



On My Way.....

By Santyona Jena



Closing my eye,
Having a glance at myself,
And found myself walking,
On the adventurous path of life.

On the road of ups and downs,
Exploring the challenges and cheers,
And moving forward with all my strength,
Facing the difficulties and my fears.
Trying to go forward but falls again and again,
Just like a child with tiny feet,
Then gets up gathering my courage,
And again starts walking on the street.

Walks on the clear path easily,
But slows down when comes a turn,
And these turns are our teachers,
From whom there are many things to learn.

This adorable journey of life,
Is full of joys and miseries,
Which will end as wished by our fate,
With many beautiful and splendid memories!

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BROWN EYES

Amruta Priyambada Bhuyan

Brown and bold
Yet rich and deep
Stood these eyes
Unloved and free
The most beautiful eyes of all
With a colour so full and pure
But what many know
When shown in light,
These eyes, are sight
With a various shades
Are the browns to crake
Attracting & Stunning with the power
They hold, is a secret to be hold
Do not ever underestimate brown eyes
For they can bring you down to your knees
With their strength beneath.



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Quotation of the Day

“Write it on your
heart that every day
is the best day in the
year.”

—RALPH WALDO EMERSON



I am a "TREE"

Dr.Arundhati Devi



I am playful and happy as it is summer time,
But I feel thirsty this entire time,
I don't bother if I don't get any water,
As its everyone's love that fills my stomach all time.

I feel so nice and happy when the wind blows,
As I am able to dance during that course.

I get bored if nobody is around,
But I become happier when my children gather around.

I don't feel like eating anything alone,
As its the fruits which I am happier to share with my
hearts known.

I give love and protection to all,
I am a "TREE", who is guided by the natures divine
call.

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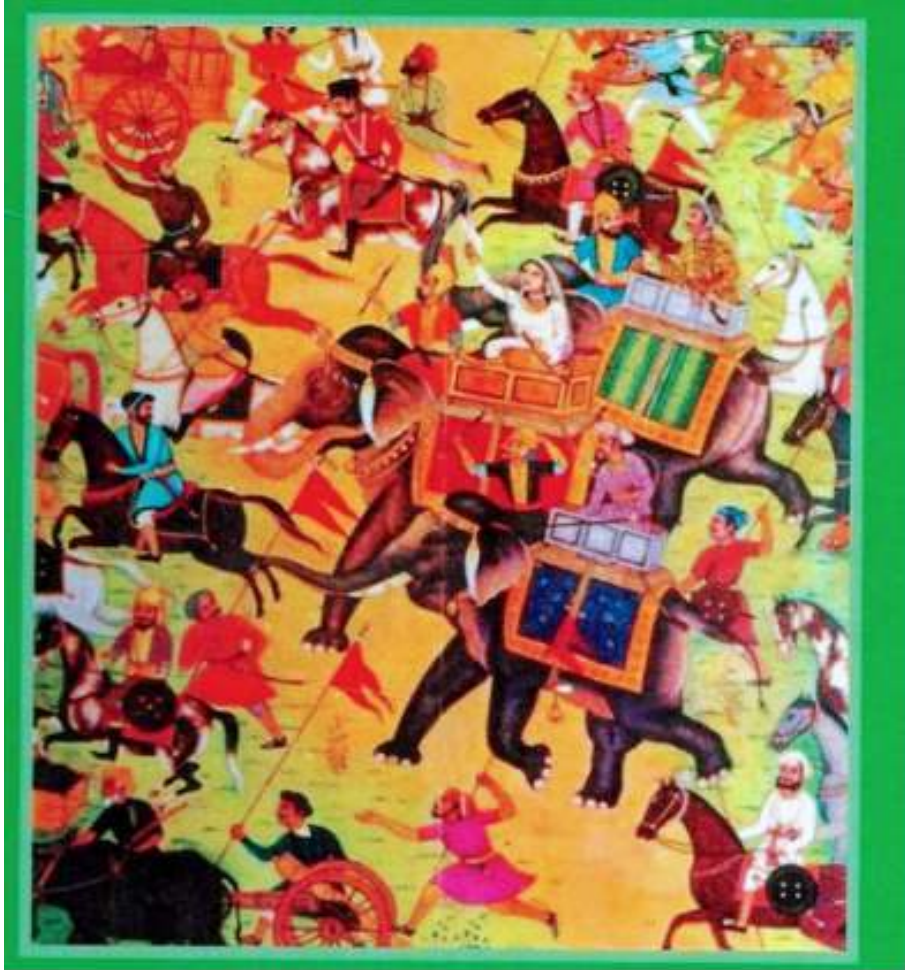
Begum Hazrat Mahal: The Revolutionary Queen of Awadh

Begum Hazrat Mahal was one of the few women who challenged the British during the revolt of 1857. Her maiden name was Muhammadi Khanum. She was born at Faizabad, Awadh. Later in life, she performed a mut'ah marriage with Nawab Wajid Ali Shah. Awadh was annexed by the British East India Company in 1856 and Nawab Wajid Ali Shah, the last Nawab of Awadh was sent into exile to Calcutta. Hazrat Mahal decided to stay back in Lucknow along with her son Birjis Qadir.

After the absorption of Awadh, a rebellion broke out at Meerut and the banner of revolt was raised in Lucknow which spread rapidly to other towns of Awadh. Lucknow was the only place where the English did not leave the Residency building and faced the rebels until they were able to regain their lost power.

Hazrat Mahal was one of the primary figures in bringing about this uprising. “She has excited all Oudh,” says Russell. Her closest allies were Nana Saheb and Maulvi Ahmad ullah Shah. Outram and Havelock arrived from Kanpur to relieve the British Garrison in the Residency of Lucknow. After a few encounters with the rebels, Outram was able to occupy Alum Bagh (a garden in the suburb of Lucknow) on September 23, 1857.

The victory of the English in Kanpur was another setback to her plans. In the month of November Sir Colin Campbell, Commander in Chief of the British Forces along with a small reinforcement arrived at Lucknow. Begum faced the enemy in a fierce



fight but her position grew weaker. In spite of the resistance put up by the Begum, the English Commander was able to escort the besieged garrison out of the residency to Alum Bagh during which a few British officers were killed and wounded.

Begum Hazrat Mahal often called meetings to encourage soldiers, asking them to be brave and fight for the cause. She wrote letters of instruction for the movement and is reported to have appeared on the battlefield on February

25, 1858, mounted on an elephant. Alum Bagh was attacked by a force sometimes led by Maulvi Ahmad ullah Shah and at other times by the Begum in person but the British succeeded in defeating the rebel force.

In March, British started operation against Lucknow under the command of Sir Colin Campbell. The force included 3000 Goorkhas sent by Jung Bahadur, Maharaja of Nepal for the capture of Lucknow. By March 19, 1858, Moosabagh, Char Bagh, and Kesar Bagh were captured by the British. Under adverse circumstances, Begum with her followers, her son Birjis Qadir and Nana Saheb escaped to Nepal. The Nepalese authorities were hesitant to give asylum to the rebels and in a strongly worded letter on January 15, 1859, General Budri wrote “if you should remain or seek asylum within my territory and frontier, the Goorkha troops will most certainly, in pursuance of the treaty agreed upon by both the high States, attack, and make war on you...” Nepalese authorities later changed the decision and an asylum was given to her on the conditions that she did not hold any communication with the rebel leaders or with the

people of India. She faced difficulties in Nepal where her son fell sick. The Lieutenant in charge of her at Noakote (Nepal) observed that Begum had plans to flee from Nepal as well. According to a letter by Col. Ramsay, there were five routes by which rebels could pass over the range of the hills.

After the escape of Begum, the British declared that the rebels and their leaders must submit themselves for conspiring against the Government. It was added that the lives of those who did not murder British officials would be spared and this was applicable to all, from Begum down to those of the lowest rank amongst them. Begum did not agree to this and instead of surrendering, she asked for assistance from Nepalese authorities for the purpose of armed retaliation.

Despite the terms offered by the British authorities that “the Begum Hazrat Mahal will receive all the considerations which are due to her as a woman and a member of a Royal house, Begum Hazrat Mahal did not surrender to them.

After the outbreak was quelled, the Queen of England issued a proclamation to appease the people of British India. As a response to this, Begum Hazrat Mahal issued a counter-proclamation and warned the people not to have faith in these promises “for it is the unvarying custom of the English never to forgive a fault be it great or small.”The Begum tried to come back to India in 1877 but orders were issued, whereby any request made by either Birjis Qadir or his mother to enter British India would not be entertained. The Government of India put up a condition that if they did enter the territory of the British Government they would not receive any assistance or allowance from the Government and would be under the surveillance of the magistrate of the district in which they might take up a residence.

A Good Book that deserves Applause

Prof.MANAS RANJAN MAHAPATRA



verse in any one of the Indian languages. I may quote here what ‘Mary Oliver’, a great American Poet looked at the vast domain of poems. “Poetry is a river; many voices travel in it; poem after poem moves along in the exciting crests and falls of the river waves. None is timeless; each arrives in an historical context; almost everything, in the end, passes. But the desire to make a poem, and the world's willingness to receive it--indeed the world's need of it--these never pass.” It was a wonderful experience to read poems of Dr.Ajit Kumar Mahapatra. He is an existentialist poet who believes in humanity. I am highly impressed by

his poems. As felt by Shelley, poets are the unrecognized ambassadors of humanity and Mahapatra’s poems are in conformity of this truth. Language is our Lifeline. Odisha is going to complete 88 years as a state on the basis of language on 1 April 2024. It was eventually the first state in India formed on the basis of language. Odia has now been recognised as a Classical Language. Dr Mahapatra writes in English, but he belongs to the great Odia tradition of poetry. The anthology ‘Seeing the World’ by Dr Ajit Kumar Mahapatra is a mix of Odia culture and World View. Poems in

this anthology speak of a broader horizon of knowledge. Mahapatra has reflected his mind on a series of topics, from Pandemic to Lord Jagannath, from love to struggle for freedom. In nutshell, it’s a complete book that will make the readers joyful. A poetic creation surfaced in a supremely balanced way on the scoreline fragrance of humanity and divinity. The touch and the quantum of space you have inserted through enchanted tune of message what make this creation a supremely special one having the slice of impact on a wider scale. Despite colossal universal loss of manpower during ravaging Covid-19

pandemic, most of the people world over, could sustain themselves through unaccustomed travails and torments of life. Thousand thanks to the courageous, brave medical community, supportive paramedical persons, and huge number of general public, their essential presence during distress, all of their spontaneous supports, can never be forgotten. Devastating pandemic woke Dr. Ajit Kumar Mahapatra to enchant and enlighten a wide range of readers, through his encouraging poems. He began contributing to the “Odisha Review”, Odisha Government’s monthly journal. Since, the poems were

available online many readers got excited and appreciated. His poems cover a large variety of subjects, such as, climate change, current social issues, spiritualism & Indian festivals. His poems definitely invigorate reader’s mind with a touch of creative science mingled with healing love
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Ali Abbas Zafar says why he retained 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan' title for his next

Ali Abbas Zafar recently talked about why he chose to retain the iconic title 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan' for his upcoming film, much to the curiosity of fans and critics alike. The director, who is known for delivering blockbuster hits, has recently stirred up excitement among Bollywood enthusiasts for his upcoming action thriller, starring Akshay Kumar, Tiger Shroff and Prithviraj Sukumaran.

In a recent interview, Zafar shed light on the reason behind his decision to retain this classic title for his action-packed spectacle. The title 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan,' was originally associated with the 1998 comedy film starring Amitabh Bachchan and Govinda. Speaking about the same, Ali told



IndiaToday.in, "Well there is a connection which will be revealed in the film. So when you come and watch the film you will know why it is called 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan.' I would say that this film had a certain vision and the way the producers of this film, Jacky Bhagnani, Vashu Bhagnani, and

Himanshu, all supported this film, it wouldn't have been possible if you didn't have producers like that backing in this version."

Further speaking about the film he said, "Jacky called me one day I was shooting in Abu Dhabi, and he said that I have something to offer you.



He and I have been jamming to do something together. And one day he used this line, 'I will make you an offer that you will not be able to refuse' from the 'Godfather'. So I said ok, tell me what is that? He said, do you like making action films? I said yes. I like making action films. So just imagine if, in an action

film, I get you Akshay Kumar and Tiger Shroff together."

He continued, "Now for any action film lover, forget the maker, it is a dream combination to have two action stars in the same film and quintessential action stars who do their own stunts, and are known for their action. At the

same time, it's so bizarre that I was working on a two-hero film with a crazy mad villain. I always call him an anti-hero more than a villain. Then, somewhere or another, that conversation stayed with me."

He adds, "Then he called me again a week later and by that time I really thought it through that how we can do this thing with Akshay and Tiger. And then he said that it's my father's dream to call this film 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan'. So I said, you've got such a great offer served on a platter to me. I would respect that. Later we made changes to the script. So when you watch the film you will understand why it is called BMCM, but it is very special how it comes in the film."

Raashii Khanna reacts to 'Yodha's' underwhelming performance at box office

Raashii Khanna reacted to the underwhelming performance of 'Yodha' at the box office. The film, which also features Sidharth Malhotra, was a highly anticipated film and generated considerable buzz prior to its release. However, not every film achieves the desired commercial success, despite the talent and efforts invested in its making. 'Yodha' failed to make a significant impact at the box office and struggled to attract audiences to theatres, resulting in disappointing ticket sales and overall lacklustre performance in terms of box office revenue. Now in an exclusive interview with India Today.in, Raashii Khanna opened

up about her thoughts on the underwhelming performance of 'Yodha' at the box office. The actor acknowledged the disappointment surrounding the film's reception but remained optimistic about the creative journey and the experience gained through the project. She said, "Maybe there's somebody who loves it, then somebody who hates it. There'll always be all kinds of people, but obviously, we want, when the film is released, a lot of people should like it. I think the challenge has been to bring them to theatres still, because now everyone knows that the film will be released on OTT. So that is a challenge that even



people face. I also sometimes do it, but that's also because I am always occupied. But I know people, in general, are very occupied today, so bringing them to

theatres is a problem. I don't think 'Yodha' is a bad film at all, so that's fine. I think every film has its destiny, and you just learn from it and then move on to your next. That's all we

can do." Even though the film couldn't work commercially, Raashii was praised for her performance. Speaking about it, she said, "You

love the fact that it has received love because that's what you work so hard for. But apart from that, my job is always to deliver my best and to see that the audience is enjoying my part as well. Because if a film works, but you don't work, then that's sad in a way. So I'm really happy with the reactions I'm getting. I'm really happy that people are really loving me, coming back into Hindi films, and seeing me on the big screen. I was also very, very happy to see myself on the big screen in Hindi. This is amazing. It was a very nice moment and a very nice feeling that I had." 'Yodha' released in theatres on March 15.

Rajshri Deshpande Unveils Teaser Of Her Dark Social Thriller 'Privacy'

The first teaser of writer/director Sudeep Kanwal's 'Privacy' was just released. Rajshri Deshpande can be seen playing a voyeur in this dark social thriller, set in the slums of Mumbai. The teaser of the film looks compelling and promises an intriguing watch. It gives a chilling insight into how surveillance cameras capture more than just public spaces.

'Privacy' is a hard-hitting thriller that revolves around a distressed surveillance center operator based in Mumbai, who begins investigating unusual events that take place on her watch. The film is set to have its World Premiere at the 27th edition of the Bucheon International Film Festival (BiFan), Asia's largest



genre cinema event. Filmmaker Sudeep Kanwal shared his treatment of the screenplay. He said, "Rather than making a techno noir, I wanted to keep the look and feel of 'Privacy' realistic. I wanted to focus on the character rather than the technology. From the control room design,

makeup, to costumes, we decided to keep everything very grounded. We shot at real locations as much as possible. The actors spent time with real people who shared similar lifestyles & professions as their characters."

Rajshri Deshpande added, "Playing Roopali

felt like an emotional roller coaster. Sudeep and I discussed that we wanted to keep the performance nuanced. The film is very visual, with little dialog. There are many subtle elements in the film which the viewer can only catch if they are watching closely. Just like Roopali."

Grammys Reduce Nominees From 10 to 8 In Top 4 Award Categories

Grammys has announced to reduce the number of nominees in four of its award categories - Album, Song, Record of the Year, and Best New Artist - from 10 to 8, Variety reported on Friday. An announcement in this regard was made after the Recording Academy updated its rules and guidelines following its semiannual board of trustees meeting.

The number of nominees for those categories was increased from eight to ten in November 2021, just before the nominees for 2022 were announced -- a surprising and perplexing turn of events, given that such changes usually occur after the annual board meetings, Variety reported. While three new award categories were announced earlier this week, the reduction in the number of nominees in four award categories was announced on Friday. An Artificial Intelligence (AI)-related rule was also introduced, effectively stating that only human creators are eligible for awards; however, as with all things AI, the vast possibilities that the technology makes possible in this still-developing area necessitate an extensive series of caveats, Variety further reported. While Recording Academy CEO Harvey Mason Jr. stated at the time that the change was "an incredible opportunity for us to honour more artists and shine a light on more great music, and potentially offer a greater chance for more genres of music to be honoured", some speculated that it was done to ensure Taylor Swift received a best new album nomination for her album 'Evermore' and thus increase the chance that she would appear on the show and boost its rating, as reported by Variety.

The Rooster's Dilemma: Navigating Life's Unreasonable Expectations

Aubaid Ahmad Akhoon



"In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity." - Albert Einstein

Once in a tranquil village, there lived a person who owned a rooster. This rooster was not just any rooster; it was the village's timekeeper, its call at dawn a signal to prayer for the beginning of each new day. However, a peculiar whim struck the owner one day—a decision that would set off a chain of events with unexpected lessons. The owner approached the rooster with a grave command: "From tomorrow, you must not give the call to prayer, or else I will have no choice but to slaughter you." The rooster, with a heavy heart, agreed, wishing to appease its master, "As you wish, master!" Dawn came, and the

village woke to an unusual silence. The rooster, true to its word, did not utter the call to prayer. However, bound by habit, it couldn't help but flap its wings vigorously. Observing this, the owner was not pleased and set forth a new rule, "From tomorrow, you must not even flap your wings, or the consequence will be dire." The next morning, the rooster remained motionless, not daring to flap its wings. Yet, instinctively, it stretched its neck high into the air, an act that once again caught the owner's eye. "From tomorrow, you must not move your neck," the owner decreed, hoping to curb any semblance of the rooster's natural instincts. On the following day, at the break of dawn, the rooster sat completely silent, not moving a muscle, a mere shadow of itself. The owner, however, found this new behavior unsettling and

far from satisfactory. In a final, unreasonable demand, the owner declared, "From tomorrow, you must lay an egg in the morning, or else you will be slaughtered." Facing this impossible task, the rooster was overwhelmed with sorrow. Its tears flowed freely, not from the fear of death but from the realization of its predicament. When the owner inquired about the reason for its tears, the rooster's reply was profound and laden with meaning: "No, I am not crying because I'm afraid of dying. I am crying because dying for the call to prayer would have been better than for an egg." This simple yet profound story echoes a powerful lesson on the nature of existence and the search for meaning. It reminds us that in our efforts to conform to the unreasonable demands placed upon us, whether by society or by those in authority over us, we may lose sight of our true purpose. Like the

rooster, we each have our unique call to fulfill in this world—a purpose that defines us

when faced with the greatest of challenges. Through the lens of this allegory, we delve



and gives our lives meaning. It's a poignant reminder that it is far better to face challenges, even death, with dignity and in alignment with our true nature, rather than compromise our essence for unattainable or unnatural expectations. In the end, the essence of our being and the integrity of our actions define us far more profoundly than any forced conformity ever could. Like the rooster, let us find the courage to sing our unique song, even

into the core lessons life imparts in the journey toward self-discovery and authenticity amidst the clamor of external expectations. Life Lesson 1: Embrace Your Authenticity "To thine own self be true." - William Shakespeare The rooster's story begins with its natural call, a reminder of the paramount importance of embracing our true selves. In a world that often pushes us toward conformity, our greatest strength

lies in our authenticity. The moment we lose sight of our essence to appease others, we drift further from our own path. Life Lesson 2: Recognize the Absurdity of Unreasonable Expectations The evolving demands placed upon the rooster echo the sometimes-absurd expectations society foists upon us. Whether it's the pursuit of an unblemished life or a role that ill-fits our nature, such pressures can lead us into a quagmire of stress and disillusionment. Recognizing the absurdity of these demands is the first step toward liberating ourselves from them. Life Lesson 3: Cultivate Resilience Amidst Absurdity "The human capacity for burden is like bamboo – far more flexible than you'd ever believe at first glance." - Jodi Picoult The rooster's attempts to meet each new demand, no matter how ludicrous, reflect our own tenacity in the

face of life's challenges. This resilience, while admirable, also serves as a cautionary tale of the importance of discerning when to push back, set boundaries, and say no to the impossible. Life Lesson 4: Confronting Our Reality with Courage In its final moments, the rooster's reflection on the futility of its efforts to meet an impossible demand illuminates the importance of confronting our realities, no matter how stark. This confrontation is not a sign of defeat but a courageous acceptance of our limitations and the beginning of true wisdom. Life Lesson 5: Striving for Meaningful Endeavors "What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal." - Albert Pike The rooster's yearning to have died for something as meaningful as its call to prayer, rather than an impossible task, underscores the essence

of our endeavors. Let our struggles and sacrifices be for causes that resonate deeply with our values, not in vain pursuit of appeasing others' unreasonable demands. As we navigate through the tapestry of life, the tale of the rooster serves as a poignant metaphor for the human condition. It encourages us to stay true to our essence, be mindful of the expectations we accept, and always strive for endeavors that carry a deep sense of purpose. Just as the rooster wished to be remembered for heralding the dawn, may we too find our callings that resonate with our true selves, leaving behind a legacy that echoes through the ages.

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Mastering speed and precision in JEE main in second season

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Succeeding in the JEE exam requires a fine equilibrium between quick problem-solving and precise answers, as candidates must tackle numerous questions within a limited timeframe. One of the main ways to tackle the main questions is to maintain speed but also ensure accuracy. explore effective strategies for enhancing both speed and accuracy in the JEE Main exam, ultimately improving candidates' chances of success. Recognising the significance of speed and accuracy Before diving into strategies, it's crucial to grasp the importance of speed and accuracy in the JEE Main exam. Speed ensures that candidates can attempt all questions within the allocated time, while accuracy ensures that

their efforts yield correct answers. Striking a balance between these two aspects is paramount for achieving a high score and securing admission to esteemed engineering colleges. Strategies to enhance speed and accuracy **Mastering the basics** Prior to grappling with advanced concepts, it is vital to establish a robust understanding of the fundamental topics within the JEE syllabus. By revisiting essential concepts, formulas, and theories, candidates can fortify their foundation, enabling them to solve questions more efficiently and minimising the likelihood of errors. **Efficient time management** Allocate the available time for each section based on the number of questions and their difficulty level. Dedicate more time to challenging sections while keeping easier sections relatively shorter. Adhering to this schedule during practice sessions aids in honing time management skills that can be applied effectively on exam day. **Consistent practice** Dedicate a significant

portion of time to solving practice papers, previous year's question papers, and mock tests. Engaging in regular practice familiarises candidates with the exam pattern, boosts confidence, and facilitates quicker and more accurate solutions. **Replicating exam conditions**



During practice sessions, recreate the exam environment by sitting in a quiet room devoid of distractions, adhering strictly to allotted section times, and following exam regulations. This practice cultivates mental endurance, enabling candidates to stay focused and maintain a high level of accuracy even under pressure. **Utilizing shortcuts and techniques** Acquaint yourself with

time-saving techniques, shortcuts, and problem-solving strategies for various question types. Implementing these methods can significantly reduce the time spent on complex problems, allowing for more time allocation to other questions. **Prioritising easy questions**

accuracy. Believing in one's preparation and maintaining composure during the exam are crucial. Overthinking or becoming flustered by difficult questions can lead to errors. Remaining optimistic and, when encountering tough questions, moving on and revisiting them

elimination. By eliminating clearly incorrect options, the likelihood of selecting the right answer among the remaining choices increases. **Emphasising neatness** Write legibly and maintain organised workings, particularly in subjects like Mathematics and Physics that involve calculations. A tidy presentation reduces the risk of misinterpreting one's handwriting, thereby ensuring accuracy in answers. **Analysing mistakes** After each practice session or mock test, conduct a thorough analysis of errors. Understanding missed concepts and the reasons behind errors aids in avoiding repetition of the same mistakes and reinforces comprehension of subject matter. Success in the JEE Main exam necessitates a holistic approach that encompasses a profound grasp of concepts, effective time management, and diligent practice.

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Letter to Editor

Sir

Summer vacation is on and there is a heavy hike in the number of passengers travelling by railways. As the railways is the cheapest the number of passengers travelling by trains have rocketed up like anything. But travelling by train has become a nightmare nowadays due to overcrowded compartments causing suffocation and congestion.

To avoid over crowded compartments and for some comfortability most of the passengers reserve seats and berths even though it costs more than ordinary tickets. But once the reserved passenger boards the train he gets the shock of his life - seats already 'occupied' by passengers either holding ordinary tickets or some times "without tickets"! And then the passenger holding the reserved ticket, to get his seat or berth will have to request, plead and beg the 'usurpers' to leave the seat or berth conquered. Some times he gets it, after a hot brawl or with some muscle power! Most of the trains do have reserved bogies but it is better to call it "special bogies meant for all". Earlier TTEs and RPF personnel used to prevent and drive away commuters having 'unreserved tickets' barging into reserved bogies but now, it seems, after bitter incidents involving TTE-passengers fights and fracas, TTEs have become just scarecrows with "you -sit -wherever -you- want" attitude!.

In a recent incident a travelling ticket examiner (TTE) died after he was pushed from a running train by a ticketless passenger near Thrissur, Kerala exposing how dangerous the situation is even for officials.

It is really sad that when it comes to rail travel some people, even the educated lot who boast as highly cultured and highly educated turn out to be "puccah illiterates" and unaware about the norms and ethics about rail travelling. Unless and until people are made aware about rail rules, regulations and ethics, unless fines are imposed and strict measures taken instantly, reserved passengers are sure to have cheerless, uncomfortable 'asubh yatras'.

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Sukhbir Badal appeals to Punjabis to strengthen the regional party to save Punjab

Chandigarh (JAG MOHAN THAKEN), April 3 – Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal on Wednesday appealed to Punjabis to support the SAD to save Punjab from the onslaught of outsiders asserting Delhi based parties did not want to win hearts but subjugate Punjab. Stating that the SAD was the true heir to the philosophy of the Guru Sahiban and believed in 'sarbat da bhala' and had always practiced what it preached, the SAD

president, who visited Sanaur and Ghanur constituencies during his ongoing Punjab Bachao Yatra, appealed to Punjabis to strengthen the regional party to save Punjab. "On one side is your own party which has always taken the poor, kisan, mazdoor and traders along with it in the path to progress, while on the other are centrist forces who want to weaken Punjab and take over its resources". A press release of the SAD states that Mr Sukhbir Singh Badal, who was met with slogans of

"Saada Punjab, Asin Punjab de" besides being presented with a memento of an 'Udta Baaj' by the youth contingent, said "both the Congress and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) have looted you. Both these parties have used the resources of Punjab for their national goals. They have failed to carry out any development or even establish one big infrastructure project. They have persecuted the youth who are asking for jobs and presided over the collapse of law and order and flight of capital from Punjab to other States.



The time has come to rid the State of all centrist parties".

The SAD president also questioned the slogan of 'badlav' which had been

propounded by both the Congress and AAP. He said Punjabis should

introspect on what change had occurred in Punjab during the last seven years except for collapse of its economy and denial of social welfare benefits to the poorest of the poor. He also questioned the hypocrisy of both the Congress and AAP, saying "while both these parties have formed an alliance at the national level, they are doing a drama of opposing each other in Punjab". He said Punjabis would see through this unholy alliance and teach a befitting lesson to both parties. Asserting that the SAD was committed to

taking everyone along in the path of progress as propounded by former chief minister S Parkash Singh Badal, the SAD president said "peace and communal harmony will always remain the cornerstone of our philosophy". Speaking on the occasion, SAD leader Chandumajra said the forthcoming parliamentary elections were an issue of honour for Punjabis. "We are the proud heirs to the legacy of Shaheed Bhagat Singh and Shaheed Udham Singh and it is our duty to do our utmost to restore the pride of Punjab".

KIMS Doctors Cure 61-Year-Old of Prostate Cancer through Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery

Bhubaneswar(KCN): In a major achievement by doctors at the Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), a 61-year-old male patient has been completely cured of prostate cancer following sophisticated laparoscopic surgery. He is now able to control his urine and has preserved potency, demonstrating the surgeons' skills and kindling hopes among patients to seek treatment in Odisha instead of traveling to metro cities. The team of doctors, led by Dr. Sumanta Mishra, Associate Professor and HOD of Urology at KIMS, performed the advanced laparoscopic radical prostatectomy procedure on the patient, who was discharged after four days. The patient had approached the KIMS Urology Department with symptoms indicative



of prostate issues. Elevated levels of Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) in his tests raised concerns, leading to a TRUS-guided prostate biopsy and a PSMA PET scan. These advanced diagnostic tools confirmed the presence of localized prostate cancer, offering a clear path toward treatment. This highly specialized laparoscopic radical prostatectomy procedure, which involved the complete

removal of the prostate gland along with the cancer cells and reconnecting the urinary bladder to the urethra, allowed the patient to experience a swift recovery and minimal scarring thanks to the precision of laparoscopic surgery. Laparoscopic radical prostatectomy requires advanced laparoscopy skills, a high level of surgical expertise, and cutting-edge equipment. Previously, the scarcity of such specialized services in Odisha compelled patients to travel to metropolitan areas for treatment. However, with the success of this case, KIMS has joined a select few hospitals in Odisha offering advanced prostate cancer treatment. The success was made possible because of the state-of-the-art equipment

available at the KIMS cancer center, such as the PSMA PET scan, TRUS-guided biopsy, and a skilled team of urologists led by Dr. Mishra. The Founder of KIIT and KISS Dr Achyuta Samanta has congratulated the doctors for the pioneering treatment, underlining KIMS focus on advanced care and treatment. Prostate cancer is the second most common cancer in men and ranks sixth in cancer deaths. About 1 in 8 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime. Early diagnosis and proper treatment of prostate cancer can save a patient's life. If not diagnosed properly, it can metastasize to bones and other organs, significantly decreasing a patient's lifespan and also the quality of life.

Hours Before Joining BJP, Boxer Vijender Singh Reposted Rahul Gandhi

New Delhi: Boxer Vijendra Singh, who joined the BJP today, said it was a "Ghar wapsi" of sorts for him and it was "good to be back". But less than 24 hours ago, he had re-posted a particularly sharp barb from Rahul Gandhi, directed at the BJP. "When the government changes, action will definitely be taken against those who 'rape democracy'! And such action will be taken that no one will dare to do all

this again. This is my guarantee," Mr Gandhi had posted on X, formerly Twitter. Mr Singh, who last year backed the wrestlers protesting against sexual harassment -- allegedly by BJP MP and then Wrestling Federation of India chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh -- spoke of the change brought about by the BJP regime. "I would like to thank PM Modi and the BJP for the respect that sportspersons get under

this government... The way sportspersons are getting respect in the country and abroad now is commendable... I am the same Vijender that I was and will call a spade a spade," he said. "This is like a ghar wapsi (homecoming) for me. I had contested the elections in 2019. It is good to be back," added the boxer, who had joined politics in 2019 as part of the Congress. In 2019, Mr Singh -- a Congress candidate --

had contested the Lok Sabha election from South Delhi constituency and lost to the BJP's Ramesh Bidhuri. This time, the Congress was apparently planning to field him from Mathura, where the sitting MP, the BJP's Hema Malini, will be contesting again. Mr Singh will now campaign for the actor, which is expected to consolidate Jat votes in the constituency.

Man Slits His Throat Inside Karnataka High Court In Front Of Chief Justice

Bengaluru(KCN): A man allegedly attempted to die by suicide inside the Karnataka High Court today by slitting his throat with a knife in front of Chief Justice Nilay Vipinchandra Anjaria in Court Hall One, the police said. According to the police, Srinivas, who is from Mysuru, handed over a file to the security staff at the entrance of Court Hall One, and before anyone could realise what was happening, he slit his throat in the presence of Chief Justice Anjaria. The security personnel responded immediately



and rushed him to Bowring Hospital, where he is now being treated, a senior police officer said. "We don't know why he took such an extreme step. He entered Court Hall One and slit his throat with a knife. Our security staff saw it happen and immediately

rescued him. He has been hospitalised," he said. No note was found at the spot, he added. Chief Justice Anjaria expressed concern about the security lapse on the High Court premises and asked those in charge how the man could bring a sharp object inside. He also ordered the police to

record findings and evidence from the spot. The contents of the file that Srinivas gave the security staff are unknown, and the court said it would not check the documents since it was not presented to the court by a designated advocate. The High Court also said that the authorities must not receive any document without the court's order. The police are still trying to find out why the man attempt to die by suicide and are waiting to record his statement once he is declared fit by doctors.

CUO Researcher Felicitated by Union Education Minister Sri Dharmendra Pradhan for Outstanding Research in Biodiversity

Bhubaneswar(KCN):Ms. Ayusmita Naik, Ph.D. Scholar, Central University of Odisha (CUO) was felicitated by Sri Dharmendra Pradhan Ji, Hon'ble Union Minister of Education, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Govt. of India in SOA Auditorium, Bhubaneswar on 01 April 2024. She was facilitated in a special programme "Odisha @ 100... Sambhabanara Satabdi" organised by the 'Ame Odia' Foundation on the occasion of 89th Utkal Divas along with other young talents. Ms. Naik, Ph.D. scholar, Dept. of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources, CUO was recently in the news. Due



to her outstanding research work two new species of Megascolex earthworms have been discovered from Koraput in northern Eastern Ghats, namely M. Jeyporeghatiansis and M. Quadripapiliatus. The first species was discovered from the

Jeypore Ghati area and the other one was from Rani Duduma of Koraput. These two species are new to the world of science. This research was carried out under the supervision of Prof. S.K. Palita, Dean of the School of Biodiversity and

Conservation of Natural Resources. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi has expressed his happiness at the news of this felicitation and once again congratulated the researchers involved in this research.

Expect More Mangoes This Year, Despite Heat Waves: Senior Agri Official

New Delhi(KCN): India's overall mango production may increase by about 14 per cent to 24 million tonnes this year, ICAR-Central Institute for Subtropical Horticulture Director T Damodaran said today. The India Meteorological Department's forecast of a heat wave in April-May period may not have a significant impact on the

mango yield, provided farmers take care of irrigation during May to reduce excessive fruit dropping, he said. In its latest summer forecast, India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted harsher spells of heat waves that could last between 10-20 days instead of the usual two to four days.

Above normal heatwave days are likely to occur over most parts of the south peninsula, central India, east India and plains of northwest India. "The mango flowering process is a crucial part of the fruit setting process. Thanks to conducive weather, mango flowering is almost over. The pollination is normal and

fruit setting has begun. Normal heat waves may not impact yields but will indirectly help the crop," Mr Damodaran told news agency PTI. The prospects of mango crop are good as of now. Total production could increase to 24 million tonnes in the 2023-24 crop year (July-June), as against 21 million tonnes in 2022-23, he said.

Snow-white blossoms blanket Koraput coffee gardens



Koraput(KCN): Coffee plants have started flowering in various gardens in Koraput district and are blanketed with beautiful white sheets of blossoms, the usually green gardens draw beelines of nature lovers. Interestingly, this annual scenic phenomenon is short-lived as coffee blossoms wilt just

three days after they bloom. As the climate of Koraput is conducive for coffee cultivation, several plantations can be found in Koraput, Dasmantapur, Padua, Laxmipur, Ankadeli, Lamtaput, Semiliguda, Pottangi, Boipariguda areas of the district. Upendra Kumar Shah, Public Relations Officer of the

Koraput Coffee Board, said that entire coffee gardens get covered in a thick coat of white flowers to welcome the tourists during these days. According to Shah, all the coffee plantations normally flower within a week of the first rain in the month of March. The aroma of coffee flowers attracts bees and many birds to the

gardens. Following the footsteps of Karnataka, if the itinerant beekeepers are encouraged to keep honeybees inside the coffee plantations, better quality coffee honey can also be produced from these flowers, said Sushant Kumar Panda, a coffee entrepreneur from Rajput village. On the other hand, irregular rainfall in Koraput district during the month of March affects the flowering of plants. If the government takes steps to install sprinklers for irrigation, the coffee plants would blossom on time and better quality coffee could be produced, said Panda.

Anti-liquor drives prove futile as sales up 530 lakh litre in 10 years

Jajpur(KCN): Total prohibition and anti-liquor campaigns have proved to be unsuccessful with liquor sales increasing in the state by an additional 530 lakh litres during the last 10 years. Despite various anti-liquor campaigns and total prohibition programmes being undertaken in the state, reports said liquor sales have gone up exponentially by an additional 530 lakh litres in last 10 years. Growing liquor consumption has resulted in increasing menace of alcoholics and anti-socials. This has also caused a

spurt in road accidents and social unrest while giving rise to immoral acts as well as law and order situations. People have alleged that the state has achieved record liquor sales notwithstanding its development in comparison to other states. According to reports available from the Excise department, 13,832 lakh litre of various types of liquor has been produced from 2014-15 to December 2023. Similarly, 1,950 lakh litre foreign liquor including beer has been purchased for sale in the state. The report states that

1,607 lakh litre of liquor was sold in the state in 2013-14 FY. This includes 596 lakh litre foreign liquor, 850 lakh litre beer and 161 lakh litre country liquor. Similarly, liquor sale has increased to 2,137 lakh litre in 2022-23 FY. This includes 785 lakh litre foreign liquor, 1,210 lakh litre beer and 142 lakh litre country liquor. An official of the Excise department said according to the Excise Policy-2021 a number of foreign liquor shops and country liquor shops have been opened at various markets squares, roadsides, and populated areas in urban



and rural areas of the state. However, many shops are illegally kept open till 11pm. The Excise

department has shut down many on and off shops which are within 500 metre from the national highways but it

has become difficult to control the mushrooming foreign liquor shops and country liquor shops in civic body areas like municipal corporations, municipalities, NACs as well as in blocks and rural areas. These shops are doing brisk business throwing the restrictions to the wind. The administration has failed to bring them under control. Moreover, many licensed liquor shops have come up during this period near national highways, educational institutions, government offices, cultural institutions, and banks in

alleged violation of Section-34 of the Excise Act. The foreign and country liquor shops have popped up in a majority of lanes and by-lanes in both urban and rural areas. The liquor shop owners are supplying to rural and remote areas of the state expecting more profits. Taking advantage of the situation, unemployed youths are selling liquor illegally to earn a livelihood. The easy availability of liquor has turned many youths and the elderly into alcoholics. Moreover, the rampant supply of drugs like

brown sugar and ganja from West Bengal and other neighbouring states has aggravated the situation. The drug and liquor mafias are carrying out their business with impunity by allegedly greasing the palms of the Excise and police officials as well as politicians. Various anti-liquor and total prohibition campaigns are being carried out in the state but these have proved futile in downsizing the liquor sale. Funds worth over Rs4.69 crore have been spent in these campaigns during the last 10 years but liquor sales are increasing by the day.

Green activists urge candidates to avoid using plastic flags, banners

Berhampur(KCN): As candidates gear up for campaigning in the Odisha Assembly and Lok Sabha elections, green activists in Ganjam district appealed to all political parties to use eco-friendly materials during electioneering. Candidates and political parties are requested to use only eco-friendly campaign materials which can be recycled and to avoid non-biodegradable poll materials like plastic flags, banners and flexes,

said Sudhir Rout, an environmentalist. "In the last several elections, we have seen candidates and political parties use several non biodegradable materials during the campaign. This practice causes harm to the environment," he said. Rout, the director of Aryabhatta Foundation, an organisation that works to raise awareness on protection of environment, said much before the poll announcement, that they

had written to the Election Commission to ensure the green protocol in polling stations and counting centres. "We are happy as ECI has directed the election officers to make some eco-friendly polling stations as model booths in districts and asked political parties to adopt eco-friendly measures during the campaign," he said. "We are now appealing to candidates to adopt such a step to protect the environment," he said. Sabuja Bahini, a city-

based organisation which campaigned against nailing banners and flags on trees in the last election, also appealed to candidates to avoid such practice of nailing banners or flags on trees in the elections. Ramesh Chandra Chyau Patnaik, BJD Ganjam district president, said his party does not use the plastic flags during campaigning. "We use party flags made in cotton clothes," he said. Subash Sahu, BJP Ganjam district president also made similar claims.

'Tigresses need proper places to give birth'




Baripada(KCN0): An increase in the population of Royal Bengal Tigers at Similipal National Park in Mayurbhanj district has created happiness in the minds of wildlife lovers. Forest officials have said that if the tigresses in the park get a conducive atmosphere for reproduction, then in the years to come, the population will continue to grow. Currently, the total number of tigers in the park stands at 27, according to the latest census. Regional Chief Conservator of Forests (RCCF) Dr Prakash Chand Gogineni said Tuesday that tigresses are not ready to mate under any circumstance. The first and foremost condition for any tigress is to find a suitable place

where its cubs will be safe and plenty of food will be available. More than the tiger, it is the tigress which is fiercely protective about its cubs. It rears the cubs, provides them with hunting lessons and finally when they mature, the tigress lets them go on their own. It also leaves the male once the cubs are born. Gogineni informed that the Similipal Wildlife Sanctuary had only four Royal Bengal Tigers in 2004. Among them, three were tigresses and the other one was a black melanistic male tiger. One of the tigresses gave birth to melanistic cubs next year after it mated with the male tiger. Out of the 27 Royal Bengal Tigers in

Similipal, 14 are females. Five of the tigresses in the recent past have given birth, though the exact number of cubs born is yet to be ascertained. It just goes to show the importance of a conducive atmosphere for tigresses. Tigers usually have a life span ranging from 14 to 16 years. From the age of 11, they start getting old. A tigress will never mate with an 'old' tiger as the latter cannot hold on to its own territory. Once a tigress turns pregnant, it goes away from the male. The rules of the tiger kingdom are strange indeed. The tigress usually allows those cubs to suckle her who she deems fit will survive the first six to seven weeks.

The weak are neglected and sometimes they die. During the first six to seven months she takes care of the food for the cubs. Then slowly she introduces them to hunting so that by the time they are two years old, they are ready to be on their own. Once the cubs turn into adults, the tigress is ready to mate again and give birth. Prior to that, she will never mate as the cubs cannot fend for themselves. When contacted, former honorary wildlife warden of Similipal National Park, Bhanumitra Acharya said the Forest Department should immediately clampdown on poaching activities in the park. He feels that if it happens, the tiger population in STR will grow substantially in the years to come.



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Modicare Limited launches Blue Light Shield range under its color cosmetics brand, Urban Color London

New Delhi: Modicare Limited, one of India's leading direct selling companies, recently launched Blue Light Shield, a gender-neutral and efficacious skincare range to combat the harmful effects of Blue Light rays. Owing to the pandemic and the work-from-home culture, the average screen-time has significantly increased, raising concern over Blue Light rays' adverse effects on the skin. Since it has the ability to penetrate deeper into the skin, excess exposure to Blue Light rays can lead to a number of skin concerns, including premature ageing and hyper-pigmentation. Urban Color London's Blue Light Shield range leverages innovation and technology to offer the

consumers a 'Screenguard' against the high energy Blue Light emitted from digital devices and provides modern day solution to the new-age skin concerns. The range comprises of a meticulously designed five-step regime—Gentle Face Wash, Resurfacing Gel Scrub, Deep Clean Coffee Masque, Reset Serum Oil and Moisturising Crème. The products have been formulated using Urban Color London's proprietary technology that neutralises effects of Blue Light rays. The hero ingredient in the range is Carotolino* Active, a combination of Beta-Carotene, Carrot Root Extract and Carrot Seed Oil that unite in a perfect base to provide complete protection from

Blue Light rays and promoting overall skin health. The range is 100% vegan, paraben & cruelty free and dermatologically tested. Announcing the launch, Mr. Samir Modi, Founder and Managing Director, Modicare Limited said, "Our skin is constantly exposed to invisible Blue Light rays emitted from the several digital devices we use like smartphones, laptops, televisions, tablets etc. Most of us do not even know the implications of this. Blue Light tends to affect our skin's natural barrier function and accelerate signs of ageing. Keeping this in mind, we are launching Urban Color London's Blue Light Shield range. This is one of the world's best formulations.

Aditya Aluminium's 'Project Sinchai' in full swing

Bhubaneswar : Aditya Aluminium, an Aditya Birla Group company's 'Project Sinchai' is making a phenomenal difference to 220 people in the rural hinterland of Odisha, enriching their lives. This is a collaborative project. It is implemented in partnership with the Horticulture Department of the Government of Odisha and farmers in a Public Private Partnership (PPP) model under the Pradhan Mantri Krishak Sinchai Yojana. Mr. Sameer Nayak, the Unit Head of Aditya Aluminiums says, "Project Sinchai, launched in January this year, has been greatly welcomed by the farming community of the Sambalpur district. Essentially, it has resulted in a significant rise in the income of farmers. Here 55 farmers within the



proximity of the plant were encouraged to adopt the Sprinkler Irrigation System. Each farmer was given 41 pipes (20 feet/pipe) and 9 sprinklers. It enabled the farmers draw water from the ponds and wells close by. Among its other major advantage is a rise in crop productivity and reduction in water wastage, besides of course the monetary advantages". "The ease of use has made it the most sought-

after irrigation facility. Envisaged benefits include increase in crop productivity, reduction in water wastage, besides income. Adopting this modern irrigation system, farmers of Rengali Block (Sambalpur) are now growing multiple crops during the rabi season – which was not possible earlier due to lack of irrigation facility. Farmers are reaping a rich harvest", adds Mr Nayak.

Gagan Bihari Patra, a farmer from Sambalpur district who was finding it tough to look after his family of five due to insufficient income from farming, expresses his gratitude to Aditya Aluminium for introducing him to sprinkler irrigation system through 'Project Sinchai' leading to multiple crop farming, a n d i n c o m e enhancement. Patra owns six acres of agricultural land in

which he was cultivating paddy and vegetables during the kharif season. Being rain-fed, it resulted in low productivity. He could not produce anything during the rabi season due to lack of irrigation facilities. Not satisfied with his income from agriculture, he was desperate to explore ways to increase productivity. Project Sinchai provided the perfect answer. Many farmers in the locality who faced similar issues, given poor irrigation facilities, lack of modern agricultural equipment and resorting to traditional agricultural practices. Then came the Aditya Aluminium CSR team extending a helping hand to farmers like Patra through Project Sinchai and Samridhi.

SpiceJet and Axis Bank launch co-branded credit card

GURUGRAM: SpiceJet, the country's favourite airline and Axis Bank, India's third largest private sector bank, have partnered to launch the most rewarding co-branded credit card, powered by Visa that will offer a host of privileges and benefits to customers. The card comes in two variants – SpiceJet Axis Bank Voyage and Voyage Black, and is aimed at facilitating a superlative travel experience for flyers through SpiceClub, the first frequent flyer program by a low cost carrier in India.

Through this collaboration, the two

brands hope to capitalize on the resurgent demand for travel following two years of stagnation caused by the pandemic. Further, with the shared goal of expanding their reach to Tier 2 & 3 cities and other synergies, the brands are committed to serving a much larger populace.

SpiceJet Axis Bank Voyage & Voyage Black credit cards were officially launched at Indira Gandhi International airport in the presence of Ajay Singh, Chairman and MD, SpiceJet and Amitabh Chaudhry, MD & CEO, Axis Bank, where they unveiled a special

SpiceJet-Axis Bank credit card livery on a SpiceJet Boeing 737 MAX aircraft.

The products are designed to enable customers use the rewards earned on their daily spends for booking flights and add-ons, thus encouraging both travel and digital payments embedded with benefits of SpiceJet's frequent flyer program, SpiceClub.

Customers can earn benefits up to 7% on the Voyage Black credit card which is a Top-tier offering in the travel credit card segment. In addition, the redemption of earned points does not

have any limitations on blackout dates, festival demand, and are on first-come basis. Cardholders would get exclusive SpiceClub membership with direct entry in either Silver or Gold tiers, and special benefits like complimentary or discounted travel add-ons, priority check-in, SpiceMax upgrade, preferred seat selection, complimentary meal etc. Ajay Singh, Chairman and Managing Director, SpiceJet, said, "I am delighted to announce the launch of the SpiceJet-Axis Bank co-branded Credit Card. This card will make every customer journey an even

more rewarding one. We are the pioneers of the frequent flyer program for budget airlines in the country and this partnership with Axis Bank significantly strengthens the value offering of SpiceClub. Our association with Axis Bank – founded on the shared vision to offer unparalleled customer experience – is yet another innovative step towards creating a world class travel experience. I hope to see our customers enjoying the benefits of this rewarding collaboration as much as they love to fly with us."

Sony announces the Next-Gen Smart BRAVIA 32W830K Google TV

Bhubaneswar : Sony India today announced the launch of BRAVIA 32W830K television with attractive picture quality and life like sound. The all-new 80 cm (32) HD ready Google TV lets you enjoy movies, games and shows from apps or broadcast in an instant with advanced voice controls and built-in Chromecast.

Now seamlessly integrate Google TV and bring together more than 700,000 movies, shows, live TV and more from apps and subscriptions and organize seamlessly. With BRAVIA 32W830K, browse content from across your apps, intelligently organized just for you. Customers can easily find something to watch with personalized recommendations and bookmark shows and movies by adding a watchlist from phone and watch it on TV to keep track of what to watch. Users can even add to their Watchlist from their phone or laptop with Google Search and find everything in one place. BRAVIA 32W830K supports Apple Home Kit and AirPlay that seamlessly integrates Apple devices like iPads and iPhones with the TV for effortless content streaming. Easily control your TV with Hands-free voice capabilities. The hands-free voice control is built into the TV, no need to reach for the remote every time to search for entertainment, get answers, or control the TV and smart home devices. Simply say, "OK Google" to issue a voice command.

bedrock of our business model. The company paid death claims, maturity and survival benefit payouts of over Rs. 1,877 Cr in FY22 and achieved an impressive claims settlement ratio of 98.7% for FY22, up from 98.5% in FY21. The company expeditiously settled 3,517 Covid related claims worth Rs. 117 Cr. within an average period of 9 working days. Mr. Vohra

further commented, "A death claim is the ultimate test of a Life Insurance product, and it is the 'dharma' of a Life Insurer to honour all such claims with speed and accuracy. We continue to be fully committed and financially stable at 235% solvency (against the regulatory requirement of 150%), to meet all customer claims that may arise in the times ahead."

JSW Infrastructure begins commercial operations at Paradip East Quay Terminal in Odisha

Paradip/ Bhubaneswar : JSW Infrastructure, India's leading ports company and part of US\$ 13 billion JSW Group, has begun commercial operations at Paradip East Quay Coal Terminal in Odisha. This is a fully-mechanized terminal at Paradip Port Trust with an annual coal handling capacity of 30 million tons. The coal terminal has been built as a cape compliant terminal and will handle cape size vessels once the dredging at Paradip Port is completed. The terminal has capacity to unload 25 rakes per day and can load two vessels simultaneously. The infrastructure of the terminal is built to ensure higher productivity while reducing overall logistics cost to power producers.

The company has invested approximately Rs 1,300 crore to establish this terminal at Paradip Port. Paradip Port Trust awarded JSW Infrastructure to develop a fully-mechanized coal terminal on Build, Operate & Transfer basis for 30 years. Following the commissioning of this coal terminal, JSW Infrastructure's current cargo capacity crosses 150 MTPA. It aims to have a total cargo handling capacity of 200 MTPA by FY24. Commenting on its coal terminal at Paradip, Mr Arun Maheshwari, Joint MD & CEO of JSW Infrastructure said, "Paradip Port continues to be an attractive sea route for coal movement. With the commissioning of this terminal, India can now offer

cape size shipments with efficient operations. During the last few months, steam coal prices globally have witnessed sharp increase forcing thermal power plants and other coal based industry to switch to domestic coal. Start of this coal terminal has come at the right time to fill up the demand gap of domestic coal. Through high productivity and larger shipment size, we hope to reduce overall logistics costs for our coal cargo customers. As the country pursues PM's vision of Atma Nirbhar Bharat, the total thermal coal demand in India is expected to remain strong and our endeavor would be to maximize fulfilment by domestic producers.

RELIANCE NIPPON LIFE INSURANCE RECORDS STRONG GROWTH IN FY22

Mumbai : Reliance Nippon Life Insurance Company Limited, a JV between Reliance Capital and Nippon Life of Japan, announced its financial results for the year ended March 31, 2022. The key performance highlights as on March 31, 2022 include: Commenting on the company's strong performance in FY22, Mr. Ashish Vohra, ED &

CEO, Reliance Nippon Life Insurance said, "FY22 continued to pose its own set of challenges with the outbreak of the second, and then the third wave of the pandemic. We are grateful for the support we have received from our customers, employees, distributors, service providers and their families, that powered our journey of providing maximum value to each

one of our stakeholders." Mr. Vohra further highlighted that in a volatile economic environment of today, there is a heightened appreciation of Life Insurance for ensuring certainty of life coverage as well as financial investments. These guarantees are designed to drive durable long-term returns and to help customers fulfill their life goals and form the



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