

PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS ON THE EVE OF BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF DR B.R. AMBEDKAR

NEW DELHI (KCN): The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu has greeted fellow-citizens on the eve of the birth anniversary of Dr B.R. Ambedkar. In a message, the President has said, "On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Babasaheb Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, the architect of our Constitution and one of the most eminent nation builders, I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to all fellow citizens."

Babasaheb Ambedkar, pioneer of social change and a versatile personality, made exceptional contribution to our country and society as a jurist, educationist, economist, social-reformer and political leader. Even today, his strong belief in the constitutional system is the foundation of our democracy and good governance. Dr Ambedkar devoted his entire life for the establishment of an egalitarian society and struggled for the upliftment of the downtrodden.

On this occasion, let us adopt the ideals of Dr Ambedkar and work collectively for the inclusive development of our country."



2 Killed In Fresh Clashes Between Armed Groups In Manipur

IMPHAL (KCN): Two persons were killed in a gunfight that broke out between two armed groups in Manipur's Imphal East district on Saturday, police said. The victims are yet to be identified. The shootout happened at a place close to the border of Kangpokpi district, a police officer said. Additional state and

central forces have been rushed in to contain the situation, he said. The incident came a day after three persons were injured in a gunfight between armed village volunteers and unidentified gunmen in Tengnoupal district. At least 219 people were killed after ethnic clashes broke out in Manipur on May 3 last year, when a 'Tribal Solidarity March'

Complete Ban On 'Paan', 'Gutka' In Samaleswari Temple From April 14



SAMBALPUR (KCN): To maintain cleanliness, consumption of intoxicants, paan, gutkha, bidis, cigarettes, etc has been banned in the premises of Samleswari Temple in Sambalpur. Samaleswari Temple

Trust Board President Sanjay Babu informed that the decision to prohibit the consumption of intoxicants inside the Samleswari Temple will strictly come into force from tomorrow i.e., Sunday (April 14).

New Delhi (KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi went into candid mode during his interaction with the top professional gamers of India. One of the guests and a pro esports athlete, Animesh Agarwal aka Thug narrated his education journey and said that he started studying at a very young age. The Prime Minister without missing this opportunity, showed his wit and jokingly said, "Everyone starts at a young age only."

PM Modi also joked about Agarwal's gaming name and said, "There's a problem. Now when people think of a thug then they will remember you and when they see

you they will think he is a good man so how can we call him thug." Agarwal responded by saying that he has made a decent name for himself in the gaming industry due to which people see 'Thug' in a respectful way.

Anshu Bisht aka GamerFleet talked about how his family was facing a tough situation financially before he decided to pursue gaming. He said, "I am from a lower-middle-class family. My father worked as a bus conductor in a private school for 30 years so that I and my sister could study in the school. I started giving tuition to kids to earn, took a few jobs and made a computer for myself. Since the financial

Congress announces candidates for nine Lok Sabha seats in Odisha

BHUBANESWAR (KCN)

: The Congress on Saturday has announced its next list of candidates for nine Lok Sabha seats in Odisha. The party has fielded Srikant Kumar Jena for Balasore while Yasir Nawaz has been named as the party candidate for the Bhubaneswar Lok Sabha constituency. Here is the complete list of LS candidates



Keonjhar(ST)- Mohan Hembram Balasore- Srikant Kumar Jena Bhadrak(SC)- Anant Kumar Sethi Jajpur(SC)- Anchal Das

Dhenkanal- Sashmita Behera Kendrapara - Sidharth Swarup Das Advertisement Jagatsinghpur - Rabindra Kumar Sethi Puri- Sucharita Mohanty Bhubaneswar- Yasir Nawaz The party had earlier

announced its candidates for eight Lok Sabha seats while candidates for four more parliamentary seats are yet to be announced. Surprisingly, the Congress has given a chance to a young and new face like Yasir Nawaz to counter BJP's stalwart Aparajita Sarangi and BJD candidate

Manmath Routray. Yasir has been a known face for leading agitations over various issues in Bhubaneswar. However, the grand old party has filed its veteran and former MP, Srikant Jena in Balasore to take on BJP's Pratap Sarangi and BJD's Lekhashree Samantsinghar.



Message

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Editor in chief

Dharmendra Pradhan Conspiring To 'Derail' BSKY In Odisha: BJD MP Sasmit Patra

Bhubaneswar (KCN):

"Despite being the Union Minister for ten years, Dharmendra Pradhan's contribution to Odisha is 'nada'. He hesitates to give an account of what he has done for his region, let alone the whole state. And now he has started lying to hide his failure, which does not suit his stature at all," said BJD National Spokesperson and MP Dr. Sasmit Patra.



Dr Patra told the media here today that the Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana provides health benefits of up to Rs 10 lakhs for women and 5 lakhs for men annually. No other state has such flagship health schemes for the people. Mr Pradhan is conspiring to derail the scheme. He questioned, "Why is Mr Pradhan worried when a common man was

people of Odisha will give a befitting reply," Dr Patra dared.

"Who could not complete a minor road work, is now giving a speech to escape public shame. We request Mr Pradhan, please refrain from making people laugh by giving misleading information," the BJD said in a press note.

The BJD's statement came in response to

Union Minister

Dharmendra Pradhan's

statement that BJP will

publish a 'charge-sheet'

to expose the 25 years of

'fake transformation' of

Odisha boasted by the

ruling Biju Janata Dal.

Odisha & West Bengal Police Hold Discussions To Ensure Free & Fair Elections In Border Districts

Bhubaneswar (KCN):

Senior officers of Odisha and West Bengal police departments on Friday held a virtual inter-state coordination meeting to ensure free and fair elections in the districts located on the border of the two neighbouring states. Senior officials of

both states including Odisha DGP Arun Kumar Sarangi, his West Bengal counterpart Sanjay Mukherjee, and Superintendents of Police of border districts participated in the meeting.



Sarangi stressed on the need to check the illegal

police personnel of both the states to arrest the big drug peddlers involved in the illegal trade.

The participants also

emphasised on the need

to ensure peaceful,

violence-free and free

and fair elections in

border districts including

Mayurbhanj and

Balasore districts of

Odisha.

PM Modi Goes Candid During Chat With India's Pro Gamers



PM Modi said, "I (Mortal) am obsessed with this so you also become. Payal Dhare aka PayalGaming while sharing her story said, "I come from a small town

in Madhya Pradesh. I was interested in gaming but there were not enough facilities at home. Till 12th grade, I did not even have a personal mobile phone. I used to collect

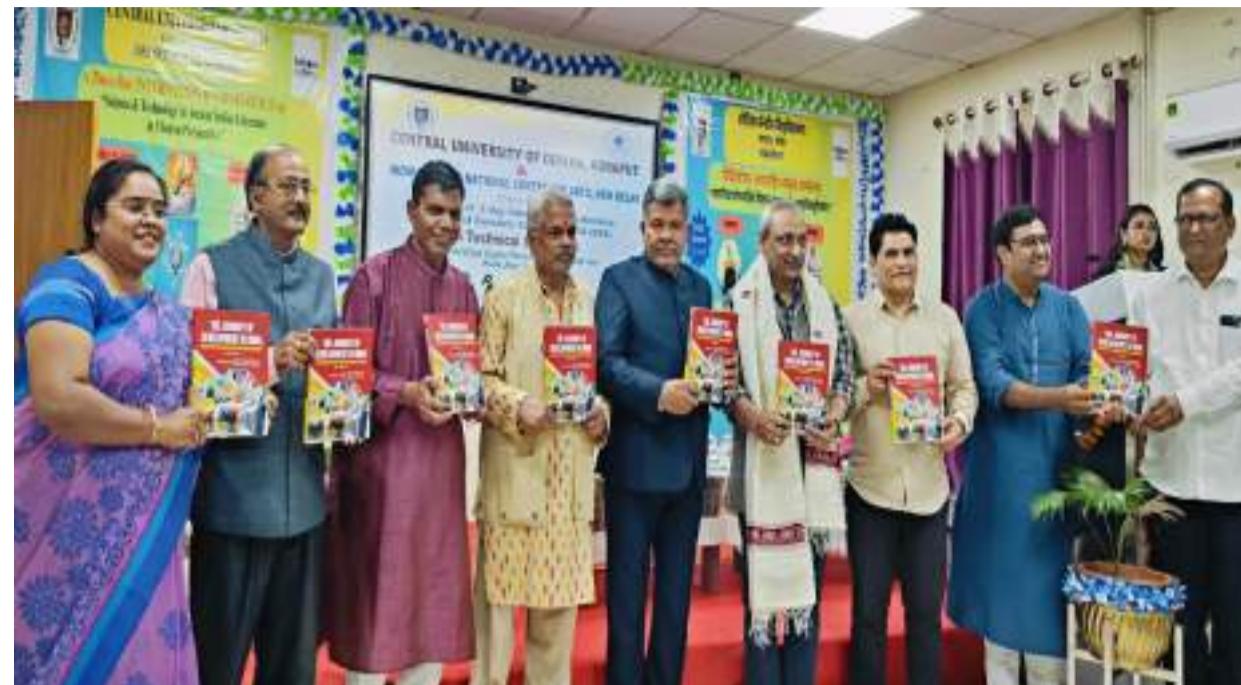
information about gaming from here and there like from my friends' brother. That's where I developed a basic understanding of what gaming is. Gaming started to become

always tried to give unique content and I think that's why people like me. I mix all three components and present it in my videos – gaming, commentary and mimicry."

PM Modi asked Dhare whether there are enough opportunities for girls in this industry or not. She responded by saying, "The biggest challenge is that parents worry a lot that their child is going out to work. Some families even have restrictions where they don't give daughters an opportunity. But it is a stable career option for them. Even today, I get like 100-200 messages from girls saying that they started by watching me do this."

Mithilesh Patankar aka Mythpat said, "I've

Central University of Odisha publishes the first inter disciplinary book under its Publication Unit



Koraput,(KCN):The Central University of Odisha has published in two volumes the book titled, 'The Journey of Development in India: Reflections on Economic & Communication Scenario' and jointly edited by Dr. Minati Sahoo, Assistant Professor & HOD (I/C), Dep't of Economics and Dr. Sourav Gupta, Assistant Professor, Dep't of Journalism & Mass Communication. The book was officially released on 9 April 2024 by Prof Chakradhar

Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, CUO in the presence of Prof N C Panda, Registrar, CUO along with a galaxy of academics from Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, New Delhi including, Prof Arun Kr Bhardwaj, HOD, Academic Unit, IGNCA, Prof Sudhir Lall, HOD, Kala Kosh Division, IGNCA, Prof Anil Kumar, HOD, Janapada Sampada, IGNCA and Prof D C Choubey, HOD, East Asian Studies, IGNCA. On this occasion, Prof Tripathi, said that this

was a remarkable achievement as the book is the first interdisciplinary book of CUO as it was brought out by a collaboration of Faculty members of two disciplines, Economics and Journalism & Mass Communication. Further, Prof Tripathi informed that this is the first book published by CUO in its name after constitution of its Publication Unit. The book is a collection of 49 selected papers in two volumes presented in the International

Seminar organized jointly by Dep't of Economics and Dep't of J & MC on 28 & 29 March 2023. It has papers by eminent scholars of both disciplines. The Foreword is written by Prof Jan Servaes, Former UNESCO Chair for Communication in Sustainable Social Change and Prof Prasant Kr Panda, HOD, Dep't of Economics, Pondicherry University. The book is distributed by Gyan Geeta Prakashan, New Delhi.

The Apostle of Dalits Dr. B.R Ambedkar

Meera Beura



Dr. B.R Ambedkar was popularly known as Babasaheb Ambedkar and everyone knows that he was one of the architects of the Indian Constitution. He was an economist, very well known political leader, eminent jurist, Buddhist activist, philosopher, historian, orator, writer, social reformer who campaigned against social discrimination against the untouchables. He is also called as the chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Indian Constitution. Ambedkar was born on 14th April, 1891 in Mhow in Madhya Pradesh. He was born in a family of Mahars, the largest untouchable caste at that time. His father Ramji Maloji Sakpal was a social worker and a subedar in the British Indian Army. His mother was Bhimabai Sakpal. He had a tough childhood as he belonged to a family a poor dalit caste. They were considered to be untouchables and were subjected to socio-economic discrimination. Even in school, Ambedkar and other untouchable children were victims of segregation and inferior treatment. He received his early education in a near by village school. He graduated from

Elphinstone college at the Kalaram temple, Bombay in 1912 and then joined one of the best league college, Columbia University, USA, where he was awarded a Ph.D degree. Later he furthered his studies from the London School of Economics. He also joined a Bar course and completed his law degree from Gary's Inn, a

Nashik, Maharashtra is another landmark in the struggle for human right and political and social justice. On 24th May 1956 on the occasion of Buddha Jayanti he declared in Bombay that he would adopt Buddhism as it was the only way for the untouchable to gain equality. Dr. Ambedkar



premier institution of law in London. Being an Indian jurist, economist, politician and social reformer Dr. Ambedkar influenced dalits in various ways. With the slogan of Educate-Agitate-Organise, the social movement led by Dr. Ambedkar aimed at the annihilation of the caste system and the reconstruction of the Indian society on the basis of equality among the human beings. In 1927, he led a March at Mahad, Maharashtra to establish the right of the untouchables to drink water from the chavdar Lake that was traditionally banned for them. This marked the beginning of anti caste and anti-priest movement. The temple entry movement launched by Dr. Ambedkar in 1930

had the view that only political power cannot be a panacea for the ill of the depressed classes. At that time Gandhi ji opposed a separate electorate for the untouchables as he feared that such an arrangement would devide the Hindu community. Gandhi ji started fasting. As a member of the Viceroy's Executive council from 1942 he was instrumental in bringing about several legislative measures to protect the rights of labourers and workers. One of the greatest contribution of Dr. Ambedkar was in respect of fundamental Right and Direct Principles of state policy enshrined in the Constitution of India. As per his suggestions the fundamental Rights

Ministry of Railways intensifies efforts to ensure availability of Drinking Water at Railway Stations

Bhubaneswar,(KCN):The Ministry of Railways is committed to provide potable drinking water to passengers at all stations across the Indian Railways network. In anticipation of the upcoming summer season and potential heatwaves, the Ministry has reviewed the availability of drinking water at stations and issued instructions to Zonal Railways to ensure adequate supplies. As per the Ministry's ongoing commitment, all stations strive to provide clean drinking water to passengers in accordance with established norms. To further strengthen these efforts during the potentially scorching summer months, East Coast Railway (ECoR)



has taken the following measures:

Availability and Functionality:

Ensure all existing water coolers are functional and meet passenger demand.

Deployment of Tankers:

Deploy water tankers at critical stations to supplement existing supplies.

Regular Inspections:

Conduct regular checks at stations

Addressing Scarcity Situations: In areas facing water scarcity, railway authorities will collaborate with Municipal Corporations/ State Governments and explore alternative water supply solutions.

24/7 Monitoring: Implement a system for round-the-clock monitoring by railway staff to ensure consistent water availability and address any emerging issues promptly.

Collaboration with NGOs and Community Groups: Actively seek support from Mahila Samitis (women's self-help groups), NGOs, Scouts and Guides, and other Self Help Groups for the distribution of cool drinking water, particularly near general class coaches.



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Actor Bijay Anand on criticism received by
'Adipurush': 'Don't see if you don't like'

'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan' actor Bijay Anand, who also played a crisp role as Brahma in 'Adipurush', spoke to IndiaToday.in about the criticism the film received. He said that people should not criticise art. The actor praised Om Raut's vision for the film. Anand, who has

pain, money and time." He continued, "If Rs 600 crore was spent and Om Raut, as the director; it's his canvas, paint and choice of colours to make it this way. Don't see it if you don't like it. Who are we to criticise art?"

He further said, "When you start criticising art,

daily soaps all your life." The actor further said, "But to criticise it [art] and scare other directors or the same director into being creative again; don't create a formula which is successful and force others to follow the same formula for the fear of rejection. And Om Raut didn't have the

has their own version of Ram-Sita and Lakshman. It's an epic, and it doesn't matter how many people make it or who makes it. If they make it well, it's always going to do well, and it is always going to be interesting to watch it. For no other reason, except that this is your version of Ravana."



also worked in Ravi Chopra's 'Ramayana' and 'Siya Ke Ram', spoke to us about Nitesh Tiwari making his version of 'Ramayana' with Ranbir Kapoor. Bijay Anand played Brahma in Om Raut's 'Adipurush'. Speaking to IndiaToday.in, the actor spoke about the film receiving flak online. Talking about it, he said, "I am an art lover. The concept of a painting is that if there is an empty canvas in front of a painter, it is their choice as an artist as to what they want to paint on it. It's their choice, canvas,

you start degenerating as a society. If you say this is good art or bad art; art cannot be good or bad. It is the artist's interpretation. You don't like it? Don't call it good or bad."

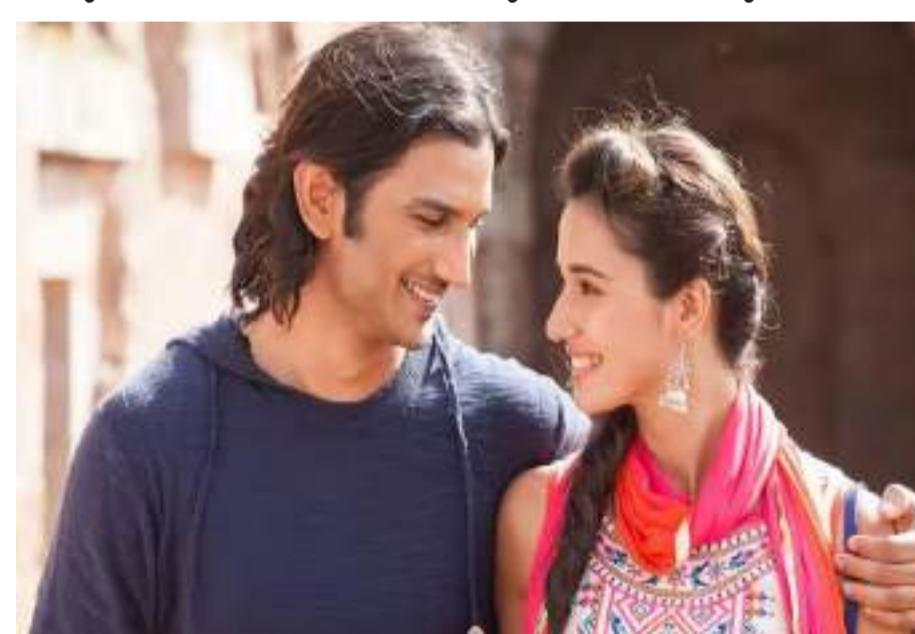
Making his point, Anand shared, "I'm not taking anybody's side here. I'm just being the devil's advocate and saying that today, if we start sitting, judging and hammering people, then what society does is that they scare other artists into being creative. Then go back to 'saas-bahu', wahi dekhte raho zindagi bhar (keep watching

fear of rejection, which is why I love him and find him commendable." We also told Bijay Anand about a version of Ramayana that is currently in the making, directed by Nitesh Tiwari, starring Ranbir Kapoor. When asked to share his take on it, Anand said, "Mythology, even if it is trotted 100 times by 100 different people, it will still be interesting because it's what binds India together. It's India's story." He also said, "I have travelled to Bali, Vietnam, to all the Asian countries and everybody

"The first Ravana we saw was the one made by Ramanand Sagar, where he had a big moustache and a big fat belly. We accepted that. And then we saw another Ravana in someone in Ravi Chopra's show. Then we saw another Ravana in 'Adipurush'. So it's okay. It's always interesting to see what someone else's version is. So let Mr Kumar [Nitish Kumar] make it. I would love to see what he's doing," he added. Bijay Anand's latest screen outing is Akshay Kumar and Tiger Shroff's 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan'.

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Disha Patani Misses Sushant Singh Rajput As 'MS Dhoni: The Untold Story' Clocks 7 Years, Says 'Couldn't Say Goodbye'

Actor Disha Patani remembered late actor Sushant Singh Rajput on the occasion of their film 'MS Dhoni: The Untold Story' 7th anniversary. Taking to Instagram, Disha shared a clip from the movie featuring herself and Sushant. Sharing the video, she wrote, "Grateful for this beautiful journey and my first film in Hindi cinema Love whole heartedly and cherish the ones who make you happy safe and heard life's too short for regrets ! We couldn't say goodbye but i hope you're

happy and at peace" As soon as she shared the video, fans and industry friends chimed in the comment section. Actor Anil Kapoor wrote, "Phenomenal scene .. both of you are so good ..." One of the users wrote, "One of the finest scenes from this movie" Another commented, "Miss u SSR."

Helmed by Neeraj Pandey, 'MS Dhoni: The Untold Story' biopic is on one of the most celebrated cricketers in our country, Mahendra Singh Dhoni. The film

was released in 2016 and saw the late Sushant Singh Rajput essaying the role of Dhoni. It also starred Kiara Advani.

Disha, with her girl-next-door appeal and million-dollar smile, instantly became the talk of the town. Her chemistry with Sushant was widely appreciated. The biopic turned out to be one of the biggest hits of Sushant's career, who went on to receive several nominations in the Best Actor category at that year's awards ceremonies for his performance in the film.

Leo Advance Booking: Vijay's Action-Thriller To Become Highest Tamil Opener In UK



surpass the current single-day earnings for an INDIAN film in #UK, a record presently held by #Pathaan."

The Lokesh Kanagaraj directorial has begun on an excellent start and has already crossed USD 100K in the US for the

gross. 'Leo' is all set to arrive in theatres worldwide on October 19. The much-awaited film stars Vijay and Trisha, alongside Sanjay Dutt, Arjun Sarja, Gautham Vasudev Menon, Mansoor Ali Khan and Mysskin. The film was officially announced in January 2023 with tentative title 'Thalapathy 67', as it is Vijay's 67th film as a lead actor. Apart from Tamil, it is expected to be released in dubbed versions including Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Hindi languages.

Kho Gaye Hum Kahan: Aditya Roy Kapur, Suhana Khan, Shanaya Kapoor Exude Uber Cool Vibes At Screening

Ahead of the highly-anticipated release of Zoya Akhtar-directorial 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan', the makers organized a special screening in Mumbai. Aditya Roy Kapur, Suhana Khan, Shanaya Kapoor, amid others turned up for the glittery event. Ananya Panday, Siddhant Chaturvedi, and Adarsh Gourav-starrer 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan' is slated for a December 26 release.

Helmed by debutant director Arjun Varain Singh, 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan' is a 'coming-of-digital-age' story about three friends in their mid-20s navigating life in



the world of social media. Adarsh Gourav shared, "I am incredibly grateful to producers and filmmakers like Zoya Akhtar, who believe in actors like me who have carved their own paths. Zoya is a dynamic director with an impeccable eye for talent, and I feel privileged to be a part of her much-awaited project, 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan'. I find myself lucky to be working and collaborating with such great minds and the fact that they recognise my work and have given me roles like the one in 'Kho Gaye'". In the movie, the captivating narrative revolves around the lives of Imaad (Siddhant Chaturvedi), Ahana (Ananya Panday), and Neil (Adarsh Gourav). This relatable tale follows the intertwined journeys of these three best friends as they navigate the challenges of aspirations, relationships, and emotions, offering a glimpse into their shared experiences and personal growth against the bustling cityscape of Mumbai. 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan' chronicles the lives of Imaad (Siddhant Chaturvedi), Ahana (Ananya Panday) and Neil (Adarsh Gourav), through the very relatable journey of three best friends together navigating aspirations, relationships and emotions. Bringing their infectious energy from reel to real, the young and dynamic cast helped turn a wall on the bustling street in Mumbai into a vibrant mural capturing their friendship and inviting the crowds to join their journey as they kick off the promotions for the film. 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan' is set to arrive on December 26 on Netflix.

Ambedkar and Democracy

Dr Santosh Kumar Mohapatra



Over the decades, Ambedkar Jayanti has become a commemoration with several meanings—a celebration that captures the ecstasy, frenzy, unwavering love, aspiration, assertion, inspiration and pleasure of struggle with which Ambedkar's followers connect. On April 14, his followers recommit their pledge to wrestle with the daily discrimination. They call it 'Knowledge Day'. In 2021, British Columbia declared it as 'Equality Day'.

The significance of a thinker and statesman, or an iconoclast, revolutionary confronting injustice, is judged by time. Their thinking and actions set a benchmark for a timeless time. Dr B.R. Ambedkar is one of those radical thinkers, social reformers who remain significant for future generations for he was ahead of his time.

Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar stands taller. He was an eminent figure in Indian history as well as a jurist, economist, politician and social reformer. He became a well-known voice against the injustices of India's caste system, fighting for the advancement of Dalits

and other underprivileged groups. He dedicated his life to fighting for the rights of women and labourers as well as to ending societal prejudice against untouchables, or Dalits. Ambedkar has been associated with helping to draft the Indian Constitution, which embraces the values of justice, liberty, equality, and brotherhood. Ambedkar's unwavering fight against social injustice and support of the rights of marginalised castes have had a significant impact on the development of social reforms and policy in India. His legacy acts as a guiding light, inspiring ongoing initiatives to build a society that is more just and inclusive.

Celebrated on April 14th annually, Ambedkar Jayanti, also referred to as Bhim Jayanti, honours the memory of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, the first Law Minister of Independent India and the principal architect of the Indian Constitution. Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar gave the message of equality, freedom, fraternity, and justice to the country and the world, which is very important for humanity. Often referred as 'Father of Indian Constitution', will celebrate his 134th birthday on Sunday, April 14, 2024.

Dr. Ambedkar received India's highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna, in 1990 as a posthumous honour and the year 1990–1991 was

proclaimed as the "Year of Social Justice." Ambedkar Remembrance Day became more widely recognised as a result of these changes, and it was informally observed as a holiday in various states. Ambedkar was born on April 14, 1891, in Mhow, Madhya Pradesh, which is now known as Ambedkar Nagar. In school (Satara and Bombay), college (Bombay), service under the Maharaja of Baroda (briefly in 1913 and again between July and November 1917) and study abroad (Columbia University, the London School of Economics, Gray's Inn, the University of Bonn), he exhibited a scholarly orientation, a commitment to the life of the mind and trained intellectual gifts that no other national figure in Indian politics could match over this century. By the time he finished his formal studies in the early 1920s, Dr Ambedkar had acquired qualifications that surpassed the M.A., Ph.D., M.Sc. (Econ), D.Sc. (Econ), Barrister-at-law he had added, by right, to his name and title; the young man had been through a real-life educational experience which most people (including the most renowned scholars) do not manage to acquire in a lifetime.

Today Ambedkar's views have got more relevance as democracy is sliding in India.



Democracy is not a form of government but essentially a form of society. It is incompatible and contradictory with isolation and exclusivity, leading to a distinction between the privileged and the underprivileged. Babasaheb's commitment to democracy and constitutional morality is the first thing that strikes the mind as we commemorate Ambedkar Jayanti. Democracy was a 'way of life' for him, not just a political tool to gain power and rule the masses. For Ambedkar, a democratic society is a prerequisite for a democratic form of government. He expressed this concern in many speeches about democracy as a form of government. Ambedkar theorised substantive democracy, wherein a 'social and economic democracy' would breathe life into

political democracy. His quest for a meaningful democratic society led him to explore the concept of 'constitutional morality'. Ambedkar's oft-quoted reference to constitutional morality is from his speech in the Constituent Assembly on November 4, 1948, when he was responding to criticism of the draft Constitution. In a speech at the Pune District Law Library in 1952, Ambedkar described adherence to 'constitutional morality' as one of the prerequisites for the successful functioning of democracy. According to him, the Constitution contained only the skeleton whose flesh was found in constitutional morality. He equated constitutional morality with constitutional conventions in England. Ambedkar also considered democracy

as a revolutionary instrument to change the social order. For him, democracy was not just a rule of the majority but a way of life in which minorities should have a sense of security—a guarantee that no one would hit them below the belt. There must be no tyranny of the majority over the minority. The minority must always feel secure that it will not be hurt or double-crossed although the majority is running the government.

In a constitutional democracy, we must adhere only to constitutional methods to achieve social and economic ends. Individuals must not lay their liberties at the feet of others—this is what constitutional morality is all about. Democracy cannot only be a form but must exist in substance. Political democracy is meaningless if there is no

social democracy. For Ambedkar, social democracy comprised liberty, equality and fraternity.

A parliamentary democracy based on adult suffrage will only create political equality—one man, one vote. The objective should be of one man, one value.

Democracy is often defined as 'government by the people, for the people and of the people'. It is also defined as 'government by discussion'. However, these definitions are inadequate in an unequal society. Democracy, according to Ambedkar, should lead to social and economic changes in people's lives without bloodshed.

Dr Ambedkar pointed out in his famous speech to the Constituent Assembly, "India is today entering a life full of contradictions, where there will be equality in politics, but inequality in socio-economic life. How long can we continue this life full of contradictions?" Will we be able to survive? It is certain that if we remain deprived of social democracy for a long time, our political democracy will also be in danger.

As far as economic democracy is concerned, economic inequality between the upper castes and Dalits is continuously increasing. Today's situation is such that the rich are becoming richer and the

poor are becoming poorer. The unequal distribution of wealth and resources is widening the chasm between the rich and the poor.

Income and wealth inequality is higher than that of British Raj. Between 2014-15 and 2022-23, the rise of top-end inequality has been particularly pronounced in terms of wealth concentration. By 2022-23, top 1% income and wealth shares (22.6% and 40.1%) are at their highest historical levels and India's top 1% income share is among the very highest in the world, higher than even South Africa, Brazil and US.

This is the irony is that the government becoming despotic, authoritarian and oppressive. Further, hatred is created against minorities. India is considered as flawed democracy and electoral autocracy. Media is subverted either through veiled threat or allurements. India is placed abysmally at 161 positions out of 180 countries in the 2023 World Press Freedom Index, according to the latest report released by global media watchdog Reporters Without Borders (RSF). Ruling class does not adhere to constitutional morality. Oppositions are ignored while dissents are curbed. There is one types of undeclared emergency.

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"Joy passes through the Hindi new year"

Dr Lokendrasingh Kot



Festivals have been created due to the culture and ethics of sharing happiness every moment. Practically speaking, a person should always remain happy. Therefore, in Indian tradition, Teej festivals take place almost every day. All the Hindi dates are Ekam, Dooj, Teej, Chauth, Panchami, Chhath, Saptami, Ashtami, Navami, Dashami, Ekadashi, Baras, Teras, Chaudas and Amavasya or Purnima. Everyone has some festival or the other throughout the year. No day is inauspicious in our culture. It is even mentioned in the scriptures that whenever Brahma created this universe, there is a festival on that day. Chaitre Masi Jagad Brahma Saras Prathamme Ahani, Shukla Pakshe

Samagretu Tu Sada Suryodaye Sati. According to this verse mentioned in Brahma Purana, Lord Brahma had created the universe on the first sunrise of Chaitra month. It was called Gudi Padwa. The creation of Gudi symbolizes the creation which is the foundation of our existence. The yellow-red colored silk clothes represent the social fabric with which this world is bound. Colors reflect that joy and liveliness and yellow and red colors represent that sensitivity which have longer wavelength. Restraint, symbols of gratitude, mango and its leaves work to ensure continuity and purity of life. Flowers are planted because it is our basic nature to bloom like flowers. An earthen pot is also placed on top which is a symbol of the sky and infinity. A doll made of this is hoisted at the door so that we remember that we are the descendants of that infinity. It is depicted in Brahma Purana which is a sacred Hindu scripture that Lord Brahma recreated the entire world on this day.

When the earth was submerged during the Matsya incarnation of Lord Vishnu, Brahma again did the work of creation on this auspicious day. Brahma Puja has special significance on this day. This replication of creation and God's mercy opens new dimensions for us, hence it is also called Navasamvatsar. Bhaskaracharya had calculated the time keeping this date in mind.

Time is not in anyone's hands but it was calculated on the basis of the movement of the Sun and the Earth and was made in a convenient position so that the importance of time can be felt in life. The Panchang also originated from here as part of an unprecedented process of calculation. Since then it has become popular to look into the future by doing astrological calculations on the basis of various positions of the planets and stars, to identify and warn of inauspicious signs and to take remedies for them. Gudi Padwa is the occasion



which marks the victory of the Shakas over the Hunas. The story behind Gudi Padwa and according to the Shalivahana calendar, the Hunas were defeated by King Shalivahana on this day. The legend states that Satya Yuga started on the day of Gudi Padwa. Vikram Samvat is the basis of Indian calendar and time determination. Which started from Ujjain city of Madhya Pradesh. This calendar was released during the reign of King Vikramaditya, that is why it is also known as Vikram Samvat. After the victory of Vikramaditya, when he ascended the throne, he announced the waiver of

all the debts of his subjects and also released the Indian calendar, which was named Vikram Samvat. It is also described in the Vedas, the oldest scriptures of the universe. The description of Navasamvat i.e. Samvatsars is given in mantra number 45 and 15 of 27th and 30th chapter of Yajurveda respectively. When the form of nature changes and new creation gets a role, like after autumn, new forts appear on trees and old leaves fall under the same tree and become fertilizer for their parent and parent tree and keep them alive and new forts develop. This message is also

given to the people that they should always be grateful for this loan. In life, we also have birth givers and nurturers, repaying our debt to them is the most important aspect of life. As old age homes are increasing in our society, it shows that we are not able to live in harmony with nature. The direct result of this is that stress, depression, frustration, pressure, anger and insensitivity are increasing in our society. Gudi Padwa is also related to crops. In the month of Chaitra, both the crops and the immense hard work done along with them come out ripe. There is

a fragrance in the drops of sweat and it is visible in the heaps of crops. Unique gratitude towards Mother Earth is expressed only through the festival of Gudi Padwa. This period is also associated with Lord Ram. Ram ji was crowned on this day and later Yudhishthir was also crowned on this day. The Gudi Padwa festival, celebrated as Ugadi in the south and Cheti Chand in the north, usually occurs between late March and early April. The dates of Holi Mohalla, Vishu, Vaishakhi, Chetichand, Chitreya Tiruvija etc. all fall around this new year. Satyayuga is considered to begin from this day. On this day Lord Vishnu took the incarnation of Matsya. From this day onwards the day starts becoming longer than the night. The Konkani community in Goa and Kerala celebrates it with the name 'Samvatsara Padvo'. In Karnataka this festival is known as 'Yugadi'. In Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, 'Gudi Padwa' is celebrated with the name 'Ugadi'.

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The petition against cancellation of nomination will be heard in the Supreme Court on April 15.



New Delhi (KCN): A petition has been filed in the Supreme Court seat of Bihar for the Lok Sabha elections. The hearing of which will be held on April 15. A person named Jawahar Kumar Jha, who filed nomination as an independent candidate in the Banka Lok Sabha elections of Bihar, has filed a petition in the Supreme Court. It has been said in the petition that sub-section 4 says that the RO (Returning Officer) cannot cancel the nomination paper without a defect of satisfactory nature.

North East DCP IPS Dr Joy Tirkey honored by Delhi Police Commissioner for good work.



New Delhi: (Ahsanansari) : On Saturday, Delhi Police Commissioner Shri IPS Sanjay Arora honored North East DCP Dr Joy Tirkey by giving him a letter of appreciation for best work in operational services. Dr Tirkey had expressed his gratitude to CP for recognizing his hard work.

M/S Girish Chandra Ghosh and GGS is celebrating Sesquicentennial Ceremony

Kolkata (AMBAR MUKHERJEE): M/s Girish Chandra Ghosh & GGS (formerly M/s Girish Chandra Ghosh) renowned beam scales and related Item manufacturer under weight and measure sector is celebrating its Sesquicentennial Ceremony (150 Years) in the current month. Late Girish Chandra Ghosh the founder of the age old enterprise had started its journey of manufacturing beam scale in 1874 amid the stiff British rule and when except few items all commodities were imported. Accuracy and affordable price has made their products popular. after independence of India in 1947.

Supriyo Ghosh, Managing Partner of the company and 5th generation family head is managing its 50 plus technically qualified professionals from Kolkata Corporate office. Ghosh said they got recognition as vintage industry and their products is still kept as specimen of that age at Government Industrial Museum in Kolkata. "In 1957, with the introduction of metric system in India M/s Girish Chandra Ghosh

had adopted the process and gradually developed many weight and measure products like platform scale, weigh bridge upto 50 mt., hanging scale, digital scale, bullion scale, liquor measure (PEG) and others," he said.

Besides manufacturing M/s Girish Chandra Ghosh & GGS has entered into calibration of storage tanks and others sector since 1990 and also measurements of CNG (compressed natural gas) and got tremendous response from all parts of India which led them to start branch office in 11 States including West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar, Jharkhand, Assam, Sikkim, Madya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab and Goa. Legal Metrology Dept has issued their licences to this ISO Certified CRISIL rated, NSIC regd. Import export certificate holder ZED certified by Government of India regarding Small Enterprise. To compete the world need this vintage enterprise has acquired technology from OMIL which help to get endorsement from American

Petroleum Institute by dint of which they got international assignment on their field. M/s Girish Chandra Ghosh & GGS also do Survey job adopting modern technology and made themselves a dependable partner of all major large industries in health survey of pipeline, storage tanks etc.

Ghosh said presently the company is also undertaking NDT Testing. Additionally they also provide detailed plant lay out drawing. The company received numerous awards from Government of India, different state government, Chambers of Commerce and other related bodies.

"On the auspicious occasion of 150 years of our meaningful sustainable existence the company is determined to serve the industries in weight & measure and related sectors to expand our activities globally with a single motto to measure SOLID to LIQUID and GASES beside undertaking of social responsibility under CSR and to function more accurately in the coming days," Ghosh added.

All arrangements in place for paddy procurement:

Hanumakonda District Collector

Hanumakonda, April 13 (KCN): District Collector Sikta Patnaik has assured farmers that the paddy procurement process for the season will proceed smoothly, with all necessary measures in place. This assurance came during her visit to paddy procurement centre (PPC) in Nagaram of Hasanparthy mandal as well as Ambala and Kamalapur market yards of Kamalapur mandal in the district on Saturday. During her visit, she examined various key aspects such as the quantity of grain received, moisture content, drying efforts by farmers, grain types, and the availability of grain cleaning machinery. The Collector also inquired about transportation arrangements to designated mills, issues encountered at the centres, record-keeping practices, availability of tarpaulins, and weighing procedures.

Patnaik stated that the paddy purchasing process had already commenced across the district, highlighting the opening of Primary Procurement Centers (PPCs) 10 days prior. She mentioned that a network of 150 purchase centers, facilitated by IKP and PACS, is currently active in the district, with personnel receiving specialized training. The Collector emphasized the importance of swift procurement and transportation to mills to maintain grain quality. She urged officials to promptly address any issues encountered by farmers and stressed the need for grain cleaning machines at the centers to ensure grain quality. Accompanying Collector Patnaik were Additional Collector Venkat Reddy, District Civil Supplies Department Officer Vasantha Lakshmi, District Civil Supplies Manager Mahender, Agriculture AD Damodar Reddy, Tehsildars Challa Prasad and Madhavi, Civil Supplies DT Krishna, along with local farmers and other officials.



President Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel, Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan presenting a Rotary Vocational Excellence Award RY-2023-2024 to Mr Pradip Kumar Agarwal for Lifetime contribution to spread of Holistic Education in India on 13th April, 2024.

ICAR-CIFRI organized interactive meeting at Rissia Dam, Odisha for livelihood development of tribal community

Kolkata, (KCN): The ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute organized an interaction meeting at Rissia Dam, Kudhia, Odisha on 5th April, 2024. The meeting was organized to mobilize the fishing community to carry out the reservoir fisheries development programme in a participatory mode to meet the SDG:8 'Decent work and Economic Growth' under the ICAR window 3 programme (WorldFish project). The initiative aimed at creating awareness for understanding and



addressing the various problems faced by the local fishers. Dr. B.K.

Das, Director, ICAR-CIFRI, Barrackpore, Kolkata and the project team interacted with local fishers with regards to reservoir fisheries

development and the issues and challenges faced by the fishermen. Dr. Das emphasized the importance of sustainable reservoir fisheries development for livelihood development and the way forward for addressing the issues and challenges faced by the fishers. The interactive meeting was attended actively by more than 40 fishers. It was plan to provide various fisheries implements to the fishing community by the institute for sustainable enhancement of fish production in the reservoir.

India - Romania Economic cooperation key to strengthen multi-dimensional relationship between the nations

Kolkata (PARTHA ROY): India - Romania multi-dimensional cooperation and goodwill relationship is expanding to strengthen bond between Governments and people of both countries.

Ambassador of Romania to India, Nepal and Bangladesh Ms. Daniela Mariana Sezonov Tane addressed a special session on "Romania India Economic Cooperation: Present and Future Perspectives" organised by Bharat Chamber of Commerce on 10th April 2024 in Kolkata.

Ambassador Daniela emphasized economic cooperation between Romania and India is growing and expanding in to new areas which will strengthen Romania India multi-dimensional relationship. She indicated strong and healthy economic cooperation strengthen political relationship between the nations.

In February 2024, Romanian Foreign Minister Ms. Luminita

Odobescu visited India and met Indian Foreign Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar. A joint declaration celebrating 10 years of extended partnership between Romania and India was issued on that occasion. India and Romania established diplomatic relationship in 1948 & celebrated 75 years of establishment of diplomatic relationship in 2023.

Mr. Ionut Mircea Viziru Economic Counsellor Head of Economic and Commercial Office of Romania in New Delhi made a presentation on scope and opportunity of investment in Romania. Viziru highlighted Indian investors and industrialists can get benefits of Free Trade Agreement between European Union and India on their investments in Romania. Ambassador Daniela said there is need to promote enhanced bilateral economic cooperation on Energy, Information Technology and Communication (IT&C) industry. Ambassador Daniela said Romanian companies have capabilities to



participate in development projects in India — in conventional energy, renewable energy, oil and gas, infrastructure, metallurgy, mining, railways, defence, etc. Ambassador Daniela mentioned importance of role of Culture as well as cultural exchange programs between Romania and India in building goodwill between the two nations. Recently, Romania has appointed Shri Shiv Kumar Agarwala an industrialist as Honorary Consul of Romania in Kolkata for West Bengal and North Eastern States of India.

Welcoming the guests, Shri Naresh Pachisia Senior Vice President Bharat Chamber of Commerce spoke on growing Economic relationship between India and Romania. While giving Vote of Thanks Shri Rajkumar Aggarwal Vice President BCC expressed optimism on healthy and expanding economic cooperation between Romania and India.

Sundargarh towns face drinking water shortage

Rourkela (KCN): Residents of Bonai, Lahanipara and other localities in the Sundargarh district have always suffered due to a lack of supply of drinking water. Currently, they are very peeved at the tardy manner in which work is going on for the construction of various drinking water projects by the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWSS) department. The RWSS department had earlier stated that a water supply system would be built which will ease the crisis in the entire Bonai

Assembly constituency. However, it has yet to materialise. Bonai suffers from a perennial crisis as the groundwater level is shrinking rapidly. However, residents of the constituency have no idea when the project will be completed. This is because of the absence of information regarding the project. There is no timeline providing information regarding the beginning and end of the project, the cost involved and when water supply will start. The RWSS department also began construction



of projects at various places including Jhumkiband, Lahanipara, Lathikata, Bonaigarh and Kuanrmunda under Biramitrapur municipality. However, no one knows when they will be operational. A drinking water project is being constructed at Jhumkiband just adjacent to the Brahmani River. Huge water tanks are visible at the site, but those have remained dry since 'time immemorial', some residents said sarcastically. It should also be pointed here that all the projects are being handled by a single company. This has raised

doubts as to whether it can handle so many projects simultaneously. "May be, this is the main reason for the delay in completion," opined some residents. They added that despite seeking information from officials of the RWSS department regarding the projects they have not got any satisfactory answers. Even though top officials of the RWSS were unavailable, a junior engineer pointed out that the projects were delayed due to some 'internal issues'. "Those have been sorted and work on projects will pick up pace soon," he said.

Non-functional FASTag holds up LAccMI bus at Keonjhar



Keonjhar (KCN): The Odisha government launched the LAccMI (Location Accessible Multimodal Initiative) bus scheme to provide easy and affordable transportation to people from all strata of society. However, a bus operating under the scheme got stuck at the Banajodi toll gate under Sadar block on NH-20 for more than three hours Friday. The reason for which the vehicle remained stranded was peculiar indeed; the FASTag of the bus failed to pay the

fare required at the toll gate. The bus (OD 09 AB 1066) was travelling from this town with stops at villages under Palashapanga, and Raikala panchayats before terminating at Handibhanga panchayat. Students belonging to different schools, teachers, and job holders of various other professions were travelling on the bus. The bus got stranded at around 6.00 am at the toll gate. The driver repeatedly tried to contact higher-ups over the mobile, but there was

no response. Many people got tired of waiting and disembarked the vehicle. They availed of other means of transport to reach their respective destinations and in the process had to shell out excess amount of money. Those who continued to wait finally breathed a sigh of relief when the problem was solved and the bus resumed its journey after approximately three hours. Sources here pointed out that 63 LAccMI buses are plying through various

panchayats and villages in this district. However, no proper timetable has been issued regarding the services. As a result, many people are not being able to avail the benefits LAccMI bus services offer, the sources added. "If people were aware of the bus timings in various panchayats, they would have benefitted," locals pointed out. "OSRTC and RTO should take necessary steps to publish a proper timetable so that passengers can conveniently travel," they added. Gourav Jena, district transport manager, OSRTC Keonjhar, blamed the server problem as the main reason for which the bus got stranded. "Many times due to server problems, the necessary amounts from the fast tags are not deducted at various toll gates. We will take appropriate steps to ensure that the problem is solved," he said.

DDU ladies' hostel inmates protest over water shortage



Keonjhar (KCN): Facing acute water shortage continuously, residents of the Ananya Ladies' Hostel under Dharanidhar University (DDU) here organised a sit-in protest in front of the gate. They demonstrated against the varsity administration for its failure to provide water by holding empty buckets and bottles. The students said that despite lodging complaints about

the crisis, no remedial measures have been taken by the university authorities. "There has been an acute shortage of water (both drinking and other purposes) for a long time in the hostel. Despite repeated complaints, nothing has been done. Till the issue is resolved, we will continue our protests," said a protesting inmate. Officer on Special Duty (OSD)- cum-Vice-

Chancellor of DDU, Pratap Kumar Mohanty along with Registrar Narendra Kumar Sahu and other officials visited the hostel in an attempt to pacify the inmates. The inmates, however, were adamant. They pointed out that they have to walk more than a kilometre to get drinking water. The students, however, called off the strike when the OSD assured them that



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Daikin Centre of Excellence (CoE) at Bhubaneshwar, Odisha

Bhubaneshwar (KCN): Daikin Air conditioning India Pvt. Ltd. (DAIPL), the fully owned subsidiary of Daikin Industries Ltd., Japan & the market leader in the air-conditioning market in India today launched a host of new air-conditioning products for the Orissa market amidst major fanfare & excitement. Daikin observes's Orissa as a potential market, so we will continue to invest in developing the market with a view to dominate the room AC market. Today, the Daikin products bring with them with strong technology from Daikin Global that offers lower cost of ownership and topped

with unmatched quality and durability. The new office offers an additional advantage of integrated approach with a view to offer our stakeholders an experience to physically meet & co-work with Daikin employees. On this occasion, Mr. Kuldeepak Virmani, Senior Vice President & Executive Director, Daikin Indiasaid, "With India demonstrating a robust upward growth & business trajectory, we have plans to get aggressive in our approach across Orissa and the new productsremain a key step towards strengthening Daikin's endeavour to capture significant market share."

The East market has grown over 50% in the last year, and Daikin India predicts it to be a INR 2000 crores by 2025, prompting us to launch a host of new products & increase our dealer network extensively. With robust infrastructure & housing development, we are witnessing a high demand for smart & energy efficient air-

conditioning solutions. We are planning to invest in heavy marketing & promotions across Orissa to secure 20% market share end of FY 24-25. Daikin India recently operationalised its new facility at Sri City, Andhra Pradesh, spread across 75.5 acres to reaffirm its

Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India registers 3,53,188 unit sales

Gurugram: Noting a positive upward movement during the month, Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India today announced its sales numbers for May 2022.

The company's total sales for the month stood at 3,53,188 with 3,20,844 domestic sales and 32,344 exports compared to the subdued market performance for same period last year amidst multiple lockdowns owing to impact from second wave of pandemic.

Commenting on the sales performance in May'22, Mr. Atsushi Ogata, Managing Director, President & CEO, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India said, "The market is gaining back strength as disturbances in terms of supply side are subsidingcoupled with rise in physical presence at office and educational institutions. The sales figures this month remain incomparable from May'21 as frequent lockdowns in wake of second wave marred the performance during this period last year. Growth in domestic as well as international trade continues to complement each other as we approach an early monsoon."

TVS Motor

Company registers sales of 302,982 units

Hosur: TVS Motor Company sales was at 302,982 units in May 2022. The year-on-year growth is not comparable due to the low base of sales in May 2021 because of the localised lockdown imposed by the Government of India during that period.

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commitment for excellence and innovation; strategically positioned to cater to the increasing demand for state-of-the-art air conditioning products manufactured in India, for domestic and international consumption. Daikin notably is the principal investor in the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) program in the air-conditioning category, implemented by the government to encourage domestic production of air conditioners.

Mr. Kuldeepak Virmani commented, "The commercialisation of our new manufacturing plant in Sri City is a

momentous occasion for Daikin. This facility will not only enhance our production capabilities but will also strengthen our position as a leading provider of energy-efficient and sustainable HVAC solutions in the region. With this factory, Daikin's production capacity receives a substantial boost, further solidifying our commitment to growth in India. This expansion marks a pivotal moment in our journey, poised to make a significant contribution to Daikin's continued success in the country and fostering long-term partnerships that drive mutual

success." The new plant is equipped with the latest technology and adheres to Daikin's high standards for quality and sustainability. The facility is designed to streamline production processes, ensuring the timely delivery of Daikin's renowned products to customers across India and beyond. Emphasizing the company's commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility, this state-of-the-art factory aligns with Daikin's aspiration to achieve Net Zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

Union Bank of India signs MOU with SIDBI for Co-Financing arrangement of MSMEs

Mumbai: Union Bank of India today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for a Co-Financing arrangement for MSMEs. The MoU was signed by Shri Lal Singh, Chief General Manager, Union Bank of India and Shri Vivek Kumar Malhotra, Chief General Manager, SIDBI. SIDBI is country's principal financial institution engaged in the Promotion, Financing and Development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

Under the MoU, Union Bank of India would consider Joint financing/Co-Financing with SIDBI to Projects/ Units in the MSME. This MoU would help the Banks to increase their

customer base, while helping the MSMEs to meet their funding requirements. The key highlights of the arrangement include joint identification of viable projects and term loan and working capital financing to MSMEs. Initially the arrangement would be at specific centers and once the arrangement stabilizes at these centers, more locations would be covered.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Lal Singh, CGM (MSME), Union Bank of India, said "MSME is one of the key sectors of our Indian Economy contributing to GDP, Exports, Manufacturing Output, Employment, Women Empowerment etc. MSME is one of the focused areas of the Bank and at Union Bank

Also, speaking on the tie-up arrangement, Shri Vivek Kumar Malhotra, CGM, SIDBI reiterated SIDBI's commitment towards timely financing for MSMEs across all sectors.

Himalayan College of Nursing, Jolly Grant conducts an awareness campaign on 'Safe Motherhood Day'



New Delhi (KCN Bureau): The Himalayan College of Nursing, Jolly Grant, organized an awareness campaign at the CHC Doiwala on 'National Safe Motherhood Day'. During this event, a quiz competition was held for women to provide them with health-related information.

The Obstetrics and Gynecology Department of Swami Rama Himalayan University (SRHU), Jolly Grant, hosted this awareness program. During this time, Dr. KS Bhandari, the Chief Medical Superintendent at CHC Doiwala, mentioned that the objective of celebrating Safe Motherhood Day is to

spread awareness about maternal health and care, provide high-quality health services to mothers, and promote safe childbirth. Dr. Kamlesh Bharti from the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department unveiled the program's theme, "Together, Let's Play Our Role for Respectful Motherhood Care."

On this occasion, students from the Nursing College informed the visiting women about safe motherhood through plays and a poster exhibition. Upma George, Dr. Kanchan Bala, Lakshmi Kumar, Poonam Yadav also provided information to the women present.



RELIANCE BRANDS LIMITED INKS A JV WITH PLASTIC LEGNO SPA

Mumbai: RELIANCE BRANDS LIMITED (RBL) and Plastic Legno SPA have signed a joint venture arrangement through which RBL will acquire a 40% stake in Plastic Legno SPA's toy manufacturing business in India. This investment by RBL serves a dual purpose, bringing in vertical integration for RBL's toy business and helping diversify the supply chain with a long-term strategic interest in building toy manufacturing in India.

Plastic Legno SPA is owned by the Sunino group that boasts of more than 25 years of toy production experience in Europe. The group started its India business in 2009 out of a need to develop a strong production hub that would cater to global markets, but more importantly to the fast evolving and growing Indian market.

"Keeping with our

Aditya Birla Group formally launches TMRW – a Digital First 'House of Brands' venture in the Fashion & Lifestyle space

Mumbai: Aditya Birla Group today announced the formal launch of its new 'House of Brands' entity – TMRW. This move is in line with the group's strategy to launch and back new-age digital ventures. TMRW, an Aditya Birla Group venture, will create India's largest portfolio of disruptor brands in the fashion & lifestyle space and enable the next phase of direct to consumer (D2C) growth in India, which is poised to be a \$100bn market by 2025. Over the next 3 years, TMRW will acquire as well as incubate 30+ innovative, customer-obsessed brands. The venture will also enable multiple founders to operate within a synergistic 'house of brands' platform that share a common vision and shared capabilities. Aditya Birla Group has appointed ex Facebook & Bain executive, Prashanth Aluru, as the CEO & Co-Founder to lead the build out of this new venture. Prashanth will set-up a nimble and

footprint across 15 countries with 213 doors and is India's largest chain of toy stores.

"We are very privileged to have RBL as a partner in this Joint Venture. We are confident that Plastic Legno's experience in Toys production and Hamley's commercial outreach, will complement one another to enable the JV Company to achieve greater heights and successes. We have important development plans to implement, always in the spirit of creating a cultural background in this specific sector in India. We are ready for the challenges of the future, but when there is a group like RBL alongside, we are sure that together we can do a great development," said Paolo Sunino, Co-owner, Sunino Group.

RBL has a strong play in the Toy industry with its portfolio of Hamleys, the British toy retailer and homegrown toy brand – Rowan, making RBL one of the leading toy distributors. Hamleys currently has a global

foray will successfully meet the aspirations of digitally native consumers and also create long-term value for investors and other stakeholders."

Prashanth Aluru, CEO and Co-Founder, TMRW said, "I am excited to embark on this journey to build TMRW - a long-term enduring platform that will be home to the leading disruptor brands that provide the new age digitally savvy consumer what she is looking for across Fashion & Lifestyle. With the backing of the Aditya Birla Group and the right profile of long-term investors we will bring in, we are confident of powering the growth of several brands that shape the next 3 years. With the launch of this venture, we intend to double down on our ongoing program of strategically attracting new pools of capital that are seeking investment in high-growth businesses. We are confident that this

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'Should not be a one-trick pony' - Bumrah on his success mantra

New Delhi: Jasprit Bumrah has had a huge say in Mumbai Indians turning their fortunes around slowly in the IPL this year. Having lost their first three games, MI have bounced back by winning their last two. Even though both the games have been high-scoring, Bumrah has made the difference. He has been the only bowler across teams in both these matches to concede less than six an over.

He ended up picking up his second five-fer in IPL on Thursday (April 11) to condemn RCB to another loss. "So, when the first over was bowled, I saw Nabi bhai's ball was gripping a little bit, so I realised that it might not be a

straight, flat deck in the beginning," Bumrah said. "When the dew sets in, I guess the length ball will become better, so I kept that in mind, I wanted to stick to my strengths, I wanted to bowl a good, hard length. That worked today.

"I do my research, I see where the batter is strong. Sometimes the wicket is sticky, you don't need to always bowl a yorker. Sometimes you can use your bouncer, you can use your slower ball, so you don't need to use all tricks on one day. You have to understand where the game is going, what kind of a wicket (it is), there is no ego in this format. Even if you bowl 145 but if the wicket demands you to bowl

slower balls, you have to do that. Can't be a one-tricky pony where you just aim at the stumps and go hunting."

Considering he picked five wickets despite the fact that his four overs are spread out throughout the innings in different phases, Bumrah said he is now used to that role. "I've been doing this for 11 years here, so I have now been used to being ready whenever the situation demands," he pointed out. "You use your experience, you keep an eye on where the game is heading, because what happened in the end, dew set in, so the wicket got a little better and the ball started skidding on. So all of these things, you

try to get involved in the game and you try to help others as well." Currently, the leading wicket-taker in the tournament, Bumrah is ahead of the pack by a fair distance given his economy rate is below

six in a season where bowlers have been taken for plenty. Bumrah has attributed that to his skillset and the amount of effort he puts in preparing himself for different challenges. "This format is very harsh on the bowler," he noted. "So you have to have all kinds of skills. This is what I train for. That come this situation, I should have different options. I should not be a one-trick pony. I should just not rely on my yorker

because there will be days where my execution is off so I can rely on another delivery. So this is what I had worked on early on in my career as well. Everybody's doing their research, data and all of that comes in. So people start to line you up. So I wanted to have different skills so very happy that I could use it. "Bowling is tough because you will have to take a beating, you will have to have bad days to learn from it. What I have done in the past is that whenever I've had a bad day, whatever has not worked, next day with a calm mind, I've seen the videos. 'What does not work, why did it not work? What is the way I've been playing?' So all of these things, you have to be with the curve because nowadays you just cannot come on the day and say 'okay, I'll do this, maybe this will work.' So you're hoping for success. For me, preparation is always the key. When you prepare hard, you put yourself under pressure in the nets, you bowl to batters who can hit big sixes. You bowl to them, you see how you react to stress, you see how you react to pressure. Then you find start finding answers so that is very, very important for me to keep pushing myself in training. Then on game day you have answers that, okay, when I had similar pressure in training, I had answers."

All round Harmeet delivers series win for USA

New Delhi (KCN): Harmeet Singh's fiery cameo of 34 for 17 deliveries followed by a devastating spell of 4 for 18 helped USA clinch an unassailable lead in their T20I series against Canada. Harmeet's fireworks at the death bolstered an otherwise meandering USA innings to a competitive 159. He found himself twice on the cusp of a hattrick, deflating the Canadians with a twin strike in the 4th over and then derailing their chase again with a double blow at a crucial juncture in the 15th over.

Canada captain Saad Bin Zafar's all round efforts fell second best to Harmeet. Zafar returned figures of 1 for 21 in his 3 overs to go with his quickfire 29 off 18 deliveries. Opener Dilpreet Bajwa's half century kept Canada in the hunt until his dismissal in the 15th over with 68 needed in 34 deliveries. However, despite Zafar's breezy innings, the lower order failed collectively to provide a knockout punch, going down by 14



runs in the end. Taylor picked up where left off in the previous game. Reminding Rishiv Joshi the ghosts of the last couple of games, he was off the blocks in a flash with 3 boundaries off the first over. Coming off the back of two half centuries in the series in as many games, Monank miscued an on drive off Uday Singh to fall for 0. Taylor got stuck into Joshi again, swatting a pull through square leg and then drilling one straight over the sight screen. He was in no mood of respite as he welcomed Zafar with a fierce strike downtown. Dillon Heyliger knicked off a rampaging Taylor (39 off 24) and caught the gloves of a fending Aaron Johnson right after the powerplay. Jones drove himself into top gear with a couple of boundaries against Harsh Thaker but failed to convert his start. The game marked the return of Corey Anderson to international cricket after a hiatus of

almost 6 years. The former Kiwi already could only muster a scratchy 28 off 29 but showed some flashes of brilliance with back to back boundaries off Heyliger. Milind Kumar and Anderson failed to produce a boundary for 5 overs as Nikhil Dutta and Zafar choked the run flow. Milind and Anderson fell in pursuit of quick runs with USA on the edge at 111 for 6 after 16 overs. After biding his time with a few deliveries, Harmeet launched a scathing attack on Canada with an upper cut off Heyliger. He plundered 16 off Thaker in the next over. The left hander dispatched Thaker over the square leg boundary, followed it up with a thumping six over long on along with a whack over extra cover. He combined with Shadley Van Schalkwyk to add 48 runs in 26 deliveries to seize back the momentum from Canada. Harmeet had Canada in all sorts by sending back Canada's batting lynchpin

Aaron Johnson and Pargat Singh off consecutive deliveries in the 4th over. Johnson played all over Harmeet's arm ball to get pinned in front while Pargat was left beguiled halfway down the track off a length ball that straightened enough after pitching. Bajwa got going by whipping a couple of boundaries off his legs off Netravalkar. He added a 75 run stand with Nicholas Kirton to resurrect Canada from 15 for 2. The duo looked ominous and almost in control of the chase as Kirton clattered Nisarg over long on while Bajwa gloriously reverse swept Nostus Kenjige over the third man fence. Taylor's golden arm had USA breathe easy, plucking out Kirton off a mistimed slog. Harmeet came back to castle a dangerous Bajwa in the next over, following it up by trapping Shreyas Movva dead in front of the next ball. With 66 needed of the final 5, Zafar kept Canada in the fray for a while but couldn't prevent the inevitable.

revealed they were overwhelmed by the support they got. Ajinkya Rahane had recently explained how every game feels like a home match for CSK and claimed Dhoni to be the main reason behind it. The India batter also revealed how they have been able to learn from Dhoni as well during the course of the season. "In a different perspective, when we are travelling everywhere just because of one man, we are playing a home match just because of Mahi Bhai (MS Dhoni). That's a wonderful feeling, obviously. When we are playing with him, so many things you can learn as a cricketer, as a human being, how he conducts himself... Mumbai guys, Maharashtra guys playing in CSK, the atmosphere which we have in the dressing room within the group is fantastic," Rahane said. Dhoni has been getting a big response from the fans as seen during the win over KKR recently.

Jake Fraser-McGurk enjoys fine IPL debut as DC down LSG

Lucknow: Jake Fraser-McGurk announced his arrival in the IPL with a 55 off 35 - with 3 fours and 5 sixes - as Delhi Capitals handed Lucknow Super Giants their first defeat in the IPL in a game where the latter posted a 160-plus total. The DC bowlers - led by Kuldeep Yadav - tripped up LSG's top-order early before Ayush Badoni counter-attacked successfully. LSG's 167/7 was the highest total for a team after losing their first seven wickets for under 100 in IPL history. But this big effort was for nothing in the end.

Delhi Capitals might be languishing lower in the points table, but Khaleel

Ahmed finds himself joint-third on the bowling charts for the season. He was instrumental in setting up the team's only other win this season - against CSK - and was once again at hand in rocking LSG's top-order. Khaleel had the rub of the green as the umpire ruled in his favour for an LBW appeal after Quinton de Kock missed a full ball on the leg stump. The left-hander's stay was cut short by umpire's call. In his next over, he had Devdutt Padikkal out leg before too. The match-up worked perfectly for DC as this was the fourth time de Kock fell to a left-arm



He had Arshad Khan for company in an eighth-wicket partnership worth 73 off the last seven overs. Badoni took on DC's death-overs pacers Mukesh Kumar, Khaleel and Ishant Sharma as 39 runs came off the last three overs. Kuldeep meanwhile finished with figures of 3 for 20, including 10 dot balls. David Warner's dismissal in the fourth over did nothing to DC's run-chase as their 22-year-old Jake Fraser-McGurk marked his IPL debut with an impressive show. He and Prithvi Shaw went on a boundary-hitting spree, collecting 15 off Arshad Khan and 17 off Krunal Pandya to take DC to 62/1 in 6 overs. Ravi Bishnoi pushed DC back with a one-run seventh over that included the wicket of Shaw - caught at deep midwicket. This brought along a period of lull as DC managed just 13 runs in 4 overs until the halfway stage, without a boundary scored. Rishabh Pant then turned it around by going after Bishnoi in the 11th over, giving him the charge for a straight six and a four. The DC captain also went after Stoinis before Fraser-McGurk dwarfed the equation by hitting three successive sixes off Krunal - over deep midwicket, deep extra cover and long off.