

(poll promises) to make India a developed country and Odisha a developed state. “She comes from a tribal region (in Odisha). The BJP will definitely gain strength with her joining the party,” Singh told a press conference at the party headquarters. BJP national general secretary Arun Singh also welcomed Mohanta and said she has joined the party embracing its ideology. She was inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s leadership, he said. “She has done a lot of work for women empowerment in Mayurbhanj and various other parts of Odisha. She was president of the BJD’s Mahila Morcha.

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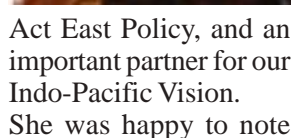
Speaking to reporters, Mohanta said that she came into public life with two goals – public service and public welfare.

"I joined the BJP because I felt that I can achieve my goals while being here," she said.

In her resignation letter to BJD president Naveen Patnaik, Mohanta said she felt that there was no requirement of the service of her and her community in the party.

With her exit, the BJD's strength in Rajya Sabha has dropped to eight. It does not have any MP in Lok Sabha.

NEWDELHI,(KCN): The Prime Minister of Vietnam, H.E. Pham Minh Chinh, called on the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (August 1, 2024). Welcoming the Prime Minister of Vietnam to India, the President said that India-Vietnam relations are built on the firm foundation of close cultural and historical links, and are marked by mutual trust and understanding, and cooperation in international fora. She added that Vietnam is a crucial pillar of India's

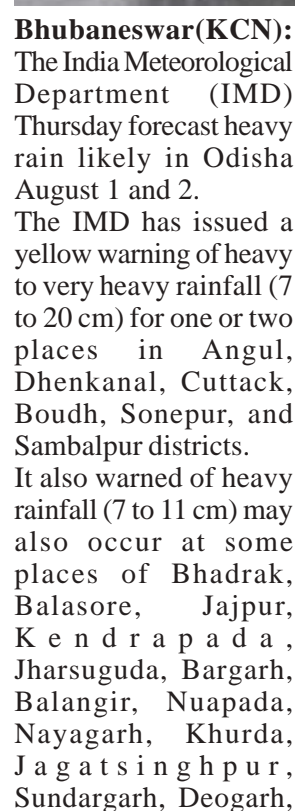


that our bilateral engagements have diversified across a wide range of areas of

cooperation, from political exchanges to defence partnerships, trade, commerce and

investment, development cooperation, cultural relations and people-to-people contacts. Both leaders noted our shared Buddhist heritage and civilisational linkages, and expressed satisfaction at the collaborative efforts underway to restore heritage sites in Vietnam. President Murmu expressed confidence that the visit of Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh would go a long way in further strengthening the India-Vietnam Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

IMD warns of heavy rain likely in Odisha



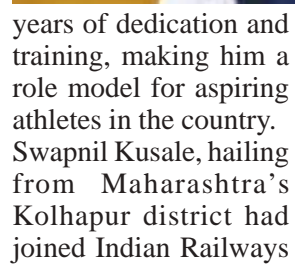
Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, and Kalahandi districts Thursday. The local Met office warned of one or two spells of intense rain in some parts of Cuttack city. "It can cause water logging in low-lying areas, occasionally poor visibility and traffic disruption. People are advised to keep a watch on the weather and act accordingly," it added. The highest rainfall of 156 mm was recorded at Baripada during the last 24 hours till 8.30 am of Thursday, the weather office said. While Mayurbhanj district recorded very heavy rainfall, districts like Keonjhar,

Sambalpur, Puri, Bolangir, Sundergarh and Jajpur have also experienced heavy rainfall. Noting that there is heavy rainfall in the Bolangir, Mayurbhanj, Sambalpur and Puri districts and the possibility of low visibility, submergence of roads/ bridges and inundation of low-lying areas, Odisha's Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) Satyabrata Sahoo said: "It is instructed to use pumps for dewatering, clearance of the drainage channel and evacuate people of the low lying areas if required."

Swapnil Kusale of Railway Brings Laurels to India by Bagging Bronzeat Paris Olympics

Kolkata, (KCN): Indian Railway's Swapnil Kusale has made history by bagging a bronze medal in the Men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions at the Paris 2024 Olympics. This remarkable achievement marks India's first-ever Olympic medal in 50m Rifle 3 Positions event and the country's third medal in shooting at the Paris Olympics Games. Swapnil's journey to the podium was marked by a brilliant performance, scoring an aggregate of

451.4 points in the finals. Starting in sixth position, he demonstrated exceptional skill and composure to climb the ranks and secure the bronze medal. The 50m Rifle 3 Positions event consists of shooters shooting 20 shots each in kneeling, prone and standing series. This achievement not only adds to India's medal tally but also establishes Swapnil as a significant figure in Indian shooting sports. His success comes after



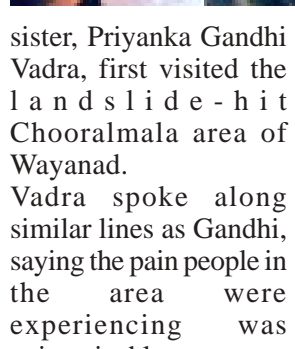
as a Commercial cum Ticket Clerk in Pune Division of Central Railway in 2015. He has won gold medals in shooting in Asian Games at China in 2023, World Cup at Baku in 2022 and

at New Delhi in 2021. Besides, he has also won silver and bronze medals in various Shooting Championships from 2015 to 2023. Indian Railways has always encouraged sports persons and provided them a robust and state-of-the-art sports infrastructure with flexible working hours for practice. Indian Railway is immensely proud of Swapnil Kusale's achievement and congratulates him on this historic milestone.

‘I remember what I felt when my father died’: LoP Rahul Gandhi after visiting Wayanad

Wayanad (KCN): Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi along with sister Priyanka visited landslides-hit areas of Wayanad Thursday and said that he now feels the same way he did when his father died. “I remember what I felt when my father died. Here, people have not just lost their fathers, they have lost their entire families. I know what I have felt and it is much worse than that. It is not one person who is feeling it. It is thousands of people who are feeling it. So, it is very very sad. Gandhi said he was ‘deeply pained’ to see people who have lost family members and homes in the tragedy, calling it a ‘national disaster’ and demanded an urgent

comprehensive action plan. Gandhi, a former Congress MP from Wayanad, said it was a “terrible tragedy for Wayanad, Kerala, and the nation.” “We have come here to see the situation. It is quite a painful experience to see that people lost their family members and houses. It’s very difficult to speak to people in these circumstances because you really don’t know what to say to them. It’s been quite a difficult day for me, but we are going to try and help make sure that the survivors get what is due,” he told reporters. “To me, this is a national disaster for sure, but let’s see what the government says,” he said in response to reporters’ queries. Both Gandhi and his



“We are here to help them and to give as much support and comfort as we can,” she said. They both said that most of the affected people do not want to go back and want to be relocated or rehabilitated

While Gandhi hoped that the government would take the people's wishes into account, Vadra said, "We will have to think of some solution to rehabilitate them in a safer area." Both of them were speaking to reporters

landslide-affected area of Chooralmala here, a hospital and community health centre in Meppadi, and two relief camps. "I think we all owe these people respect and affection, and we should all be standing with them. I am very proud that a lot of people are standing with the people of Wayanad. The whole nation's attention is towards Wayanad and I am sure that the people of the nation are going to help Wayanad," Gandhi said.

When asked about Union Home Minister Amit Shah's recent remarks blaming the state government with regard to the loss of life in the landslides, Gandhi said it was not the time or place to discuss politics.

"People here require help. The time right now is to make sure that the

they need. There are people here who are in shock. They need medical assistance. I think those are the things we should be discussing. I am not interested in talking about politics now.

"I am interested in the people of Wayanad and interested in them getting the best possible care and protection and being looked after for the future," he said.

Vadra said she feels the same way as her brother with regard to the tragedy.

"In times like this all of us should do everything we can to support those who are suffering," she said.

She further indicated that they will be staying back in Wayanad and said that when they are here Friday, "we are thinking of sitting down and charting out how man-

are, what all we can do, what help and support are coming and how we can assist, especially the children who have been left on their own".

After visiting the landslide-hit spot, Gandhi in a Facebook post said that witnessing the scenes of disaster and tragedy deeply pained his heart.

"In these difficult times, Priyanka and I stand with the people of Wayanad. We are closely monitoring the relief, rescue, and rehabilitation efforts, ensuring that all necessary assistance is provided. The UDF is committed to extending all possible support."

"The repeated incidents of landslides and natural calamities are extremely concerning. A comprehensive action plan is urgently needed," he said in his post.

Experts Express Concern Over Increasing Trend of Pediatric Blindness

Odisha State Ophthalmological Society Mid-Term Annual Conference held at AIIMS Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): The rising trend of pediatric blindness due to decreased infant mortality rates and various risk factors such as prematurity, hypoxia, and nutritional deficiencies is a growing concern. Experts emphasized the need to enhance state-of-the-art oculoplasty services at peripheral centers and to train more ophthalmologists to address eye health issues and reduce the blindness burden. These discussions took place at the midterm conference of the Odisha State Ophthalmological Society held at AIIMS Bhubaneswar. The one-day scientific programme saw the

participation of 230 eye specialists, including postgraduate doctors from various medical colleges across Odisha. Key discussion points included the urgent need for awareness about glaucoma, which can cause irreversible blindness and is seen in every fourth patient visiting eye OPDs. Senior ophthalmologists highlighted the importance of spreading awareness about its causes and management. Distinguished attendees included Prof. Jeewan S Titiyal, Padmashree from AIIMS, New Delhi, and Dr. Ajit Babu Majji, former president of the All India Ophthalmological Society from



Hyderabad. On this significant day, which coincides with Gurupurnima, Prof. Biswambhar Rajguru, a 97-year-old senior eye specialist and esteemed teacher, was honored with the Lifetime

Achievement Award. Prof. Rajguru, the second Ophthalmologist in Odisha, was recognized for his lifelong dedication to the development of Ophthalmological

science and society in the state. In his acceptance speech, he expressed his happiness about the progress made in ophthalmological science in Odisha and reflected on the

challenges he faced during his early years, around the British era and the era of the Kings, while earning his Ophthalmology degrees from Madras Medical College and Andhra Medical College.

AIIMS Bhubaneswar Executive Director Dr. Ashutosh Biswas conveyed his best wishes for the programme. The inauguration ceremony was graced by Dr. N Deep Bag and Dr. P R Mohapatra, Dean of AIIMS Bhubaneswar. Both emphasized the importance of eye health, stating, "The eye is the window to the body." The conference featured various scientific programs, including surgical technique demonstrations, case discussions, and competitions such as "Teachers of Tomorrow" and "Champions of

Odisha" for postgraduate doctors. Dr. Sucheta Parija, the organizing secretary, delivered the vote of thanks. The local organizing committee, led by Dr. P.K. Mohanty, Dr. Indrani Rath, Dr. K.C. Padhy, Dr. Subal Kishore Kar, Dr. Srimanta Behera, Dr. Samir Patra, Prof. Sarmistha Behera, Dr. Jaiesh Toppo, Dr. Priyadarshini Mishra, Dr. Bhagabat Nayak, Dr. Sandip Kumar Sahu, Dr. Bruttendu Moharana, Dr. Bijnya Panda, and other resident doctors and staff, successfully managed the programme.

Central University of Odisha Faculty Highlighted at UNICEF Workshop on Nutrition Intervention



Koraput, (KCN): Two distinguished faculty members from the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at Central University of Odisha served as key resource persons at a recent workshop organized by UNICEF in collaboration with the South Orissa Voluntary Organization (SOVA). Held at the Tathastu Auditorium in Koraput, the workshop focused on "The Importance of Nutrition Intervention for Preventing Severe Wasting and Growth Faltering Among Young Children."

The event drew development professionals from across India and Odisha, featuring a roster of notable speakers including Mr. Sourav Bhattacharya from UNICEF Odisha, Prof. A.B. Ota, former Director of SCSTRTI Bhubaneswar, Dr. Charudutta Panigrahi from FIDR, Ms. Lopamudra Tripathy from SBCC UNICEF Delhi, Dr. Narendra Mishra, a renowned Theatrician, and Mr. Sanjeet Patnaik, Secretary of SOVA. The inaugural session was graced by the ADM of Koraput, Chairperson of

Zilla Parishad Koraput, and the Food Officer of Koraput. Dr. Sourav Gupta, Assistant Professor at DJMC, CUO, delivered a compelling presentation on "Nutrition: The Socio-economic, Cultural and Communication Praxis," highlighting the significance of cultural ecology and language in fostering behavior change within tribal communities. Dr. Pradosh Kr. Rath, also an Assistant Professor at DJMC, CUO, addressed the panel on "The Role of Media in Effective Communication Strategies for Nutrition Education," focusing on

leveraging media to enhance developmental communication. Both Dr. Gupta and Dr. Rath expressed their gratitude to Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of CUO, for nominating them as speakers and acknowledged his contributions to CUO, including the establishment of fruit shops and a pipeline project for dairy farming. The workshop saw active participation from government officials, village women, and children from the Koraput district.

Ek Ped MaaKeNaam SBI PLANATED 3540 SAPPLINGS IN WESTREN ODISHA ON 1st August 2024

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Under Ek Ped MaaKeNaam initiative of Govt of India, State Bank of India Bhubaneswar Circle has carried out mass plantation of 3540 saplings in western part of Odisha. Plantation were carried out in Odisha AdarshaVidyalaya(OAV) Rengali & OAV Kuchinda of Sambalpur District, OAV Haldipali Bargarh & OAV Barpali of Bargarh District, OAV KursudTitlagarh and OAV Kantabanji of Bolangir District and OAV Barkote of Deograh District. Various fruit bearing trees such as Mango, Litchi, Guava, Custard Apple, Pomegranate and other orchard trees like Neem, Kranj, Drum Stick, Amla, Lemon, Papaya, Debdaru, Babul and other forest and



medicinal saplings were planted inside the school campus areas. Shri Sanjay Kumar Jha, DGM(B&O) Sambalpur Module and Shri Manas Kumar Pradhan, Regional Manager RBO

Sambalpur graced the vent at OAV Rengali. Shri Madhusudan Rath, Regional Manager Bargarh had joined at OAV Haldipali Bargarh. Shri Pradyumna Kumar Swain, Regional

Manager Bolangir had joined at OAV Kursud, Titlagarh. SBI Bhubaneswar Circle has carried out the plantation drive under CSR initiative in association with NGO SARC Sambalpur.

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Vedang Raina on working with Khushi Kapoor: Lot of comfort in our companionship

Actors Vedang Raina and Khushi Kapoor are keen to work with each other again. The pair had made their Bollywood debut with 'The Archies.' Actors Khushi Kapoor and Vedang Raina are keen to share screen space again. The two had made their Bollywood debut with the Zoya Akhtar directorial, The Archies, which also launched the careers of Shah Rukh Khan's daughter, Suhana Khan, and Amitabh Bachchan's

grandson, Agastya Nanda. Speaking to PTI at the sidelines of the ongoing Indian Couture Week 2024, Khushi opened up about the possibility of collaborating with rumoured partner, Vedang Raina. She told PTI, "Yeah, 100 per cent! I feel like when you are comfortable with a person, it makes things less hard, and you don't get nervous as much because you are in the comfort of the other



person. So definitely (sic)." Vedang agreed and said, "Yes, most definitely! I think we have known each other for a while now and there is a lot of comfort with us, comfort on set, comfort in our companionship. We would love to do a film for sure." The pair had walked the ramp for designer Gaurav Gupta at ICW 2024. On the work front, Vedang Raina will next be seen with Alia Bhatt in the Vasan Bala directorial, Jigra. Meanwhile, Khushi has Naadaniyaan in her kitty.

Alia Bhatt thanks Sidharth Malhotra for giving her 'first love' of her life: 'He's a 10 but could be a 20'

Karan Johar hosted Sidharth Malhotra and Varun Dhawan on the latest episode of Koffee with Karan and during the episode, Alia Bhatt made an appearance via a recorded video where she spoke about her equation with both actors. The three of them made their debut in the movies and on Koffee with Karan together in 2013. Alia thanked Sidharth for giving her the "first love" of her life, her cat Edward and revealed some lesser known "facts" about him. Thanking him for her "first love", Alia said,



"I'm very thankful to Sid because he's given me my first love of my life which was Edward." Alia also spoke about the time when the trio

made their first appearance on Koffee with Karan and said that it was an "unforgettable debut because of my

unforgettable mistake." This was the episode where Alia misnamed the President of India and she was heavily trolled for that.

Sharing three "unknown facts" about Sidharth, Alia revealed that he is a really good singer and shared, "Sid is a 10 but he could be a 20 if he just sings more often and more openly." She also shared that Sidharth is very health conscious and thus, does not like to party but mentioned that he is great at getting a party started. "People run away from him at parties," she said. She added that even when he does party, he is the first to fall asleep. "He would be the first person to

fall asleep at his own birthday party," she said and Karan said, "That's because he got drunk." Alia concluded by saying, "They really make me feel very comfortable and very safe and I only have love for them. I love you both." After their debut appearance on the show, the three actors have never appeared together. Alia and Varun appeared together on the couch in 2017. Alia has already appeared on this season of Koffee with Karan with Kareena Kapoor.

Mirzapur actor Isha Talwar says artistes should be given medals as survival is 'really hard': 'There's self-doubt, pressure to make it big'

What doesn't kill your spirit, makes you a movie star. Actor Isha Talwar, best known for starring in the Amazon Prime Video series Mirzapur, says being in the film industry can be a daunting task as artistes battle insecurity, competition bitterness and the pressure to succeed at all cost. Isha started her film career with the 2012 Malayalam movie Thattathin Marayathu and continued to work in the industry, along with Tamil and Telugu films, before she appeared in Salman Khan's Tubelight in 2017. Post that, her Bollywood appearances included Kaalakaandi, Article 15, Sharmaji Namkeen.

She finally got her breakthrough success with Mirzapur in 2020 and followed it up with this year's Saas, Bahu Aur Flamingo. Isha is now gearing up for her next, Chamak. The Sony LIV musical thriller is set in Punjab and is gearing to release on December 7.

In an interview with Indianexpress.com, Isha Talwar talks about how she has stopped chasing the constant need to "make it big" as per the worldly standards, the move to reinvent herself and join an acting course and why actors need to be applauded more



often for surviving in the industry. **You entered the industry in 2012 with a Malayalam film. What has the decade taught you?**

The learning is interesting. I got a lot of exposure because of South cinema. It is a different market, my foundation was set there. Everybody who is in films should be given a medal, because it is hard. The amount of self-doubt an artiste lives with, add to it the pressure... It is self-inflicting pressure though, of wanting to

make it big, where there is a set definition of 'making it'. I have stopped chasing that now. **Where you at some point?** When I came here, of course I was chasing it. When I didn't get it, it made me think what I was chasing. Now I do it more for the love of it, not so much for 'I have to be successful'. That unnecessary pressure is off my head, but it is not like I am less ambitious today. Our chips are made for competition, which I don't like anymore. I don't want to

compete with other people. It is not a race. Acting is a natural form of expression, so everyone will be different. I don't feel competitive anymore. Yes, I want things for myself. I want to do more. I am greedier with time. I have spent seven months learning acting from Kerala. It has been a re-set for me. **After you broke out with Mirzapur, you still had to wait over a year for work. Have the years in the industry prepared you for its ups and downs?** Yes. Life is unpredictable, you can't

do anything about it. But yes, over a period of time, you make peace with it, the nature of the industry. This understanding comes after many years. You know the industry is unpredictable, but to live through it takes time. It took me some time. **Did it help that your father was from the industry, so you at least knew that this is a gamble?** Yes, but when you are dreamy eyed, you are not thinking about these things. You think how you are going to be the next superstar. I never

focused on such things. Eventually when you get five-six slaps from life, you go like, 'Oh damn, this s**t also happens.' No one prepares you for it, you just find out. **What are you craving for right now?** Chamak feels like a new beginning of sorts, because usually people play bhabis and bahu later. But for me that came in first and now I am going in this space of younger women. Somewhere that image of being a rooted actor, someone who is doing more UP, Rajasthan roles was clinging to me. If not for anything else, Chamak's character is definitely closer to my age group.

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Yes that and Saas Bahu and Flamingo just reinforced that. Madhuri and Bijli, as much as I love them, I also want to do a Jasvinder Kaur in Chamak. Which is why it feels like a new beginning. I do feel new. My new year has come in a bit early. There is a tendency to get bitter if you spend too much time, too many idea of what needs to happen. But the acting course has ensured that I am back to square one and I want to chase some really cool things from here on now.

MONSOON MAKE-UP TIPS

Shahnaz Husain



Like it or not, makeup meltdowns are inevitable this time of year. You rather fix it than fight it.

Monsoon is upon us, and it is here to stay. Monsoon season is a favourite of many to step out and enjoy but monsoon makeup? As the raindrops cascade and the air turns humid, maintaining a picture-perfect look can be a challenge.

The rain can be a real dampener when it comes to your hair and makeup. The rainy days can give you drippy, runny and patchy make-up, due to heat, humidity and heavy downpours. The humid air, sudden rain showers, and unpredictable

weather can easily ruin your carefully applied makeup. Monsoon results in dripping mascara, patchy foundation, smudging lip colour, and unmanageable hair.

Makeup tends to smudge or be swept off way faster during the monsoon season than in the other seasons!

It can smudge lip colour, ruin mascara, and leave your skin looking patchy

Minor tweaks and the right products can retain your look despite the weather.

1--Keep it minimal--

With the advent of monsoon, humidity will be at its peak and that will lead to sweating and dripping of makeup.

One of the most popular trends and looks that are best suited for monsoon is the minimalistic makeup look! It's been a trend this past year and one that



definitely continue into this monsoon season.

In the monsoon season, less is always more.

Avoid layering makeup products on your face, as this can make your makeup feel heavy and increase the chances of it sliding off.

Looks like dramatic eyes and heavy makeup must be kept aside because they

may lead to runny makeup in the high humidity. Embrace a minimalist approach to your makeup routine. Choose products that are waterproof,

smudge-proof, and long-lasting. You can also try cream and gel-based products, which blend well into the skin and are less likely to cake or slide off.

Opt for gel-based moisturizers and lightweight serums which plump up the skin with a dewy glow, sans the stickiness

2----Waterproof Makeup:

To maximize the longevity of your makeup in the monsoon season, Water-resistant makeup is a must if you want your face, lip, and eye makeup

to survive the day. Using waterproof and smudge-proof eye makeup products like eyeliner, kohl, and mascara is a must in the monsoon to save your makeup from dripping away and achieving a long-lasting makeup look. You can also opt for water-resistant eyebrow definers to define the sparse spaces and the look of the eyes.

if you want to keep your makeup looking pretty as a picture consider using a waterproof setting spray as the final step in your routine.

Look for one that

offers a matte finish and has a long-lasting formula. This will help your makeup withstand the humidity and keep it looking fresh for longer. It is one of the most popular Monsoon Makeup Tips

3--Primer -----

A water-resistant primer is your best option to keep your makeup looking flawless as it holds your makeup together for a long time.

Apply an easy-to-blend, gel-textured mattifying primer before your makeup, to create a smooth

canvas, ensure longevity and control excess oil.

This will act as a glue to help your makeup last longer and prevent it from melting or smudging. A primer helps control excess oil and minimizes the appearance of pores, helping your makeup stay put throughout the day

Look for a primer that has a silicone or oil-free formula, as this helps create a barrier between your skin and the moisture. Apply it before your foundation to ensure your makeup stays put even during heavy rain showers.

4---Line up your Lips

-----Glossy and creamy lip products may be prone to smudging or smearing in the humid weather during the rainy season.

Replace your glossy pout with matte lips during the monsoon. Matte liquid lipsticks tend to have better

staying power during the monsoon. Go for pinks and browns instead of bold, bright colours.

Choose long-wearing, airy light textured waterproof lip colours that give your lips a neutral tint, perfect for rainy days

5---Moisturizer-----

Use a Lightweight Moisturizer: The rainy season brings with it patchy skin along with other skin issues. Good quality water-based moisturizers are the first step to start.

Opt for a lightweight and waterproof water-based moisturizer to keep your skin hydrated without feeling heavy or greasy. This will prevent your makeup from sliding off due to excess moisture. Once you cleanse your face, opt for oil-free, transfer-proof and non-sticky, lightweight moisturiser.

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Cricket in Olympics

Dr. Ravi Chaturvedi



It is widely believed that the English Missionaries landed all over the world with the Bible in one hand and a bat in the other. The Bible was to acquaint people with the teachings of the Lord and the bat to play cricket and win friends among the natives.

With the expansion of the British Empire, cricket found its own niche in the entire Empire. But it has failed to go beyond the British Commonwealth. Yet, the Rubicon was crossed and cricket became an Olympic sport in the 1900 Paris Olympic Games.

Cricket and the Olympics are strange bedfellows. But the provisional Olympic schedule Des Jeux Olympiques republished in 1895 included cricket as an event.

Surprisingly, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of the Olympic Games had visualized that cricket conformed to the ideals and the spirit of the Olympic charter. In reality, it appears strange that a Frenchman Coubertin

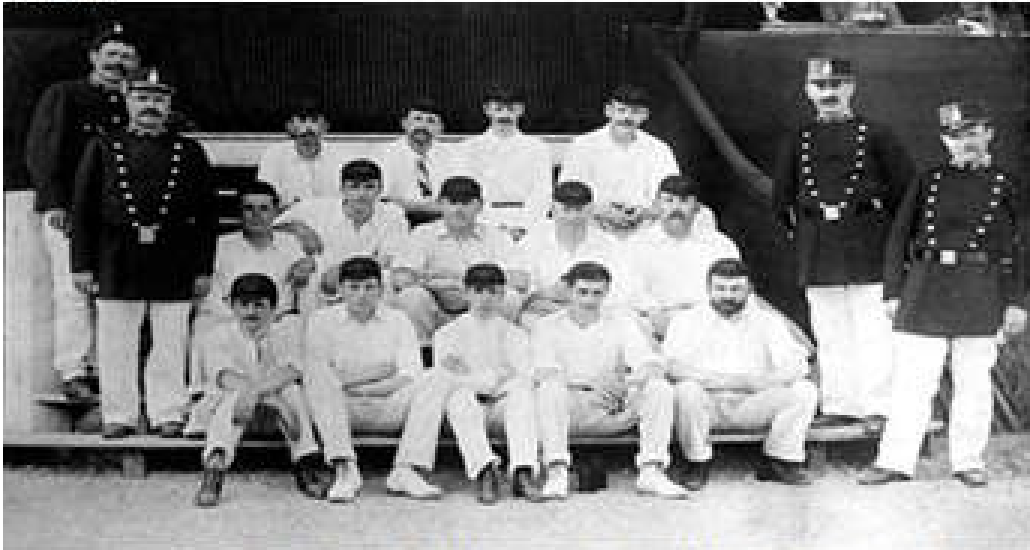
would accept a British game in the Olympics.

However, when Coubertin went to watch Much Wenlock games at Shropshire where Olympic idea was conceptualized in 1890 cricket was one of the events. It opened up the doors for cricket's inclusion at the 1896 Games at Athens. But due to poor response plan was shelved.

Originally, four teams- Belgium, France, Great Britain, and the Netherlands entered and they were scheduled to compete in a knockout tournament. However, paucity of funds forced Belgium and the Netherlands to opt out of the competition, leaving France and Great Britain, only contenders for the Olympic cricket title. . The 1900 Olympic cricket final was played between France and Great Britain at the Exhibition Ground, Vincennes in France on August 19 and 20. It was a 12-a-side match. The former were represented by the Devon County Wanderers Club and the latter by the French Athletic Club Union. The French team included mostly Englishmen living in France and playing for Albion Cricket club (then champions of France in cricket) or for Standard Cricket club.



Jack MacBryan, Olympian, England Test Cricketer Cricket advertised before 1900 Paris Olympics



England team first Olympic cricket champion 1900

The Great Britain won the toss, elected to bat first and compiled a creditable 117. The major contributors were Frederick Cumming (top scorer 38) and Charles Beachcroft (23). The French team was bundled out for paltry 76.

The visitors returned to crease to pile up 145 for 5 in their second outing with half centuries from Beachcroft and Alfred Bowerman. The home team faced the daunting task to score 165 for a win. It was soon all over

with hosts shot out for pathetic 26. Monatagu Toller set up the home team's route with astonishing figures of 7 for 9. The winners were awarded silver medals while the bronze went to the hosts and both teams also

received a replica of Eiffel Tower. The media coverage was nonexistent but John Symes, a member of the victorious team kept a scorecard now a record for the posterity. The English team's journey back to the hotel was eventful. The driver of one of

the two coaches had become rather caught up in the day's events and had to be driven back inside his own carriage. The other, apparently in a similarly excitable state, crashed his coach, causing minor injuries to some of the

passengers.

None of the teams realized that they had competed in the Olympic Games, with the match advertised as part of the world's fair. The event was retrospectively recognized as an Olympic contest by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 1912, and the medals won by the teams were upgraded to gold for Great Britain and silver for France. A cricket competition was

scheduled for the 1904 Summer Olympics, held in St. Louis, but it was cancelled at short notice due to a lack of entries: the sport would not be included in the Olympic Games again. However, efforts are underway to have cricket as an Olympic sport in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

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Letter to Editor

Sir

The Delhi coaching centre tragedy only goes to show how rules and regulations are just flouted in the air and those who run such centres eye only for money . It is indeed heartwrenching to see coaching centres turn into mere rat traps setting knowledge as a bait alluring aspirants and risking their precious lives. Until and unless the authorities concerned wake up urgently from their slumber such incidents are bound to happen in future too.

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Core values and timely Innovation script success for Family run Businesses

Kolkata (PARTHA ROY): Family Business Summit- East, 2024, was organised by FICCI on 31st July 2024 in Kolkata to deliberate on various challenges faced by Family run Businesses in India as well as explore scope & opportunities to strengthen and expand family run businesses in evolving socio- cultural- economic - political scape of the country .

The summit brought together the region's foremost family-owned enterprises for a dynamic exchange of insights, strategies, and best practices.

Eastern India has long been a hub of economic activity, characterized by a diverse blend of traditional and modern industries, and family businesses play a crucial role in the economic development of this

region.

Mr Rudra Chatterjee, Chairman, FICCI West Bengal State Council, in his welcome address said that several family-run businesses have not only stood the test of time but have also adapted and thrived in an ever-evolving economic environment. Chatterjee emphasized that it is important for family run businesses to realise that prosperity of the family lies in the prosperity of the business. Chatterjee spoke about success stories of European family run businesses and scope of learning as well as adoption of European best practices by Indian family run businesses .

Mr Harshavardhan Neotia, Past President, FICCI, Chairman, Ambuja Neotia Group, in

his special address mentioned that passion and values are cornerstones to success of any family run business, and it is important that generations stay united in values. Shri Neotia emphasized that there is no fixed formula or prescription on succession planning , retirement , devolution of power and authority to succeeding generations . Ms Roshni Sen, IAS, Chairman & Managing Director, WBIDC, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal said that family businesses have been the backbone of West Bengal's industry and economy across various sectors. Their deep-rooted commitment to community and cultural values, combined with their ability to adapt



and innovate, underscores their enduring significance. Several family businesses spanning a wide range of sectors, have, for generations, reposed their faith in West Bengal and have contributed to its economic fabric. Mr Ullas Kamath, Chairman, FICCI

Karnataka State Council, Founder, UK&CO, said family businesses are poised to play a crucial role in generating employment and fostering economic development. Of India's top 500 companies, 300 are family businesses. However, only 33% of the family organizations survive up to the second generation;

13% up to the third generation; and a miniscule 0.4% up to the fourth generation. The inaugural session was followed by a panel discussion by family-owned enterprises to deliberate on insights, strategies, shared their experiences on the unique challenges they face, such as succession

planning, balancing tradition with modernity, attracting, retaining, and developing talent within the family and from outside. Eminent speakers from the industry, Mr Kumar Vardhan Patodia, Director, Unimark Group; Mr Narrindra Surana, CMD, Ddev Plastiks Industries; Mr Vineet Agarwal, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, GNG Group; Ms Nita Bajoria, Creative Director, Kutchina; Mr Shourya Mandal, Co-Managing Partner, Fox Mandal; and Mr Harsh V Agarwal, Executive Director, Ori-Plast, shared their experiences and success stories . Mr. Arun Kumar Jain, Senior Vice President & Head, SBI Capital Markets; Mr Naganand Doraswamy,

Managing Partner and Founder, Ideaspring Capital; Mr Kartik Juneja, Executive Director, Axis Capital; and Mr Arnab Basu, Head Wholesale Solutions, Aditya Birla Finance, elucidated on raising capital with a focus on aspects such as innovative financing strategies, traditional & new financing models, raising money from private equity, investing in start-ups, etc. The summit was supported by West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation (WBIDC) and SBI. UK & Co was the knowledge partner for the event. The summit was attended by over 120 delegates. Ms Mousumi Ghose, Deputy Secretary General, FICCI, delivered the vote of thanks.

Alarming Rise In Tiger Deaths in Madhya Pradesh Reserve: Report

Bhopal(KCN): Alarming cases of tiger deaths and hunting incidents in Madhya Pradesh's Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve and its surrounding forest divisions have been reported by a top official.

A report by the forest department based on an order by in-charge Principal Conservator of Forests Shubh Ranjan Sen in March this year - accessed by NDTV now - sheds light on a concerning surge in tiger deaths in the state.

The report uncovered shocking details of negligence and procedural lapses in handling tiger cases, raising serious concerns about the state of wildlife conservation in the region. Known as the 'Tiger State', Madhya Pradesh is home to

some of the highest concentrations of tigers in the country.

The order by Mr Sen, which led to the report, had highlighted severe negligence in handling tiger cases, prompting the formation of a special committee to investigate tiger deaths from 2021 to 2023.

The members of the three-people committee to look into tiger deaths were Indian Forest Service officer Ritesh Sonfia, Chairman, Principal Officer State Tiger Strike Force; Dr Kajal Jaiswal, Assistant Professor, School of Wildlife Forensics and Health, Jabalpur, and Archana Joshi, Advocate and Wildlife Officer, Katni.

The Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve covering 1,536.93 sqkm is known for its high tiger density and diverse wildlife, including spotted deer, sambar, and leopards. The reserve's staff includes a field director, a deputy director, three assistant directors, a wildlife medical officer, 11 forest range officers, a field biologist, 13 assistant forest range officers, 28 forest guards, 130 foresters, a drone operator, 128 permanent staff, and 605 temporary or contractual rangers. The report identified major causes of tiger deaths over the past three years, including electrocution, conflict, disease, old age, organ capture, poisoning, road accidents, and uncertain causes.

The Heritage College welcomes the 9th Batch of students in the induction & orientation programme

Kolkata, (KCN): The Heritage College, Kolkata, welcomed the 9th Batch of students in the induction and orientation programme ConneXions 2024 which started from 29th July 2024 and ended on 31st July.

The inaugural session of the programme was addressed by Prof. (Dr.) Mamata Ray (Chaudhuri) Former Vice Chairperson, West Bengal State Council of Higher Education as the Chief Guest. CA Sanjib Sanghi, Chairman, Eastern Regional Council for the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and Mr. Sumit Goyal,



President, Patton International Ltd. were the Guests of Honour. During the inaugural address CA Sanjib Sanghi spoke to the students for being a specialist in today's world and that the students should follow if they want to be

successful in the future. Mr. Sumit Goyal spoke about hardwork and perseverance which are utmost important for one to succeed. The 3 day induction and orientation programme was also contributed by Mr. Saket Saraogi,

Founder SCUBE Tutorials and Career Ambassador, Institute and Faculty of Actuaries, UK , Mr. Joydeep Dasgupta, Editor News Sense, Dr. Anup Sinha, Chief Mentor, Heritage Business School and Non Executive Chairman,

Bandhan Bank, Ms. Madiha Mamoojee, TEDx speaker and many more.

There was Talent Hunt Show organized for the students of B.Com (H), B.Sc.(H) and B.A.(H) where students performed in diverse fields. The inaugural session was also contributed by Prof. Basab Chaudhuri, Director, The Heritage College, Mr. Probir Roy, Executive Director, Kalyan Bharti Trust, Mr. Pradip Agarwal, Chief Executive Officer, Kalyan Bharti Trust and Prof. K.K.Chaudhuri, Director, Heritage Business School, Kolkata.

BOBBY CHAKRABORTY GETS INVITED TO HIS OWN SCHOOL, AS THE CHIEF GUEST OF THE ANNUAL CONCERT

Kolkata, (KCN): It's should be a dream come true for anyone, if he or she is invited to his or her

Boarding and Day School, as the Chief Guest of The Annual Concert.

I am today, considered me worthy enough to adorn the all important designation of 'The

numerous of my performances as a student in the past, but this time as The Chief

respected teachers, some of whom who have taught me too, for all the love, warmth and



own school, as the Chief Guest. It should be a matter of great honour if this transpires in anyone's life. This was exactly what happened to reputed actor/activist/teacher of method acting, Bobby Chakraborty, who was specially invited to his own school, St. Paul's

Bobby, who is a popular face among the school children all around, through his anti addiction awareness program, considered this as a remarkable incident in his life. He said "Life came to a full circle when the school that has brought me up and made me whatever

Chief Guest' of the all important program in its calendar, 'The Annual Concert' . I consider an all important point to be ticked off my bucket list, when I entered my own school auditorium again and stood on that same stage, which has been the witness to

Guest! It's a rare honour in anyone's life, which reassures one's decision to walk his chosen path in life. It reaffirms the fact that he must be doing something right in his life to earn this accolade. I thank Sister Pranita, The Principal and all the

hospitality. I couldn't help but feel as a student once more! Those years of growing up in one of the best schools in every way, St. Paul's Boarding and Day School, my school, will never be forgotten. A 'Paulite' till my last breath! Thank you Lord Almighty for everything. "

There can be no better person than India Islamic Culture Center President Sirajuddin Qureshi. Dr. Majid Ahmed

New Delhi(KCN): The election of India Islamic Culture Center President is to be held on August 11. Sirajuddin Qureshi has been the President for the last 20 years. This time the 2024 elections are in discussion from India to Dubai, big stalwarts have come as presidential candidates this time and are trying their luck. Dr. Majid Ahmed Talikoti of Sirajuddin Qureshi's panel, who has so far treated more than 4000 poor orphans and helpless people in the whole country for free for terrible diseases like



cancer, said in a conversation with the media on Thursday that there can be no better candidate than India Islamic Culture Center President Sirajuddin Qureshi, he has devoted his entire life to the service of India Islamic Culture Center, he has done such beautiful and

better work that today he is famous all over the world. Dr Majid Ahmed said that I have always stayed away from politics and have only served humanity. Today I appeal to all the members to give their valuable vote to Sirajuddin Qureshi panel because there is no one better than this. Dr Majid Ahmed said that this time an effort is being made to make a global hospital in India Islamic Culture Center. Children should get free education and coaching for UPSC. Only Sirajuddin Qureshi sahab can do such work.

At Least 10 Flights To Delhi Diverted Amid Heavy Rain, Many Areas Waterlogged

New Delhi: At least 10 flights headed to Delhi were diverted after the national capital saw heavy rain this evening. The weather office said around 7 pm that clouds have converged over the city "from all four sectors" and the rain was expected to last for two hours. Waterlogging was

reported from several parts of the city, bringing back haunting memories of the flooded basement at a coaching centre in Rajinder Nagar on Saturday in which three students were killed. Delhi Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena said he has asked all officers to remain alert

and address issues in sites prone to waterlogging, including areas where coaching centres are located. Have cautioned all officers to remain alert in light of the ongoing heavy downpour in Delhi. Apart from ensuring minimum inconvenience to people in general,

Rourkela-Panposh 3rd line within 18 months



Rourkela(KCN): CGM of South Eastern Railway Sanjay Mishra recently took stock of various developmental works, including the third railway line between Rourkela and Panposh stations, being undertaken here.

Mishra informed the media that the third and crucial railway line between Rourkela and Panposh has begun and it would be completed within 18 months. "The work is going on at a steady pace," Mishra

said. To a question, the CGM said, "It is the state government that will take care of the rehabilitation of those who are going to be displaced by the project." Mishra was accompanied by the

DRM of Chakradharpur. He further added that displacement will be on the need basis and not all are going to be affected by the line. "It is the responsibility of the state government to

rehabilitate them," he mentioned. Mishra also said, "Rourkela-Panposh section is a little difficult one which requires massive earth cutting for which it will take a little longer time for completion. Keeping this in mind, we will finish it in the next one-and-a-half-years' time." Regarding Panposh underpass he said, "The railway underpass should be straight and we will look into it." A section of BJP leaders also met the CGM and apprised him about some of the problems and necessities of the Rourkela station. The officer assured them of taking necessary steps, sources said.

State Ex-cadre Teacher's Mahasangha Meeting Held.



SUBARNAPUR,(KCN): The State Primary Teachers (Ex -cadre) Mahasangha has been reorganized. The said organizational meeting has been held in Bhubaneswar on Sunday under the chairmanship of Chief Adviser Sharat Chandra Naik. In the meeting, Sharat Chandra Naik and Prashant Kumar Khamari have been appointed as advisor and President - Jayanti Lal Sahu. Working President - Bijaya Kumar Mishra, Alekh Sahu, General Secretary - Hanesh Patra Bagh, Secretary General - Biswaranjan Das, Vice President - Saptam Kishore Behera, Rajendra Prusheth, Rajib Lochan Pradhan, Yashowant Narayan Pradhan, Bishnu Narayan Panda, Subrata Dandasena, Amulya Patra, Alok SD Roy, Rajkishore Pradhan, Treasurer- Pramod Behera, Asst.-Treasurer- Rajkishore Sahu, Asst. Secretary Umesh Swain, Antaryami Dora, Lalu Mallik, Rajendra Barik, Birendra Pati, Gourang Sahu, Organizational Secretary - Manas Rajan Sahu, Rajkishore Barik Jiten Pani, Dipak Purohit, Sudarshan Nayak, Suresh Panda, Rajkishore Pashayat, Mitrabadi Mallik Major have been selected. Media Secretary Ranju Amat said in a press release

NCC Cadet Satya Narayan Bagh felicitated by district administration at Subarnapur.

SUBARNAPUR(KCN): NCC Cadet of Sonepur College and brave son of Sonepur, Satyanarayan Bagh traveled all over India on a bicycle with the message of One India Best India, 100% Voting, Road Safety, Blood Donation and Sanitation Awareness and reached Sonepur. Mr. Bagh reached Sonepur this afternoon after his 4-month cycle journey. Mr. Bagh, son of Sonepur, was greeted by Collector Mrs. Anya Das on behalf of the district administration in the premises of the Collectorate Organized by NCC Lt. Ashish Agarwala and organized in collaboration with Swachha Bharat



Sangathan Additional District Magistrate (Rev.) Rajendra Majhi, Additional District Magistrate (General) Anjalina Pradhan, District Sports Officer Chittaranjan Mishra, District Information and Public Relations Officer Ashwini Kumar Bhoi, officers and employees

of various departments of the district administration, NCC cadet students, members of Swachha Bharat Sangathan and Infiniti Club and various sports and voluntary organization workers of the town were present and extended a warm welcome to

Mr. Bagh. Mr. Bagh, who traveled for four months on a bicycle, shared his experiences of the art culture and people's movements of different states and praised the country for experiencing firsthand the unity in diversity of our country.

Recruitment and Skill Development Certificate distribution ceremony was held

SUBARNAPUR(KCN): Skill Development and District Employment Office, Boudh, short-term training conducted by Boudh, 23 trainees were given certificates along with appointment letters were also distributed. Boudh Additional District Magistrate, Sub Collector, General Manager, District Industrial Center and District Welfare Officer, Block Development Officer were present. Mr. Ajaya Kumar Das, Skill Development and Employment Officer, Boudh District conducted the meeting. For the first time in Boudh district, this kind of training was conducted by



Datapro. Computer Pvt. Ltd. with 30 candidates from March 1st. Solar Panel Installation Technician completed in 450 hours (65 days) and rated by. Out of them 23 candidates passed the exam. 18 of them have been recruited in a private institute in Hyderabad and 5 more will be recruited in the future.

However, the 10th class pass candidates can register in Odisha government's AI skill development training camp and the government will provide all the facilities where they can study, stay, eat and wear. This training is going on continuously. All the guests encouraged the new recruits and wished

them a bright future. Finally, the District Skill Development and Employment Officer Mr. Das thanked the guests. The meeting was attended by Senior Assistant Dinesh Badhai, Junior Assistant Ramakant Mirdha and (Grade IV Clerk) Dambarudhar Khalko of the Employment Office.

Javed Farooqui honored with APJ Abdul Kalam Smriti Excellence Award.



New Delhi(KCN): On the occasion of the death anniversary of former President Missile Man Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, Delhi Dr. Kalam Smriti Excellence 2024 Award was organized by FACE Group. It was organized under the chairmanship of FACE Group Chairman Dr. Mustaq Ansari. At the same time, Dr. Javed Farooqui, leader of social worker Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas Paswan) party from Malviya Nagar, Delhi was honored with the Kalam Smriti Excellence 2024 Award.



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CFA Institute in India Expands Student Accessibility with a New Exam Center in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar : CFA Institute, the professional body for excellence and thought leadership in finance, has opened registrations for their upcoming February 2023 intake. Additionally, with the rising demand to increase candidate accessibility and convenience, the institute will have 4 new exam centers in Kochi, Chandigarh, Bhubaneswar and Guwahati for the CFA Program. These centers will take the total number of test center cities for the CFA exam to 16 across India and over 400 worldwide.

The recent CFA Institute Investor Trust survey showed that Indians place a high level of trust on the potential growth in job opportunities in the financial services sector. However, In the post-pandemic era, students as

well as professionals are prioritizing safety, accessibility and ease of travel while accomplishing their life and career goals. Ease of accessibility to exam centers is expected to improve a candidate journey through the program and reduce costs associated with travelling to take exams.

The CFA Charter continues to be the global gold standard for professionals aspiring to work in the investment management industry. We constantly work to make the CFA Program affordable, accessible, meritocratic and relevant. During the pandemic we moved our examinations to Computer Based Testing from Paper Based Exams and started offering examinations four times in a year. By expanding of our test

center network, we are taking one more step to bring the CFA Program within the reach of aspiring professionals and students in India.” Said Arati Porwal, Director Society Relations at CFA Institute in India.

India has a robust banking, insurance and investment industry It has a diversified financial sector undergoing rapid expansion, both in terms of strong growth of existing financial services firms and new entities entering the market. With such rapid expansion, there is a growing demand for professionals with relevant competencies and high standards of ethics. The CFA Institute works closely with the industry and regulators to support an inclusive and secure financial services industry in India.

Experience the best-in-class customer services at 11 new Alpha Service Centers across India

Bhubaneswar : Sony India is expanding its Alpha Service Network across 11 cities in India including Mumbai, Coimbatore, Jaipur, Pune, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Trivandrum, Chennai, Indore, Bhubaneswar and Guwahati. This is expansion for Alpha Camera body and lens repairs facilities is a testament to the brand's continued dedication to customer satisfaction. Sony now has the widest service network of after sales support for Digital Imaging products with 8 service centers for lens repairs, 18 service centers for Alpha Camera Body repair, 40+ service centers which can offer basic services like CCD Imager cleaning and

firmware updates and 220+ collection centers pan India.

The service centers are equipped with necessary jigs and tools to deliver best quality repair of Alpha camera body, Camera Lens, Professional Cameras and other digital imaging products like Digital Still Cameras and Camcorders. Customers can also avail instant services for basic supports like CCD Imager cleaning and getting the latest firmware update to enjoy best performance from their products. The friendly customer care staff at these service centers will help customers to register their in-warranty products on Sony Alpha Community portal to enable them avail

free of cost additional one year warranty on applicable products.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Mukesh Srivastava, Head of Digital Imaging Business at Sony India, said, “By supporting and assisting partners in local markets, Sony aims to ensure customers receive exceptional service and satisfaction along with quicker and faster turnaround at all outlets across the country. The new service centers will offer customers a seamless experience across multiple touch-points to provide a consistent brand experience that surpasses expectations.”

ATLAS OF AFFLUENCE - INDIA'S FIRST EVER WHITE PAPER ON LUXURY LAUNCHED AS A YEARLY FEATURE

Mumbai: Amidst leading luminaries of industries spanning across the business of luxury, the Atlas of Affluence (AOA) 2022 has been launched in Mumbai. Created by The Voice of Fashion (TVOF), a division of Reliance Brands Limited, the daily digital magazine that tracks and leads conversations on Indian fashion, design, crafts and retail, AOA 2022, is the

first such wide and deep white paper from India that dissects consumer behaviour studied through the prism of luxury.

A collective reflection on what affluence means in India spiked during the two years of the pandemic. Charting the post-pandemic market and the clearly altered consumer mindset through a specially commissioned study

across six cities and markets of India, AOA 2022 has been published as a book with exclusively commissioned artworks. This study uses the time graph of “pre-pandemic” and “post-pandemic” months to specify a comparative matrix. It also helps debunk long-held ideas about what affluence and luxury have meant to Indians.

SBI now offers Real Time Xpress Credit on YONO app

Mumbai : With an aim to digitally empower customers and offer additional convenience, the country's largest lender, State Bank of India (SBI) has announced the introduction of Real Time Xpress Credit (RTXC) on YONO. The bank's flagship personal loan product for salaried customers – Xpress Credit has a Digital Avatar now. Customers can now avail RTXC from the comfort of their homes through YONO – which is going to be 100% paperless and digital. The end-to-end 8 step journey would be easy and instant for the customers.

Under Real Time Xpress Credit, Central/ State Government and Defence salaried customers of SBI will no longer be required to visit the branch for availing a personal loan. The credit checks, eligibility, sanction & documentation will now be done digitally in real-time.

Shri Dinesh Khara, Chairman, SBI said, “We are pleased to introduce Real Time Xpress Credit (RTXC) Loan facility for our eligible salaried customers on YONO. The Xpress Credit product will enable our customers to experience adigital, hassle-free, and paperless loan process. We at SBI constantly endeavour to offer technology-led enhanced digital banking experience to the customers in order to simplify banking.” The digitalization of Xpress Credit delivery will also help the bank to do away with the need to handle and store enormous paperwork.

Blenders Pride Fashion Nights arrives in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar : Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, a unique travelling experiential property, arrived in the City of Temples – Bhubaneswar – celebrating the authentic spirit of the city through fashion and style. A spirit that echoes with Pride and inspires the creators of today to become icons of tomorrow. Bhubaneswar's ‘Made of Artistic Flair’ edition for Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, brought together an eclectic evening that blended fashion, culture and dance, celebrating a symbolic amalgamation of homegrown artistry and the unwavering spirit of local talent.

Exemplifying the region's signature weave through a curated evening at the majestic Vivanta, Bhubaneswar, DC Square was Odia designer Sabyasachi Satpathy, whose intricately crafted ensembles drew inspiration from the multicultural city and its colourful history. In a true celebration of Odisha's distinct and masterful craftsmanship, the show was elevated with a captivating performance by the Prince Dance Group– from the small Odisha town of Berhampur – widely lauded for their artistry. The show drew to a finale with none other than actor Diana Penty, who captivated the audience in a beautiful ensemble by the designer. The “Made of Artistic Flair” edition of Blenders Pride Fashion Nights was a beautiful embodiment of the rich craft and cultural heritage of the city in a modern and contemporary setting.

Taking us on a ‘Jatra’ – The Journey of a Young Woman – the show encapsulated the journey of a woman from post adolescence to her nuptials, navigating the various challenges, trials and significant moments that come her way. The enigmatic journey was captured through the array of colours and textiles that Odisha Bandha/Ikkat offers. Truly encapsulating the spirit of ‘Made of Pride’, the designer made use of Odisha weave, which is sustainable, hand-woven, organic and a homegrown initiative of design, painstakingly woven by the weavers of Odisha. The upbeat set was a composition designed to narrate the spirit of Bhubaneswar along with the flair of the designer. The evening was attended by the city's A-listers & influencers. The fashion walk truly left the guests mesmerized and engaged.

Through this unique showcase of Pride encompassing diverse talent across creative fields, Blenders Pride Fashion Nights 2022, encourages everyone, especially youth at large to celebrate & take pride in their authentic and individual journeys. The evening spotlighted individuals who take Pride in their choices, are comfortable in their skin and, most importantly, embrace their authentic selves – truly living a life that is ‘Made of Pride’.

Kendrapara Autonomous College Statistics Department Alumni Meet-2024



Kendrapara(KCN): Kendrapara Autonomous College Statistics Department Alumni Meet 13-01-2024 has been held in the Statistics Department Hall of Rik Din College. About 60 students of different batches participated in the meeting under the chairmanship of Mrs. Mintiprabha Jena, Head of the Department. Suresh Chandra Kar of

1985-87 batch as President and Dr. Bhavani Shankar Mohanty of 2005-08 batch as General Secretary of the Alumni Committee, has been unanimously elected.

Emphasis was placed on the involvement of more and more ex-students in the Alumni Program in the coming years, with special emphasis on the practical aspects and needs of the subject of statistics. Along

with this, it has been decided to reward the best students of the Department from next year.

In this meeting, the working faculty and faculty members of the department, Mrs. Mintiprabha Jena, Dr. Pournmasi Panda and Mr. Ajay Kishore Das and the students cooperated to make the meeting a success.

realme launches the Stylish realmenarzo 60 Series 5G and the revolutionary realme Buds Wireless 3

Bhubaneswar(KCN) : realme, the Most Reliable Smartphone Service Provider in India, unveiled its latest offerings today, the realmenarzo60 Series 5G and realme Buds Wireless 3. These newest additions to realme's legacy of innovation are crafted to provide users with an unrivaled experience. The realmenarzo 60 Series 5G introduces two standout smartphones: the realmenarzo 60 Pro 5G and the realmenarzo 60 5G, accompanied by the cutting-edge realme Buds Wireless 3 for an immersive audio experience.

The realmenarzo 60 Series 5G is the first and only smartphone in the segment to come with 1TB storage. The realmenarzo 60 Series 5G is a groundbreaking lineup that revolutionizes the smartphone industry with its cutting-edge features. realmenarzo 60 Pro 5G is equipped with up to 12GB + 12GB of dynamic RAM and is the only smartphone in the segment with 1TB of ROM storage. It runs on the Dimensity 7050 5G chipset and boasts a massive 5000mAh battery with 67W SUPERVOOC charging support.

The realmenarzo 60 Pro 5G comes in two stunning colors: Mars Orange, Cosmic Black and three

storage variants: 8GB + 128GB which will be priced at INR 23999, 12GB + 256GB priced at INR 26999 and 12GB + 1TB priced at INR 29999.

realmenarzo 60 5G also showcases a Premium Vegan Leather and Martian Horizon design. The device offers a remarkable 90Hz Super AMOLED Display with 20,000-level auto brightness adjustment. The 64MP Street Photography Camera, equipped with 2X in-sensor zoom, DIS Snapshot, and 20X digital zoom, capturing stunning images with ease. Powered by the Dimensity 6020 5G Chipset, thenarzo 60 5G gives you a worthwhile experience. The narzo 60 5G comes in two stunning colors: Mars Orange, Cosmic Black and two storage variants: The 8GB + 128GB is priced at INR 17999 and the 8GB + 256GB is priced at INR 19999.

Buyers can avail bank offers of INR 1500 on the realmenarzo 60 Pro 5G with 6 months No Cost EMI and 18 month warranty on pre-booking starting from 6th July 1 PM on Amazon.in. and realme.com. Users can also avail bank offers of INR 1500 on therealmenarzo 60 Pro 5G with 6 months No Cost EMI on first sale

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Jindal Stainless signs MoU with SCTEVT, Odisha to train future-ready stainless steel professionals

Bhubaneswar: Odisha's State Council for Technical Education & Vocational Training (SCTEVT) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jindal Stainless to promote technical education in the field of stainless steel and its various applications. Under this MoU, stainless steel courses will be introduced in all the Polytechnic colleges in Odisha from June 2022. The MoU was signed by Vice Chairman,

SCTE&VT, Shri Reghu G (IAS) and Unit Head, Jindal Stainless Limited (JSL), Shri Deepak Agrawal. Dignitaries present at the ceremony included Chairman, SCTE&VT and Principal Secretary to Government, SDTE and Industries Departments, Shri Hemant Sharma (IAS) said, “This collaboration with Jindal Stainless will enhance the learning experience for students and faculty both, as it will give them insights about and practical exposure to the stainless steel industry.

Upadhyay, and General Manager, Sales & Distribution, Mr Ranit Rana.

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NSDL launches “Market ka Eklavya- Express” in 75 cities to mark 75 years of Independence

Mumbai: India's largest depository, National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) launched ‘Market ka Eklavya- Express’, an online investment awareness program for students that will be conducted in 8 different languages including Hindi. The program would serve as a beginner's guide for investing for the youth.

To mark the significance of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, an

initiative of Government of India to celebrate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of our people, culture and achievements, NSDL has launched a new initiative towards investor awareness ‘Market Ka Eklavya - Express’ across 75 cities, especially aimed at the college students who would very soon be entering the phase where they would start earning and naturally,

look for avenues of investment.

Earlier this month, Market ka Eklavya (5-hours program) was launched by the hon'ble Finance Minister of India, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman at the silver jubilee event of NSDL.

On the launch of the initiative Ms. Padmaja Chunduru, MD & CEO, NSDL said, "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is a special initiative launched by our Prime Minister to

celebrate and commemorate 75 years of India's Independence. Our program has been particularly aimed to create awareness about the financial markets to the young minds who will be the future of our country. In this Amrit Kaal, our digital education initiative focuses on building a path towards Financial Freedom for our youth, symbolizing the spirit of Atmanirbhar

Bharat.”

Students across India will benefit from this program as it does not restrict to just an area of the population. The program will be conducted for 1 hour and mainly educate the students on demystifying the jargons, 3I's – types of Income; Inflation and its impact, types of Investment; 3S – Start early- Power of Compounding, Spread wide, Stay long etc.

New Delhi: Kavya Kalanithi Maran has called for the removal of restrictions on the number of foreign players that can be retained. The CEO of the Sunrisers Hyderabad franchise has requested a minimum of six retentions or Right to Match (RTM) options for an IPL franchise ahead of the mega auction. Additionally, she has suggested that foreign players who do not enroll in the mega auction or fail to show up after being purchased should be banned. At Wednesday's meeting between IPL team owners and the BCCI authorities, the SRH promoter emphasised the need for each franchise to have at least six retentions or, alternatively, as many

RTM options. She explained her demand. "We can use it as four retentions and two RTMS, or all six retentions, or all six RTMS and so on. The choice on whether a retention or RTM is used should be with the franchise based on discussions with the player." She went on to make the point. "There have been numerous instances in the past where a player has preferred to go to the auction when he has felt that the retention amount is on the lower side. There have also been instances where multiple players have felt that they should be the first retention, and if not retained as first, they have asked to be put in the auction instead. To avoid this, we can give

the players the chance to either be retained or RTM at the market discovered price, ensuring that the player is not disgruntled about the retention price. "If only retentions are allowed, there is a good possibility that franchises will pay their retained players more than the retention value through side contracts. But with RTMs, a player gets the market price in the auction within the restrictions of the purse and this will ensure that the purse decides and restricts the purchasing power of all franchises and not the bank balance of the franchise... It will also ensure transparency and maintain the integrity of a brand as prestigious as the IPL." Maran also elaborated on the need for the removal



of the cap on the number of foreign players that can be retained. Last time, the BCCI permitted the teams to retain a maximum of two foreign players. "Each team is built differently and the core strengths of various squads are different. Some have strong overseas players, some have strong capped Indian players, and some strong uncapped players. In our case, we

have a strong core of overseas players. The number of capped/un capped/overseas players retained should be at the discretion of the franchise and not restricted. For example, we can retain four overseas and two capped Indians or three overseas and three uncapped Indians and so on," she said.

Maran also called for bans on players who renege on their commitment and do not

show up after enrolling for the auction. As had been reported by Cricbuzz, SRH were very upset with Wanindu Hasaranga, who pulled out of IPL 2024 citing injury. Many think he did not show up because of getting a low bid of only INR 1.5 crore. His salary with RCB before that had been over INR 10 crore.

"After being selected in the auction, if a player doesn't come to play the season for any reason apart from injury, he should be banned," she said. She did not, however, name-check the Sri Lankan allrounder.

"The franchises put in a lot of effort into the auction to form their combinations. If a player goes for a low amount in the auction, and

subsequently doesn't turn up, it affects the combination and the balance of the side. There have been many instances of overseas players not turning up for this reason." She was of the view that retired players should not be treated as uncapped players while being retained. They should, instead, come to the auction. She did not name MS Dhoni but appeared to be hinting at the former India skipper, who plays for Chennai Super Kings. "Senior players have immense value in the IPL. They bring experience and some also bring brand value. By restricting their value to the uncapped amount we are disrespecting the player and his value. Some retired players can go for much more in the auction than

being retained as uncapped pre-auction." When new uncapped players get more money in the auction, it sets a wrong precedent to allow senior players to be retained as uncapped. Let the auction dictate the value and calibre of the retired player, thereby respecting their contribution to the game over the years." Maran also had a strong point of view on money cut from the salary cap for players retained. She wanted the BCCI to not decide on how much retained players would be paid. "The money deducted from the overall salary cap for pre-auction retentions must be an overall pot based on the number of players retained, and should not be individual amounts for first retention, second retention and so on.

BCB request government for security consultant for Pakistan tour

Dhaka: Bangladesh Cricket Board officials said that they have requested the government to provide them a security consultant during the forthcoming tour of Pakistan. Bangladesh, who will travel to Pakistan on August 17, is set to play a two-match Test series against the host, which is part of ICC Test Championship, at Rawalpindi (21-25 August) and Karachi (30 August-3 September). Travelling to Pakistan is always considered a concern for international sides due to the country's political situation. "Look providing safety is up to them (Pakistan) and we go there because they assure us to provide state-level security and



after they assured us about it, the tour was fixed," BCB cricket operation chairman Jalal Yunus told reporters on Wednesday.

"I guess you have seen in the Asia Cup that the Bangladesh team traveled to Pakistan and they provided us state-level security and we agreed to go on this tour because they ensured us of that," he said.

"You might have seen in recent times that some

international teams have also visited [Pakistan] and they are quite happy with the security they provided," he said.

"We are also very much concerned about the security but after knowing everything and after getting assurance from them regarding the security we have fixed the tour," he said.

"At the same time we have requested the government to give us a security consultant during

the tour who will maintain communication with them at all times regarding the security issues," he said. Jalal added that no player has any objections with the forthcoming tour of Pakistan. Before the two-match Test series against Pakistan, the Bangladesh A team will travel to Islamabad for two four-day games and three 50-over matches. Mushfiqur Rahim and Mominul Haque along with several other Test cricketers were included for the opening four-day game as the tourists consider it to be part of their preparation for the Test series considering they are not slated to play any practice game ahead of the Test after arriving there on August 17.

New Delhi: Former India batter and coach Anshuman Gaekwad passed away at the age of 71 after a long battle with blood cancer on Wednesday (July 31) at the Bhailal Amin General Hospital in Vadodara. Recently, the BCCI had announced to release INR 1 crore to support Gaekwad's cancer treatment when it had come to light that he and his family had been struggling financially to cope with the treatment costs in London. Subsequently, he was shifted to India where the treatments continued in Vadodara. Gaekwad represented India in 40 Tests with two centuries and ten fifties, at a career average of 32. His overall first-class numbers were even better, tallying over 12000 runs at an average



above 40. This included 34 centuries and 47 fifties over a distinguished career. Known for his grit and defiance against pacers, Gaekwad was a reliable middle order batter during his heyday. His career-best innings 201 against Pakistan was a marathon knock where he spent more than 11 hours at the crease, symbolising his powers of concentration and patience. After his retirement in 1982, Gaekwad stepped

into the coaching arena and soon took charge of the men's national team during the two-year period between 1997-99. It wasn't a period of considerable success for the national side and he subsequently stepped down to be replaced by Kapil Dev. Subsequently, Gaekwad had a brief stint with the Kenyan men's national team and was also offered a full time role in 2009, which he declined due to personal reasons. In 2018, he was

conferred with the Col. C. K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award by the BCCI. Sunil Gavaskar, who played a lot with Gaekwad, paid glowing tributes to the departed soul. "I was privileged to play with three of the bravest cricketers in Indian cricket -- Eknath Solkar, Jimmy Amarnath and Anshuman Gaekwad. We had heard about the bravery and guts of Nari Contractor playing with a broken rib and going on to score 81 at Lords." That was inspirational to budding cricketers that when it comes to playing for your country you must take all the blows and keep fighting for your team. That's exactly what Eknath, Jimmy and Charlie and Anshuman was known, did when they donned the India cap.

Anshuman Gaekwad passes away

Rafael Nadal's Paris Olympics campaign ends, bows out in men's doubles quarters

New Delhi: Spain's dream team met its match as Rafael Nadal and Carlos Alcaraz's hopes of an Olympic doubles gold medal were ended by American duo Rajeew Ram and Austin Krajicek on Wednesday. Legendary Rafael Nadal bowed out of the Paris Olympics on Wednesday, 31 July after his dream of winning a gold medal alongside Carlos Alcaraz were ended by American duo Rajeew Ram and Austin Krajicek. Their progress had captivated the crowds at Roland Garros where Nadal won 14 French Open singles crowns but their journey ended in a 6-2 6-4 quarter-final defeat. The fourth-seeded Americans proved a step too far as they combined brilliantly to diffuse the power of the Spaniards despite having few fans inside a packed Court Philippe Chatrier.



The 38-year-old Nadal, who began the Games by carrying the Olympic flame in the opening ceremony, ends it without the medal he craved on what could well be his last appearance on his beloved Parisian clay. Nadalcaraz, as they have become known since joining forces for the Paris Games, were given raucous support by a jam-packed Court Philippe Chatrier, at times the din sounding more

like a soccer arena as the fans roared for the Spaniards. When Krajicek served for the match and went break points down there was pandemonium with the umpire struggling to maintain order. The American fourth seeds somehow kept their cool though and when Krajicek sent down an ace on match point it was met by almost silent disbelief - the umpire getting off


her chair to confirm the ball had clipped the line. Nadal, 38, began the Games by carrying the Olympic flame in the opening ceremony, but ends it without the third Olympic gold medal he craved on what could well be his last appearance on his beloved Parisian clay. As he trudged off, fans snapped photos on their phones.

In truth Nadal and Alcaraz could have few

complaints as they came up against a well-drilled partnership with the 40-year-old Ram, a four-time Grand Slam men's doubles champion, superb throughout with razor-sharp net play. In their two previous matches in Paris, Nadal and Alcaraz had ridden a wave of support, coming up with some inspired play to raise hopes that they could go all the way. But this time the 21-year-old Alcaraz, who had reached the singles quarter-finals earlier, lacked his usual spark and served consecutive double faults to virtually hand the Americans the opening set. There was no coming back this time and Alcaraz dropped serve to love at 3-3 -- the Spaniards' frustration showing as they disputed a line call after a sizzling Ram winner.




Paris: India's ace shuttler PV Sindhu topped her group to reach the pre-quarterfinals on Wednesday, 31 July. Sindhu, who has two Olympic medals to her name said that he felt really happy when fans hoped that she would bring home the third Olympic medal. India's ace shuttler PV Sindhu topped her group to reach the Round of 16 in the women's singles competition at the Paris Olympics. On Wednesday, Sindhu dominated the proceedings to win against 73rd-ranked Kristin Kuuba of Estonia in her final Group M match. Speaking after the game, Sindhu was asked about the prospect of winning three Olympic medals this year in Paris. Sindhu is already a 2-time Olympic medal winner, having clinched silver and bronze in Rio de Janeiro and Tokyo respectively.



Sindhu, while speaking to the press right after her event, said that she was grateful for the support and realised the responsibility and pressure of potentially becoming the first Indian athlete to achieve this feat.

"I think it's one match at a time. I feel really happy when people say that, you know, that they want a hat trick from you. We want that medal from you. It makes me feel really happy. You know, obviously, it comes with a lot of responsibilities, a lot of pressure. But it's important for me to just stay calm and just keep



going one match at a time. Because you can't expect easy wins, So, yeah, you have to fight hard for it to earn it," Sindhu told the press after her final group stage match.

Sindhu, who had struggled with injury over the last couple of years, was relatively untested in the group stage matches. She, however, did not let her intensity drop and finished all her games in clinical manner. Asked about how she was feeling, Sindhu said that things were not going to be as easy but she was prepared for the challenge.