BJD, BJP engage in war of words over Odia 'Ashmita'

BHUBANESWAR, AUG 14

ODISHA'S ruling BJP and opposition BJD on Wednesday engaged in a heated exchange over Odia 'Asmita' (pride) slogan, each accusing the other of making hollow claims.

While the BJD asserted that the tall claims of BJP on Odia 'Asmita' has turned out to be hollow, the saffron party claimed the regional party was ousted from power after 24 years of rule as people realised that their pride is being compromised.

Addressing a press meet, BJD leader Lekhashri Samantasinghar claimed that after making Odia 'Asmita' a major campaign issue, the BJP has shown disrespect towards the pride of Odisha and its language.

Alleging that the BJP Ministers are unable to read and write Odia properly, the BJD leader cited an instance and claimed that Revenue Minister Suresh Pujari failed to write 'Bharat Mata Ki Jay' in Odia language and wrote 'Darat Mata Ki Jay.'

Samantasinghar also accused the BJP of running the state from Delhi and claimed that the Chief Minister only visits the national capital to receive instructions from the Centre. Additionally, she criticised the appointment of a non-Odia as the state's chief secretary, a first in 41 years.

In response, BJP spokesperson Dillip Mallik accused the BJD of undermining Odisha and Odia Asmita during its 24 years in power.

He described the BJD's criticism of the BJP as "ridiculous and unfortunate," and compared BJD president Naveen Patnaik to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, suggesting that both are trying to create chaos—Patnaik in Odisha and Gandhi in India.

"What Rahul Gandhi says in Delhi, Naveen Babu repeats it in Odisha. Rahul Gandhi is trying to create chaos in the country and Naveen Babu in the state, which the people of Odisha will not allow," the BJP leader said.

Mallik further claimed that despite Patnaik's long tenure in office, he had not learned Odia and ridiculed his and his party's perceived lack of respect for the language. He also alleged that Patnaik avoids the assembly due to his difficulty in speaking Odia properly.

"It is ridiculous and unfortunate to criticise the BJP today in relation to the Odia Asmita. While Naveen Babu was in the government, he was creating unrest and chaos in the state, he is still in the opposition party and is creating unrest and chaos through the spokespersons," Mallik said. **—PTI**

Pain, mischief during country's partition never to be forgotten: BJP

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THE pain and mischief during the partition of the country 77 years ago can never be forgotten, BJP State Unit president Manmohan Samal said on Wednesday.

"Millions of people were displaced and a large number lost their lives due to hatred and violence during the partition of India and Pakistan and the pain of the event can never be forgotten," he said on the 'Partition Horror Remembrance Day' being observed at the call of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to commemorate the struggle and sacrifice of men and women affected.

Samal said a total 5 crore people were directly and indirectly affected due to partition—the biggest crisis in human history.

Doc's rape & murder: Rahul Gandhi accuses Bengal govt, hospital of shielding accused

KOLKATA, AUG 14

THE Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Wednesday launched a scathing attack against the West Bengal government on the heinous rape and murder of a junior doctor at state-run RG Kar Medical College & Hospital last week.

The Congress MP accused the state administration and the hospital authorities of trying to save the accused.

"The attempt to save the accused instead of providing justice to the victim raises serious questions on the hospital and the local administration.

"This incident has forced us to think that if doctors are not safe in a place like a medical college, then how can parents send their daughters outside for studies?

"Why are even the strict laws made after the Nirbhaya case unsuccessful in preventing such crimes?" LoP Rahul Gandhi said in a strong statement posted on his official X handle.

According to him, the RG Kar incident is bound to create an atmosphere of insecurity in the medical fraternity and women.

"The entire country is shocked by the gruesome incident of rape and murder of a junior doctor in Kolkata. The way the layers of the cruel and inhuman act against her are being revealed, there is an atmosphere of insecurity among the doctors' community and women," Rahul Gandhi commented.

AIIMS Bhubaneswar ranked 15th best medical college in India by NIRF

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AIIMS Bhubaneswar has once again made Odisha and the eastern region of India proud by securing the 15th position in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) rankings for 2024. This notable achievement represents a significant leap from its 26th position in 2022 and 17th position last year, highlighting the institute's remarkable progress.

The NIRF rankings, announced by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, have recognized AIIMS Bhubaneswar as the top medical college in Odisha. Under the visionary leadership of Executive Director and CEO Dr. Ashutosh Biswas, the institute has excelled in various areas including infrastructure development, education, treatment, and research, contributing to its impressive ranking.

Dr. Ashutosh Biswas extended his heartfelt congratulations to all faculty, staff members, and students for their dedication and hard work that have contributed to this achievement. He emphasized the institution's continued commitment to excellence in patient care, research, and the overall development of medical students.

The NIRF ranking is based on five key parameters: Teaching, Learning & Resources (TLR), Research and Professional Practice (RP), Graduation Outcomes (GO), Outreach and Inclusivity (OI), and Peer Perception (PP). This year, AIIMS Bhubaneswar earned an impressive score of 62.97 out of 100, reflecting its dedication to academic and professional excellence.

As AIIMS Bhubaneswar celebrates its 11th year, the institute continues to fulfil the vision of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who established the institute to address regional disparities in tertiary healthcare services.

Har Ghar Tiranga emerges as a mass patriotic movement inspiring GenX: Dr. TK Chand

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BHUBANESWAR, AUG 14

HAR Ghar Tiranga drive inspired by the 'Man Ki Baat' programme of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has grown big assuming the prominence of a mass patriotic movement by the people for the motherland, said eminent industry professional Dr Tapan Kumar Chand.

He said this in his address during the celebrations of Har Ghar Tiranga Program in top colleges front-led by Nalanda Institute of Technology here today.

The campaign Har Ghar Tiranga' which was started under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to encourage people to bring the Tiranga home and to hoist it to mark India's independence stemmed from the thought that our bond with the national flag has always been more formal and institutional than personal, he said. "Bringing the flag home collectively as a nation thus became symbolic of not only an act of personal connection to the Tiranga but also an embodiment of our collective commitment to nation-building," said Dr. Chand. The idea behind the initiative was to invoke the feeling of patriotism in the hearts of the people and to promote awareness about the Indian National Flag, he said, informing that the Union Ministry of Culture is the nodal ministry for Har Ghar Tiranga.

In the last two years, Har Ghar Tiranga has grown significantly to become a people's movement. People across the country, belonging to different segments of society have embraced the idea and infused it with their warmth and support via participation in online and offline programmes and events. Har Ghar Tiranga 2024 marks the 3rd edition of Har Ghar Tiranga Programme; this time several collective endeavours have been planned to mark the celebrations. In 2022 while more than 6 crore people downloaded their selfie with the National Flag in Tiranga Portal, in 2023 it went up to 8 crore and this year it will be much more, said Dr. Chand.

The program was conducted with gaiety and festivities. Tiranga distribution, Tiranga Rally by the students and youth, Tiranga Canvas and Tiranga Cultural Programs were prominent features of the programme. The entire campus was reverberating with enthusiasm and patriotism. Dr Chand, Preeti Roy, Durga and PS Subudhi gracing the occasion exhorted the youth to take active participation in the Har Ghar Tiranga Program and spread the spirit of patriotism all over. Tirangas were distributed and students performed patriotic plays to the applause of the audience. There was a drone show by AIC Nalanda too.

Ajoy Kumar to head OPCC's Steering Committee: AICC

BHUBANESWAR, AUG 14

CONGRESS President Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesday approved a proposal for the constitution of a Steering Committee for Odisha to be headed by Dr Ajoy Kumar, state party in-charge.

AICC Secretary Mohd Shahnawaz Choudhary shall be the convenor of the Committee, a release from AICC said.

The other members of the committee are Srikant Jena, Rama Chandra Kadam, Jaidev Jena, MP Saptagiri Ulaka, Ashok Das, Bhakta Charan Das, Anant Prasad Sethi, MOhd Moquim, Debashish Patnaik, Dr Biswaranjan Mohanty, Balabhadra Majhi and Sushmita Behera.

The outgoing OPCC President Sarat Patnaik under whose leadership the party faught 2024 general elections is conspicuous in his absence in this list. Notably, he lost Nuapada Assembly seat badly.

It may be recalled here that following disastrous performance of the party in the 2024 elections when the grand old party could manage to win only one out of 21 MP seats and 14 out of 147 MLA seats, AICC had disolved all committees of OPCC.

Congress which has ruled more than 45 years in the last 75 years of independence has been plagued by factionalism leading to party's repeated debacles in all elections since 2000. **—PBD**

Celebrations Live clinches gold for Best B2C Exhibition at EEMAX Global Awards 2024

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CELEBRATIONS Live has achieved a historic milestone by securing the GOLD AWARD for Best B2C Exhibition of the Year 2024 at the EEMAX Global Awards. This accolade, awarded for their exemplary work on Krushi Odisha 2024, signifies a landmark moment for the event industry in Odisha.

Krushi Odisha 2024, a premier event orchestrated by Celebrations Live, has been acclaimed for its remarkable innovation, engagement, and industry impact. The exhibition offered a dynamic platform for agricultural stakeholders, fostering knowledge exchange, networking, and business growth. It effectively highlighted Odisha's rich agricultural heritage and garnered widespread appreciation from participants.

"This GOLD Award is a reflection of the dedication, creativity, and relentless effort of our entire team," expressed Akshyendu Pattnayak, Founder and Director of Celebrations Live. "We are deeply honoured to bring this prestigious recognition to Odisha and are committed to advancing excellence in event management," Pattnayak added.

This achievement marks a historic first for Odisha, being the state's inaugural GOLD Award win at the EEMAX Global Awards, one of the highest honors in the event industry. As Celebrations Live celebrates this success, the company remains focused on future growth and continued excellence in crafting exceptional events.

SBI opens 900th branch in Odisha

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BHUBANESWAR, AUG 14

THE State Bank of India (SBI) has celebrated a significant milestone with the inauguration of its 900th branch in the Bhubaneswar Circle. The new branch, situated in Nischintakoili in Cuttack District, was officially opened on Wednesday.

The inauguration ceremony was led by SBI Bhubaneswar Circle Chief General Manager Dinesh Pruthi, who was joined by Branch Manager Ashok Nahak, General Manager Ponnambalam M, DGM (B&O) Prashant Kumar, Regional Manager Bhawani Shankar Mohanty, and other senior officials from the bank.

In his address, Pruthi emphasized the bank's commitment to enhancing customer service and advancing digital banking. He detailed the wide range of services that the new branch will offer, which is expected to significantly benefit local communities.

The opening of the Nischintakoili branch is set to serve a diverse clientele, including businesspeople, the general public, and notably, farmers from the surrounding gram panchayats — Buhala, Sarpada, Katarpada, Balipada, Badhikiri, Natakai, Bandhakalia, and Ramakrushanpur. The new branch aims to improve financial accessibility and support the economic development of these areas.

Deshwal twins shine at National Aquatic Championship

BHUBANESWAR, AUG 14

THE 40th Sub-Junior & 50th Junior National Aquatic Championship, recently held in Bhubaneswar, saw the rise of the Deshwal twins, Saanvi and Anvi, as the standout performers. The event, organized by the Swimming Federation of India, brought together over 1,000 young swimmers from across the country, showcasing India's emerging talent in aquatic sports.

The twins were instrumental in Maharashtra's triumph in the Girls Group II category, where they collectively earned 4 Gold and 4 Silver medals. Saanvi Deshwal, in particular, made waves with exceptional performances. On the first day, she broke the meet record in the 50-meter breaststroke with a time of 34.32 seconds, surpassing the previous record set in 2022. On the final day, Saanvi also set a new Junior National Record in the 100-meter breaststroke, clocking in at 1:15.30 seconds, besting the 2018 record.

Training under Nihar Amin at the Otters Club in Mumbai through the Dolphin program, the Deshwal sisters have demonstrated remarkable dedication and skill. Balancing their training with academics at Bombay Scottish School, Mumbai, Saanvi and Anvi exemplify the discipline required to excel both in sports and studies.

Their achievements underscore the rising prominence of young athletes in India and offer inspiration to aspiring swimmers nationwide.

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA "e" procurement Notice
e-procurement Notice for Building (E.I) works
Bid Identificaion No. S.E. CTC (R&B) - 13 of 2024-25

The Superintending Engineer, Cuttack (R&B) Division No. 1, Cuttack on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites on Percentage rate basis bid in **single cover system in ONLINE MODe** from eligible contractor for building work (E.I) as mentioned below.

1. Name of the work with estimated cost	:- **E.I to First Track Court building of the District Court, Cuttack such as Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 1 No. of (G+4) 8 passenger lift. (Estimated Cost excluding GST - Rs. 20,06,803.00)**
2. Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	:- **From dt. 17/08/2024 to 5PM of dt. 27/08/2024**
3. Last date/time of receipt of bids in the portal	:- **5PM of dt. 27/08/2024**
4. Date & Time of opening of bids	:- **11 A.M of dt. 28/05/2024**
5. Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid	:- **Superintending Engineer, Cuttack (R&B) Division No. I, Cuttack**

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