muhammad Ali Jinnah, founder of Pakistan in Karachi, Pakistan, Monday

national



BJP's corruption and loot is (are) taking the nation on a highway to hell
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EARTHQUAKE HITS B'DESH, MEGHALAYA, PARTS OF ASSAM

An earthquake of 5.4 magnitude hit Bangladesh and the north-east region of India Monday evening with tremors being felt in Meghalaya and Barak Valley districts of Assam, officials said here. The quake's epicentre was located near Kanaighat town in Bangladesh, they said. There was no immediate report of any loss of life or damage to property, the officials said. The earthquake took place at 8.19 pm, and the location was 49 km south-east of Cherrapunjee in Meghalaya, the National Center for Seismology said, adding that the depth of the quake was 16 km



India, China hold fresh military talks

AGENCIES
New Delhi, August 14: India Monday pressed for early disengagement of troops in remaining friction points in eastern Ladakh during a fresh round of high-level military talks with China, people familiar with the matter said.
The Indian delegation at the 19th round of Corps Commander-level talks especially called for the resolution of issues in Depsang Plains and Demchok, they said. The talks took place at the Chushul-Moldo border point on the Indian side of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the region.
It is learnt that local military commanders of the two sides held talks Sunday, a day ahead of the Corps Commander-level meeting. The Indian and Chinese troops are locked in an over

three-year confrontation in certain friction points in eastern Ladakh even as the two sides completed disengagement from several areas following extensive diplomatic and military talks.
The Indian delegation was headed by Lt Gen Rashim Bali, the Commander of the Leh-headquartered 14 Corps, while the Chinese team was led by the commander of the South Xinjiang military district.
In the 18th round of the military dialogue that was held April 23, the Indian side strongly pressed for resolving the lingering issues at Depsang and Demchok. The 19th round of military talks took place a week ahead of the BRICS summit in South Africa which will be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping.

WHITHER PRESS FREEDOM

In the Narendra Modi led-BJP government set to impose stringent curbs on the freedom of the press in the name of "ease of doing business" and removing colonial-era penal provisions. Information and Broadcasting minister, Anurag Thakur talks of decriminalising several colonial-era legal provisions and making things easier. The Editors Guild of India (EGI) does not share his enthusiasm and has flagged down certain "draconian" provisions in the bill that will majorly impinge on the freedom of the press.
Even otherwise India's ranking in press freedom has seen a significant decline over the years. The latest report by global media watchdog RSF or Reporters Without Borders released on World Press Freedom day, May 3, has ranked India 161st out of 180 countries. India's ranking in 2022 was 150 and in 2014, before the change of government at the Centre was 140. Both Pakistan and Sri Lanka have shown significant improvements from 157th in 2022 to 150



this year and Sri Lanka jumping 11 spots to acquire 135th rank. The decline in India's ranking continues unrestrained. In a related development, August 3 The Rajya Sabha passed The Press and Registration of Periodicals Bill, 2023 that replaces the existing legislation which governs the registration of the print and publishing industry in the country. The Bill replaces the existing Press and Registration of Books (PRB) Act, 1867. Replying to the discussion on the Bill, Information and Broadcasting

minister, Anurag Thakur said that this will lead to ease of doing business for the media and publishing companies, simplify the process of registration and decriminalise several colonial-era penal provisions.
The Editors Guild of India (EGI), a premier media body of the country expressed concern over the 'draconian provisions' of the bill that can have an adverse impact on freedom of the press.
In a statement the Guild said that it would like the proposed Bill to ensure that publishing of news in India remains free of encumbrances and intrusive checks on publishers by the registrar, and that the primary emphasis of the registrar and the PRP remains 'registration' and not 'regulation' as the latter has the potential of restricting freedom of the press.

77TH INDEPENDENCE DAY President addresses nation

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, August 14: President Droupadi Murmu Monday hailed the country's resilience during turbulent times, saying that India also served as a beacon of hope for others.
Addressing the nation on the eve of the 77th Independence Day, the President in her speech said that India has converted challenges into opportunities, and has recorded high GDP growth. She also cited the country's role as the G-20 leader. The President added: "There



are many global issues that concern all humanity and are not limited by geographical boundaries. I am confident that with India's proven leadership in dealing with global issues, member-nations will be able to advance effective action on these fronts."

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		Un-Audited	Audited	Un-Audited	Audited
1	Total Revenue from Operations	-	-	-	-
2	Net Profit / (Loss) before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items	9,371	1,229	(2,523)	(1,614)
3	Net Profit / (Loss) before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	9,371	1,229	(2,523)	(1,614)
4	Net Profit / (Loss) after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	9,371	1,229	(2,523)	(1,604)
5	Total Comprehensive Income [Comprising Profit / (Loss) after tax and Other Comprehensive Income after tax]	9,371	1,239	(2,523)	(1,604)
6	Equity Share Capital	39,600	39,600	39,600	39,600
7	Earnings per share (of Rs 10/- each) Basic & Diluted (Rs.)	2.37	0.31	(0.64)	(0.41)

NOTES:
a) The above unaudited financial results of the Company for the quarter ended June 30, 2023 have been revised and recommended by the audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company in their respective meetings held on August 14, 2023. These results are being published in accordance with Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.
b) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Statement of Un-Audited Financial Results for the quarter ended on June 30, 2023 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Statement of Un-Audited Financial Results for the quarter ended on 30th June, 2023, are available on the website of the Stock Exchanges - www.bseindia.com and on the website of the Company - www.suryofoods.com.

By order of the Board
For Suryo Foods & Industries Limited
Sd./-
Amarendra Dash
(Managing Director)
DIN - 00583036

Date : 14th August 2023
Place: Bhubaneswar

ISRO eyes Sun

Bangalore: With Chandrayaan-3 racing for its tryst with the lunar South Pole August 23, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is now aiming for the Sun as it gears up for India's maiden outing towards our closest star. Aditya-L1, the first space-based Indian observatory to study the Sun, is getting ready for its launch soon, ISRO said Monday. The satellite, realised at UR Rao Satellite Centre here, has arrived at the ISRO's spaceport in Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh, the national space agency said in an update on the mission. Mostly September first week, an ISRO official told PTI when asked about the date of the launch. A satellite placed in the halo orbit around the L1 point has a major advantage of continuously viewing the Sun without any occultation or eclipses, ISRO noted. This will provide a greater advantage of observing the solar activities and its effect on space weather in real time, it said. Meanwhile, Chandrayaan-3 Monday underwent another maneuver, bringing it even closer to the Lunar surface, ISRO said.

Internet services restored in Nuh

Gurugram: Mobile internet services were restored in Nuh Monday as police stepped up security ahead of Independence Day in the Haryana district where communal clashes broke out two weeks ago, police said. Following the violence July 31, mobile internet services were completely stopped by the government till August 8. The suspension was subsequently extended till August 13. Six people, including two home guards and a cleric, died in the clashes that erupted in Nuh after a procession of the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) was attacked by mobs July 31 and spread to adjoining areas, including Gurugram. Markets are now open in the violence-affected areas and people are visiting them. Ten days after the violence, orders were given by the district magistrate to open all educational institutions. Schools are now functioning as usual.

OFFICE OF THE BAHANAGA BLOCK OFFICE, BAHANAGA, BALASORE

"e" Procurement Notice

Bid Identification No.01 of Bahanaga 2023-24

No.i-310: Bid documents consisting of Work, Estimated Cost, Cost of Tender Paper, EMD, Time of Completion, Class of Contractors and the set of terms and conditions of contract and other necessary documents can be seen in Government website i.e. www.tendersodisha.gov.in.

- Name of the Work: Construction of Civil Work as mentioned in DTCN.
- No. of Works: 03 Nos.
- Estimated Cost: As per Annexure
- Period of Completion : 90 Days or Three Calendar Months.
- Date & Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal: 16.08.23 at 10.00 A.M. to 31.08.23 upto 5.00 P.M.
- Last date & time for receipt of bids in the portal: 31.08.23 upto 05.00 P.M.
- Bids received online shall be opened on: 01.09.23 at 11.00 A.M.
- Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid : Block Development Officer, Bahanaga.

Further details can be seen from the procurement portal i.e.: www.tendersorissa.gov.in.

Sd./- Block Development Officer
Bahanaga
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I strongly condemn the deadly terrorist attack by the IS militants on a Syrian military bus in east Syria
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FEE MAY RISE

The Nepal government Monday said it is contemplating hiking the royalty fee to obtain permission to climb Mount Everest by \$4,000 to \$15,000, effective from 2025. Presently, foreign climbers seeking to conquer the world's tallest mountain are required to pay a royalty fee of \$11,000



of the day quote

It is a time to renew our commitment to building a stronger and more prosperous Pakistan as envisioned by the Father of the Nation. I urge my fellow countrymen to work for welfare and uplift of deprived sections of our society

ARIF ALVI | PAKISTAN PRESIDENT

The requirement to wear masks in hospitals and other healthcare facilities would end at midnight, as would a requirement for people who caught the virus to isolate themselves for seven days

CHRIS HIPKINS | NEW ZEALAND PM

Britain is signatory to a convention which prohibits the production or use of cluster munitions and discourages their use

RISHI SUNAK | UK PM

Vaccines on the way as 'Eris' variant rises

REUTERS

New York, August 14: A new COVID vaccine is due out next month, but health experts and analysts say it is likely to be coolly received even as hospitalizations from "Eris", a variant of the Omicron form of the coronavirus, rise around the country. Some public health experts hope that Americans will welcome the new shot as they would a flu jab. But demand for the vaccine has dropped sharply since 2021 when it first became available and more than 240 million people in the U.S., or 73% of the population, received at least one shot.

In the fall of 2022, by which time most people had either had the COVID virus or the vaccine, fewer than 50 million people got the shots. Healthcare providers and pharmacies such as CVS Health (CVS.N) will start next month to offer the



shot, updated to fight the Omicron version of the virus that has been dominant since last year. They will be fighting declining concern about the virus, as well as fatigue and skepticism about the merits of this vaccine, Kaiser Family Foundation Director of Survey Methodology Ashley Kirzinger said. "Public health officials, if they want to see a majority of adults get these annual vaccines, they're going to have to make the case to the American public that COVID isn't over and it still poses a risk to them," Kirzinger said.

The top reason vaccinated people gave in KFF surveys earlier this year for eschewing annual shots was they believed

they had protection from the virus because of previous shots or infections, she said. COVID-19 vaccine makers have pared back expectations for this fall's vaccination campaign, with Pfizer – the largest maker of mRNA shots with BioNTech – recently warning that it might need to cut jobs if it does not do well. Its biggest rival, Moderna, conceded demand could be as few as 50 million shots.

Last year, Pfizer and Moderna's vaccine sales topped \$56 billion worldwide; analysts project around \$20 billion for this year. Jefferies analyst Michael Yee said he does not expect the autumn campaign to reach last year's.

"Take a look at what happened last winter. It was 50 million in the US, and it seems likely to be lower than that, given that there's less concern about COVID this year than last year," Yee said.

Kakar sworn in as Pak's caretaker PM

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Islamabad, August 14: Anwarul Haq Kakar, an ethnic Pushtun leader who is considered close to the powerful military, was Monday sworn in as Pakistan's caretaker Prime Minister to head a neutral political set-up to run the cash-strapped country and conduct the next general elections.

President Arif Alvi administered the oath to 52-year-old Kakar at a simple ceremony held at the President House, attended by outgoing Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and several top lead-



ers. He became the 8th interim prime minister of Pakistan.

Kakar, an ethnic Pushtun from the Balochistan province, was unanimously chosen as interim premier to oversee the elections as provided in the Constitution. He was serving as a sen-

ator but resigned from the post after his appointment as prime minister.

The acting premier, a first-time Senator, also resigned from the Balochistan Awami Party (BAP), a party set up in 2018 and deemed closer to the powerful establishment of the country. After taking the oath, Kakar drove to the PM House, the palatial official residence of prime minister nestled in the foothills of the Margalla mountains, where he was introduced to the new staff.

The immediate task of Kakar is to form a cabinet to assist him run the country.

Passenger held after flight returns to Sydney

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Sydney, August 14: An airline flight from Australia to Malaysia returned Monday to Sydney, where a passenger was arrested hours later in what police described as an emergency incident.

The emergency caused dozens of domestic flight cancellations and delays at Australia's busiest airport. Malaysia Airlines flight MH122 left Sydney Airport with 199 passengers and 12 crew aboard on an eight-hour flight to Kuala Lumpur and returned more than three hours later because of a "disruptive passenger", the airline said.

"In the interest of safety, the commander of the flight made a decision to return to Sydney," Malaysia's national carrier said in a statement. Nine News reported that a passenger holding a backpack on the Airbus A330 had threatened to "blow the plane up". Crew checked the backpack and found no explosives, it said.

Australian Federal Police described the situation as an "emergency incident". A 45-year-old man was arrested without incident and the rest of the passengers were released from the plane about three hours after it landed, a police statement said.

Explosives unearthed in school

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Phnom Penh, August 14: Cambodian authorities have temporarily closed a high school where thousands of pieces of unexploded ordnance from the country's nearly three decades of civil war have been unearthed.

The ordnance was found at the school in the northeastern province of Kratie after deminers were invited to search for buried landmines on the campus before a new building was constructed, Chheang Heng, the provincial deputy chief for education said.

More than 1,000 students study at Queen Kossamak high school.

Well wishes to the people of Polasara Assembly Constituency on the eve of India's 77th Independence Day
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15-MONTH HIGH

Rising food prices fuel inflation

RETAIL INFLATION ABOVE RBI'S COMFORT LEVEL FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE CURRENT FISCAL

AGENCIES

New Delhi, August 14: Retail inflation spiked to a 15-month high of 7.44 per cent in July as tomatoes, vegetables and other food items turned costlier, overshooting Reserve Bank's comfort level for the first time in the current fiscal.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has the mandate to keep retail inflation in the range of 2 to 6 per cent and after remaining above the upper limit for most of the 2022-23 financial year, inflation was in the central bank's comfort zone this fiscal till June.

Official data released Monday showed that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) based inflation surged to 7.44 per cent in July, much higher than 4.87 per cent in June. Retail inflation stood at 6.71 per cent in July 2022 and the previous high was recorded at 7.79 per cent in April 2022.

The CPI-based inflation in the



food basket was at 11.51 per cent in July, significantly up from 4.55 per cent in the preceding month, and 6.69 per cent in July 2022, according to the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO).

In July, the annual inflation in the vegetables basket was at 37.44 per cent, spices at 21.63 per cent, pulses and products at 13.27 per cent, and cereals and products at 13 per cent.

The food and beverages segment together contribute about 54 per cent of the overall CPI.

However, the rate of price rise in oils and fats segment declined 16.8 per cent. The inflation in meat

Inflation surged to 7.44% in July, much higher than 4.87% in June

and fish, egg and fruits was in lower single digit, as per the data.

While unveiling the bi-monthly monetary policy last week, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das had warned of a substantial increase in headline inflation in the near-term and revised upwards the inflation forecast for the second quarter to 6.2 per cent.

The retail inflation was in the RBI's comfort zone from March to June this year.

As per the NSO data, the retail inflation in the rural areas was 7.63 per cent and in urban India 7.2 per cent, taking the combined CPI to 7.44 per cent. NSO collects the price data from selected 1,114 urban markets and 1,181 villages covering all States and Union Territories.

WPI inflation stays in negative for 4th month

Wholesale price inflation remained in the negative territory for the fourth month in a row in July at (-)1.36 per cent, even though prices of food items, especially vegetables, skyrocketed. The inflation, however, has inched up from (-)4.12 per cent recorded in June fuelled by 62.12 per cent rise in vegetable prices. In July last year, wholesale price index (WPI) was 14.07 per cent. The WPI based inflation rate in food articles jumped 14.25 per cent in July, 2023, against 1.32 per cent in June. Fuel and power basket inflation eased to (-)12.79 per cent in July from (-)12.63 per cent in June. In manufactured products, the inflation rate was (-)2.51 per cent as against (-)2.71 per cent in June. Apart from vegetables, increases were visible in cereals and pulses, where inflation was 8.31 per cent and 9.59 per cent, respectively.

₹ at all-time low of 83.08 against \$

MUMBAI: The rupee depreciated 26 paise to settle at an all-time low of 83.08 against the US dollar Monday, weighed down by a strong greenback overseas and firm crude oil prices in the international markets. Foreign fund outflows also weighed on the local unit, analysts said. At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 83.04 against the dollar, and it finally ended the day at 83.08, registering a fall of 26 paise from its previous close. During the session, the local unit touched a peak of 82.94 and a low of 83.11. On Friday, the domestic unit had settled 16 paise lower at 82.82 against the dollar. India's IIP also grew at a slower pace as compared to the forecast, said Anuj Choudhary - Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas.



Okaya EV unveils new dealership A&T Automobiles in Bhubaneswar

BHUBANESWAR: Okaya EV, a renowned electric vehicle manufacturer, announced the grand opening of its state-of-the-art dealership A&T Automobiles at Khandagiri here Monday. "The event marks a significant step forward in shaping the future of sustainable transportation and automotive innovation. At the heart of this grand opening is a commitment by us to revolutionise the automotive landscape by offering a unique and immersive experience for consumers interested in electric mobility," the company said. The new dealership showcases Okaya EV's cutting-edge technology and dedication to sustainability and aims to redefine how people perceive and interact with electric vehicles. Talking about the new initiative, Asif Mohammed, Proprietor, A&T Automobiles, Authorised Dealer of Okaya EV said, "Unleash the thrill of the open road with our brand new two-wheelers. Experience power, style, and freedom like never before. Visit our dealership today and choose from a stunning range of models that redefine riding. Your journey starts here, with us. Let's ride into a world of excitement together."



Trade gap shrinks YoY

AGENCIES

New Delhi, August 14: India's exports contracted by 15.88 per cent to \$32.25 billion in July this year due to global demand slowdown and fall in the outbound shipments of petroleum, gems and jewellery, and other key sectors, according to official data released Monday.

Imports during the month also declined by 17 per cent to \$52.92 billion from \$63.77 billion in July 2022. This led to narrowing of trade deficit to \$20.67 billion as against \$25.43 billion in July 2022.

During April-July this fiscal, the overall exports dipped by 14.5 per cent to \$136.22 billion.

Imports during the period declined by 13.79 per cent to \$213.2 billion.

Exports	decline 16% to \$32.25 billion
Imports	plunge 17% to \$52.92 billion
Deficit	narrows to \$20.67 billion

Briefing media about the data, commerce secretary Sunil Barthawal said that the global headwinds are still there.

There is decline in exports and imports of several countries including the key Indian destinations like the US and Europe. In both these regions, imports are declining continuously.

However, he expressed hope that India's exports of goods and services during 2023-24 would be higher than that of the previous fiscal year's of \$776 billion.

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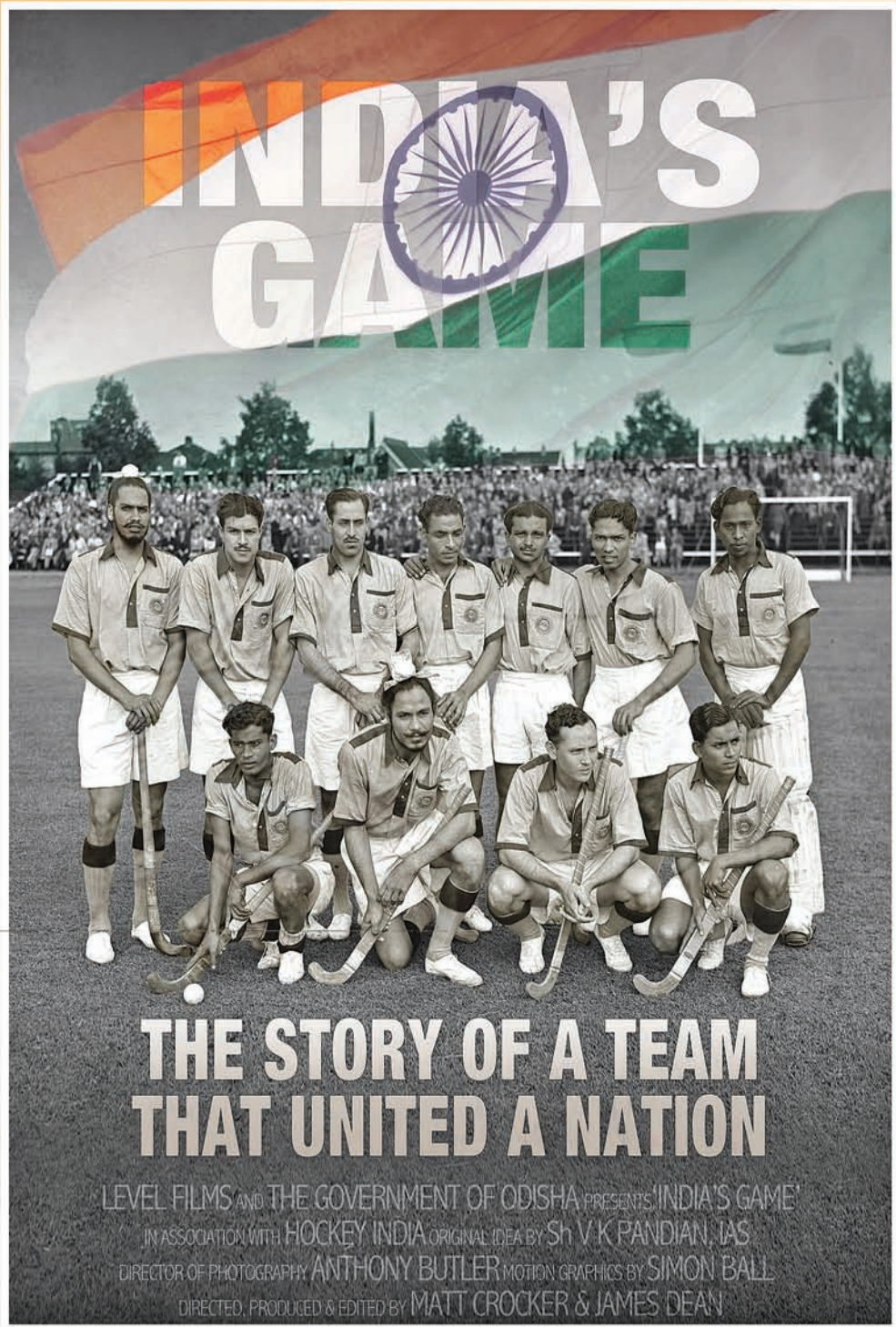


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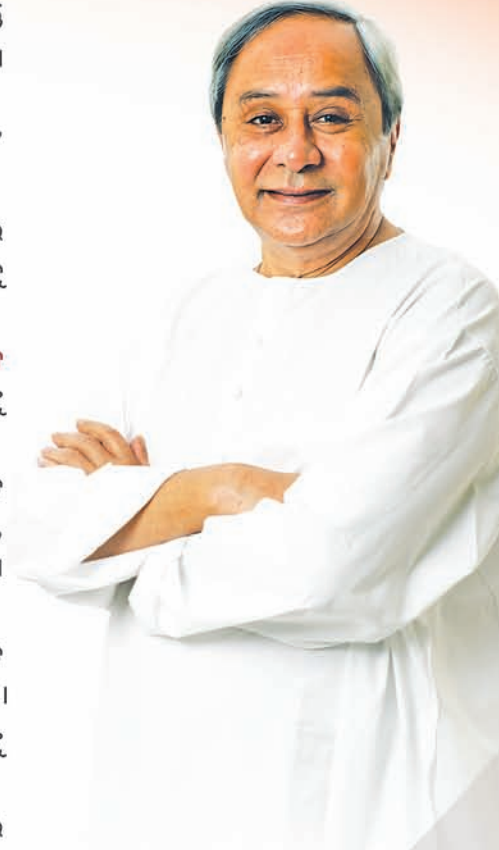
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- ରାଜ୍ୟରେ କୃଷକମାନଙ୍କୁ ବିନାସୁଧରେ ଫସଲ ରଣ ପ୍ରଦାନ ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା ।
- ରାଜ୍ୟର ୩୦ଟି ଜିଲ୍ଲାର ୧୭୭ଟି ବ୍ଲକକୁ ନିଲେଟ ମିଶନ ସମ୍ପ୍ରସାରିତ । ୨୦୨୩-୨୪ ଆର୍ଥିକ ବର୍ଷରେ ଏଥିପାଇଁ ଖର୍ଚ୍ଚ ହେବ ୨୭୮୭.୪୫ କୋଟି ଟଙ୍କା ।
- ବିଭିନ୍ନ ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ କଲ୍ୟାଣ ଯୋଜନାରେ ରାଜ୍ୟ ସରକାରଙ୍କ ନିକଟ୍ସ ପାଣ୍ଠିରୁ ମାସିକ ଖର୍ଚ୍ଚ ହେଉଛି ପ୍ରାୟ ୨୧୫ କୋଟି ଟଙ୍କା । ରାଜ୍ୟର ଆର୍ଥିକ ଦୁର୍ବଳ ପରିବାରକୁ ବାର୍ଷିକ ୫ ଲକ୍ଷ ଟଙ୍କା ଓ ପରିବାରର ମହିଳା ସଦସ୍ୟଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ ୧୦ ଲକ୍ଷ ଟଙ୍କା ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ଟିକିସା ସହାୟତା ଉପଲବ୍ଧ । ରାଜ୍ୟ ତଥା ରାଜ୍ୟ ବାହାରର ୮୦୧ଟି ପ୍ରମୁଖ ଘରୋଇ ଟିକିସାଳୟରେ ମିଳିପାରୁଛି ଅତ୍ୟାଧୁନିକ ଟିକିସା ସୁବିଧା ।
- ଆମ ହସ୍ତିଚାଳ ଯୋଜନା ଅଧୀନରେ '୫-ଟି' ଉପକ୍ରମରେ ରୂପାନ୍ତର ହେବ ରାଜ୍ୟର ୧୪୯ଟି ହସ୍ତିଚାଳ । ସମ୍ପୃକ୍ତ ଅଞ୍ଚଳବାସୀ ପାଇବେ ଅପେକ୍ଷାକୃତ ଉଚ୍ଚତ ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ ସେବା ।
- ସାମାଜିକ ସୁରକ୍ଷା କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ରାଜ୍ୟ ସରକାରଙ୍କ ପ୍ରତିବଦ୍ଧତା ସ୍ୱରୂପ ଅଗଷ୍ଟ ୧୫ ତାରିଖରୁ ୪.୧୩ ଲକ୍ଷ ନୂତନ ହିତାଧିକାରୀ ପାଇବେ ମଧୁବାବୁ ଯୋଜନା । ଉପକୃତ ହେବେ ରାଜ୍ୟର ସମୁଦାୟ ୩୨.୭୫ ଲକ୍ଷ ବୟସ୍କ, ବିଧବା, ଭିକ୍ଷୁମାନ ଓ ଅସହାୟ ।
- '୫-ଟି' ଉପକ୍ରମରେ ୩ଟି ପର୍ଯ୍ୟାୟରେ ରାଜ୍ୟର ୬୮୭୨ଟି ହାଇସ୍କୁଲ ହୋଇଛି ରୂପାନ୍ତର । ୪ର୍ଥ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟାୟରେ ଆଉ ୧୭୭୧ଟି ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ହେବ ରୂପାନ୍ତର ।
- ଘରୋଇ ଏବଂ ଅଣ-ଅନୁଦାନ ପ୍ରାପ୍ତ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ମାଧ୍ୟମ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ୫ ଲକ୍ଷରୁ ଊର୍ଦ୍ଧ୍ୱ ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀଙ୍କୁ ବିନାମୂଲ୍ୟରେ ଯୋଗାଇ ଦିଆଯିବ ପାଠ୍ୟ ପୁସ୍ତକ ।
- ଶିକ୍ଷା ଭିତ୍ତିକୁ ଆହୁରି ସୁଦୃଢ଼ କରିବାକୁ '୫-ଟି' ଉପକ୍ରମରେ ରାଜ୍ୟର ମହାବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଗୁଡ଼ିକର ରୂପାନ୍ତରଣ ପ୍ରକ୍ରିୟା ଆରମ୍ଭ ।
- ନିଗମ ଶକ୍ତି କରିଥାରେ ଆଜି ରାଜ୍ୟର ୭୦ ଲକ୍ଷରୁ ଊର୍ଦ୍ଧ୍ୱ ମହିଳା ସଶକ୍ତ । ସେମାନଙ୍କୁ ଉଦ୍ୟୋଗୀ ଭାବେ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠିତ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ୫ ଲକ୍ଷ ଟଙ୍କା ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ବିନା ସୁଧରେ ରଣ ସହାୟତା । ଷ୍ଟି ଯୋଜନାରେ ୧ ଲକ୍ଷ ଟଙ୍କା ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ବିନା ସୁଧରେ ରଣ ।
- ଶ୍ରୀକ୍ଷେତ୍ର ପରିକ୍ରମା ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ, ଏକାମ୍ର ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ, ମା' ସମଲେଇ ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ସମେତ ରାଜ୍ୟର ପ୍ରମୁଖ ଧାର୍ମିକ ପୀଠର ୫-ଟି ଉପକ୍ରମରେ ରୂପାନ୍ତର ।
- ପୁରୀରେ ତ୍ରିଙ୍କ ପ୍ରମ୍ ଟ୍ୟାପ୍ ଯୋଜନା କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକାରୀ ହେବା ଦେଶରେ ପ୍ରଥମ । ତ୍ରିଙ୍କ ପ୍ରମ୍ ଟ୍ୟାପ୍ ମିଶନ କରିଥାରେ ରାଜ୍ୟର ୫ଟି ମହାନଗର ନିଗମ ଓ ୮୫ଟି ସହରାଞ୍ଚଳରେ ଶତପ୍ରତିଶତ ବିଶୁଦ୍ଧ ଜଳଯୋଗାଣ ହୋଇଛି ସୁନିଶ୍ଚିତ ।

- ବିଭିନ୍ନ ସେତୁ ଯୋଜନାରେ ଲକ୍ଷ୍ୟଧାରୀ ୭୫୦ଟି ସେତୁ ମଧ୍ୟରୁ ୬୭୯ଟି ସେତୁ ସଂପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ଏବଂ ମୁଖ୍ୟମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ସଡ଼କ ଯୋଜନାରେ ୬୨୪୭ କି.ମି. ରାସ୍ତା ନିର୍ମିତ । ସବୁଜ ପ୍ରଯୁକ୍ତି ବିଦ୍ୟା ଉପଯୋଗରେ ସର୍ବାଧିକ ଦୈର୍ଘ୍ୟର ସଡ଼କ ନିର୍ମାଣ କରି ଜାତୀୟ ସ୍ତରରେ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ପୁରସ୍କୃତ ।
- ୫ ଲକ୍ଷରୁ ଅଧିକ ଦକ୍ଷ ସୁବର୍ଦ୍ଧା ସୃଷ୍ଟି କରି ଓଡ଼ିଶା ଆଜି ଦେଶର 'ଫିଲ କ୍ୟାପିଟାଲ' ଭାବରେ ପରିଚିତ ।
- ଜନକାରିକ ସାଂସ୍କୃତିକ ବିବିଧତାର ସୁରକ୍ଷା, ସେମାନଙ୍କୁ ସବୁ ବିକାଶମୂଳକ ଯୋଜନାରେ ସାମିଲ ତଥା କର୍ମଳ ଜମି ଉପରେ ସେମାନଙ୍କ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିଗତ ଓ ଗୋଷ୍ଠୀଗତ ଅଧିକାରକୁ ସୁନିଶ୍ଚିତ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ମୋ କର୍ମଳ ଜମି ଯୋଜନାର ଶୁଭାରମ୍ଭ ।
- ଅଣସଙ୍ଗଠିତ ଶ୍ରମିକଙ୍କ ସାମାଜିକ ସୁରକ୍ଷାକୁ ଗୁରୁତ୍ୱ ଦେଇ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ଅଣସଙ୍ଗଠିତ ଶ୍ରମିକ ସାମାଜିକ ସୁରକ୍ଷା କଲ୍ୟାଣ ଯୋଜନାରେ ଆଉ ୫୦ଟି ଅଣସଙ୍ଗଠିତ ଶ୍ରମିକ ବର୍ଗକୁ ସାମିଲ କଲେ ରାଜ୍ୟ ସରକାର । ବୃଦ୍ଧି ହେଲା ମୃତ୍ୟୁକାଳୀନ ସହାୟତା ରାଶି ।
- ଆମ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ନବୀନ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ପ୍ରୟାସ ଅଧୀନରେ ରାଜ୍ୟର ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ଗ୍ରାମପଞ୍ଚାୟତ ପାଇବେ ୫୦ ଲକ୍ଷ ଟଙ୍କା । ସୁଦୃଢ଼ ହେବ ଗ୍ରାମାଞ୍ଚଳର ଐତିହ୍ୟ ଓ ସାଂସ୍କୃତିକ ଭିତ୍ତିଭୂମି, ଉନ୍ନତକରଣ ହେବ ଡିଜିଟାଲ ସେବା, ବିକଶିତ ହେବ ମହିଳା ଓ ଯୁବ ସଶକ୍ତିକରଣ ଭିତ୍ତିଭୂମି ।
- ରାଜ୍ୟର ୪୩୭୩୩ ଅଣ-ବ୍ୟାଙ୍କ ଗ୍ରାମପଞ୍ଚାୟତବାସୀଙ୍କୁ ମିଳିବ ବ୍ୟାଙ୍କ ସୁବିଧା । ଉପକୃତ ହେବେ ସ୍ୱୟଂ ସହାୟକ ଗୋଷ୍ଠୀ, ଚାଷୀ, ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀ ଓ ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ବର୍ଗର ଜନସାଧାରଣ ।
- ନୂତନ ଉଚ୍ଚତ ଅଭିଳାଷ (NUA) ଓଡ଼ିଶା ଯୋଜନାରେ ପ୍ରତିବର୍ଷ ୧ ଲକ୍ଷ ସୁବକସୁବତୀଙ୍କୁ ମିଳିବ ସୁଯୋଗଯୋଗୀ ଅତ୍ୟାଧୁନିକ ଦକ୍ଷତା ତାଲିମ । ଖର୍ଚ୍ଚ ହେବ ୩୮୫ କୋଟି ଟଙ୍କା ।
- ଟେକ୍ନୋଲୋଜି କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଓଡ଼ିଶାକୁ ଅଗ୍ରଣୀ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ଭବିଷ୍ୟତମୁଖୀ ସେମିକଣ୍ଡକ୍ଟର ନୀତି ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତ । ସେମିକଣ୍ଡକ୍ଟର ଉତ୍ପାଦନ ଓ ଡିଜାଇନ୍‌ରେ ବୈଦେଶିକ ପୁଞ୍ଜିନିବେଶ ପାଇଁ ଉଦ୍ୟମ ।
- କଟକ-ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର-ପୁରୀରେ ଅତ୍ୟାଧୁନିକ ପରିବହନ ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା ପାଇଁ ମେଟ୍ରୋଲେଲ ଯୋଜନା ।



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