

BJP Names Mamata Mohanta as its Rajya Sabha Nominee from Odisha

During the hearing, it said, “We earnestly appeal to all the doctors that we are here to ensure that their safety and protection is the matter of highest national concern. We feel this is not now a matter of a particular offence but something which affects the institution of healthcare pan India.” “We are deeply concerned with the fact that there is an absence of safe conditions of work for young doctors across

Further, it asked the West Bengal Police to not unleash peaceful medical community and civil society protesters. “People, whether they are doctors or civil societies or lawyers, who are protesting, so long as there is no act of destruction, let there not be the power of the state unleashed on peaceful protests. It is a time of national catharsis,” CJI Chandrachud said.

district, was welcomed to the party fold by national general secretary Arun Singh and Odisha in-charge Vijaypal Singh Tomar.

defeated. Now the BJP government told that they will hold elections. The Youth Congress will stage protest across the state if students' union elections are not held.” On the issues raised by their party, BJD's Pratap Deb said, “We had raised several issues including the way Odisha CM made announcement for Agniveer outside and not in the Assembly and went to Delhi after, and what happened to the case regarding the alleged assault on a staff by the Governor's son.”

Responding to the Opposition's allegations, BJP MLA Saroj Padhi said, “A situation is required for holding students' union election. Minister has stated that the elections will be held from next year and ground work is being prepared for it. The way the platform was damaged by the previous government, the new government will fix all things first and take steps.”

The other accused, who were given punishment in the past, have either completed their terms or been acquitted by the courts.

and severe vomiting. They were taken to the Chikiti Community Health Centre and later five of them were transferred to MKCG Medical College and Hospital as their health condition deteriorated. In response, police and excise department officials initiated a search operation in the Moundpur, Jainapur, and Karbalua areas.

State Excise Commissioner Narsingha Bhol, Ganjam District Collector Dibya Jyoti Parida, and Berhampur SP Sarthak Sarangi met the victims and inquired about their health condition.

New Delhi, (KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi has consistently demonstrated visionary leadership throughout his career. From his early days as a young leader and RSS worker to his tenure as Gujarat Chief Minister and now as Prime Minister, he has consistently emphasised the importance of adhering

A photograph of Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, speaking and gesturing with his right hand. He is wearing a white shirt and a blue striped vest. The background consists of several Indian national flags.

the importance of tradition, hope, and national pride in his speeches and writings. Analysts are of the view that the reference to taking pride in traditions highlights a deep respect for the cultural and historical heritage of India. Undoubtedly, traditions are seen as the bedrock of national identity and unity. PM Modi often speaks about how India's rich history and cultural practices are integral to the nation's character

and should be preserved and celebrated. By valuing these traditions, citizens are reminded of their roots and the collective journey that has shaped the country, analysts say. At the same time, the notion of holding “a ray of hope” suggests an optimistic outlook towards the future. Despite challenges and difficulties, maintaining hope is crucial for progress and development. For PM Modi, this hope

The demand for stricter protection of women met with strong opposition from the United Women's Association

Bhubaneswar,(KCN):A lot of barbaric and inhumane incidents have happened in Odisha along with sick doctors all over the country which has shaken the faith and instability of the civilized human society. Condemning this incident and strongly protesting it, paying homage to the victim girl and demanding justice for the victim, the members of the United Women's Association and many voluntary organizations gathered in Cuttack Union Academy today and lit candles and candles in silence and strongly protested this incident. In today's society, as



more than half of the women workers are participating in the development of the country and working in various public and private offices, it is the prime responsibility of all the authorities and the honorable government to protect them. The women's association and its members demanded that the government should provide adequate protection to the women workers. Not only that, the accused should also be severely punished. There must be justice for the victims on a wartime basis without allowing much time for investigation. Govt should immediately institute justice and tighten security laws. This

incident will not happen again in the country. All must be aware of that. In this silent protest, social activists Sharmistha Nath, saila Behera, Dolly Das, writer and social activist Meera Beura, Rini Mohanty, Visakha Bhanj Dr Rabi ranjan Sahu, Khageswar Sethi, L I C Officer Abhaya Das, Vijayalakshmi Patra Maha, Pragya Rath, Nayana Naik, Pankajini Mohanty Archata Mohanty, Shakti Prada Mohapatra, Baijyanthi Das, Madhusmita Mishra, Pushpa Ji, Mamata Mahapatra, Darskal Maha Jabin, in major protests, Pradhana Dei demanded the government to tighten the protection of women. The Bhausaheb

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Odisha FC is delighted to announce its participation in the prestigious Bhausaheb Bandodkar Memorial Trophy, a tournament held in honour of Goa's first Chief Minister, Late Bhausaheb Bandodkar. The tournament, scheduled to take place in Goa, will see the Kalinga Warriors battle it out against Chennaiyin FC (India), Clube Deportivo Defensa y Justicia (Argentina), and Churchill Brothers FC (India) in Group B. The Bhausaheb Bandodkar Memorial Trophy forms a crucial part of Odisha FC's pre-season preparations. The tournament will provide the team with valuable match practice and an opportunity to fine-tune their strategies ahead of the upcoming season. Head Coach, Sergio Lobera expressed the importance of the tournament, "I am very excited to participate in this tournament, I think it will help us a lot in this important period of pre-season to prepare the team in the best possible way for the start of the ISL. We will be able to compete against good rivals in a wonderful place like Goa." Odisha FC's first team will be participating in the tournament. The club is eager to compete against strong opponents and showcase its talent on the field. The Juggernaut faithful can look forward to exciting matches as the team strives to make a strong impact in the tournament.

The Musical National Anthem by Ricky Kej with KISS Students Becomes a Sensation Across Continents
About 800 million people watched the music piece



Bhubaneswar(KCN): The captivating music piece of the National Anthem created by internationally acclaimed musician and three-time Grammy Award winner Ricky Kej with the students of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), has not only entered Guinness Book of World Records, but has also won the hearts of millions globally. The music piece featured illustrious Indian musicians such as the legendary flautist Hariprasad Chaurasia, distinguished sarod players Aman and

Ayaan Ali Khan, and acclaimed santoor player Rahul Sharma, among others. This music was ceremoniously released on August 14th at 5 PM, on the eve of Independence Day. The project received widespread promotion across various platforms, including print, electronic, digital, radio, and social media. The collaboration saw immense viewership, with major national and international media channels like the BBC and others playing a crucial role in its

broadcast. Reports indicate that this national music piece reached crores of people across continents. Notably, the highest viewership came from platforms such as Times Entertainment (6 crores), News-18 (10 crores), ANI (3 crores), Daily Hunt (24 crores), India Today (6 crores), News-9 Live (2 crores), Business Today (4 crores), The Telegraph (5 crores), IBC-24 (3 crores), ETV Bharat (12 crores), Republic TV (2 crores), DD (2 crore) in both regional

and national networks. The founder of KIIT and KISS Dr Achyuta Samanta has lauded Ricky Kej for devoting more than six months to make the project a big success, which was no less than a herculean task. Dr Samanta, who aims to globally promote KIIT and KISS through such initiatives has also thanked him for involving the KISS Students. This project has successfully conveyed a positive message about Odisha to the world, receiving acclaim from various quarters.

Braithwaite Marks 78th Independence Week with Commitment to Growth and Self-Reliance

Kolkata,(ADVAITA SETH): The 78th Independence week was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Braithwaite & Co. Limited (BCL), a Miniratna-1 Company under the Ministry of Railways, at its Kolkata Works premises and Corporate Office at Hide Road. The celebrations were marked by the hoisting of the National Flag by Md. Asad Alam, the Chairman and Managing Director of the Company on the Independence Day. In his address to the gathering, Md. Asad Alam highlighted the significance of the day, stating, "Today is a reminder to us that freedom is not only a right but also a responsibility." He emphasized BCL's ongoing commitment to contributing to the

nation's progress, particularly in the manufacturing sector. Alam noted that the company is consistently achieving new milestones, whether in the production of wagons for Indian Railways or in efforts to make India self-reliant in container manufacturing. He also shared the company's plans to enhance self-reliance by increasing the foundry capacity of the Angus Works unit, furthering its capabilities in bogie manufacturing. Alam expressed confidence in the company's steady growth trajectory, which has seen a consistent rise in turnover over the past few years. Dr. Sunil Kumar Sharma, Director (Production), also spoke on the occasion, expanding on the company's diverse portfolio. He noted that

BCL's operations extend beyond wagon manufacturing and repair, with the company actively engaged in a range of projects across more than fifteen states, including West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttarakhand. He expressed optimism about the future, stating, "This success is just the beginning. To achieve our goals and exceed them, we must work towards continuous improvement." Shri Saurabh Chandra Mitra, Director (Finance), underscored the importance of continuous effort by all employees in driving the company's growth. He emphasized that through collective hard work, BCL can contribute significantly to building a

strong and resilient nation. The Independence Day celebrations saw enthusiastic participation from senior officials, trade-union leaders, and employees across all levels. At Angus Works in Bhadreswar, the National Flag was hoisted by Shri Pramod Kumar Sinha, GM (I/C)-AW, who also addressed the employees. Similarly, at the Wagon Repair Shop in Vadlapudi, Shri Saroj Kumar Senapati, Chief Project Officer, took part in the celebrations by hoisting the National Flag. The event was a testament to Braithwaite & Co. Limited's commitment to both national development and the continuous improvement of its operations, reflecting the company's dedication to its role in India's industrial growth and self-reliance.

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Vikram Bhatt: Industry thought 'Raaz' would fail

While horror films have always been fan favourites, the 2002 film 'Raaz' gave audiences much more to relish. From romance and soulful music to a thrilling love story, Vikram Bhatt's film had it all. The Bipasha Basu-Dino Morea-starrer was not only a box-office success, but also opened up a new genre of romance-horror. It also spawned sequels. However, none could match its success. In an exclusive chat with IndiaToday.in, director Vikram Bhatt shared how the film industry had discouraged him from the film, believing that it would fail.

"The only thing I remember about 'Raaz' is that the whole industry thought it was going to fail. They were like 'Yeh kya hai?' (what is this?). It was relegated to the C-grade genre of horror. Nobody had faith in me except boss (Mahesh Bhatt). He was sure that it would work. I remember I had this burning rage as a director that I wanted to prove everyone wrong," Vikram shared.

As per the internet, 'Raaz' falls under the



'erotic horror' genre. But when asked about the same, the filmmaker scoffed, "I don't know what was erotic about it. A man gets strayed in his marriage with another woman, and she kills herself. You have to show lovemaking between them to make the affair impactful. Otherwise, why would the wife even be upset? There has to be a sin, as the basis of horror is its dark side. If people feel a simple lovemaking can be erotic, I am happy to provide that." His latest film, 'Bloody Ishq', starring Avika Gor was recently released on Disney+ Hotstar. Talking about what has changed in the genre from 'Raaz' to now, the filmmaker

said that the horror quotient has gone up, "People want it more and more, it's almost like an addiction. Earlier we had 30 minutes of horror, then an hour, and now people want more. I remember a few films after 'Raaz', I met people who'd say they wanted more jump scares. I asked them if they even wanted a story or should I just make a compilation of those moments?"

Vikram Bhatt also opened up about the biggest challenge of making horror films in today's time. Stating that the decreasing attention span has become a threat for filmmakers, he added, "Horror needs to be built slowly, you cannot just jump into the

next scene. However, people are so impatient now that the director has to find more means to keep them engaged. With 'Bloody Ishq', our attempt has been what boss (Mahesh Bhatt) calls impatient editing. We needed to be fast and smart so that the remote is not touched. When it's a theatrical release, a viewer buys a ticket and is in a dark room, so it is easier to engage them. However, when you are watching it on OTT, the lights are on, the phone is ringing or your child is crying beside you. It really gets difficult to scare people through all these distractions," Bhatt signed off.

Saurabh Shukla-Directorial Dry Day Is The Comedy Drama You Need To See - Here's How You Can Watch it

Jitendra Kumar-starrer 'Dry Day' is a powerful and emotional story that delves into the complexities of addiction, love, and the extent of a man's sacrifices for his family. Directed by Saurabh Shukla, and produced by Monisha Advani, Madhu Bhojwani, and Nikkhil Advani, under the banner of Emmy Entertainment, the comedy drama features Jitendra Kumar, Shriya Pilgaonkar, and Annu Kapoor in pivotal roles. The film is set to premiere exclusively on Prime Video in India and across more than 240 countries and territories worldwide

on December 22. Dry Day is the latest addition to the Prime membership. Prime members in India enjoy savings, convenience, and entertainment, all in a single membership for just ₹1499/ year. Dry Day is a story of an imperfect hero who challenges societal conventions, rebelling against norms out of love for his unborn child. The trailer of this comedy-drama intricately explores the societal impact of alcoholism, presenting a thought-provoking narrative rooted in social relevance. Speaking about the film,



Director Saurabh Shukla said, "The movie is a social satire presented with a hilarious tragic-comedy of errors with lots of drama and emotions. Dry Day gives an important and relevant message about alcoholism and I consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to craft this film, aiming to

entertain and enlighten the audiences. It brings me immense joy to partner with streaming service Prime Video, Emmay Entertainment, and a talented bunch of actors, collectively breathing life into a compelling and beautiful narrative."

"Dry Day is a captivating blend of comedy and

Ananya Pandey becomes 'mausi', says beautiful nephew is here

Actress Ananya Pandey is a proud aunt, as her sister Alanna Pandey has welcomed her firstborn, a son.

Alanna, a social media personality, is the daughter of Chikki Pandey, who is the brother of Ananya's father, Chunky Pandey, and Deanne Pandey.

The actress took to Instagram to announce the arrival of her newborn with her husband, Ivor McCray V.

Sharing a reel on Instagram, Alanna and her husband, twinned in ice blue hues, share a kiss as she cradles her baby in her arms.

"Our little angel is here," Alanna captioned.

Ananya reposted the clip on her Instagram stories, writing: "My beautiful baby boy nephew is here."

Alanna married McCray in 2023 after dating for several years.

The wedding was attended by notable names such as Shah Rukh Khan, Gauri Khan, Kanika Kapoor, Nandita Mahtani, and Vidut Jammwal.

Talking about Ananya, whose last screen outing was in Arjun Varain Singh's 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan', will next be seen in Call Me Bae, which traces the story of a billionaire fashionista, Bae, who is disowned by her ultra-rich family due to a salacious scandal.

Call Me Bae, directed by Collin D'Cunha, will soon be streaming on Prime Video.



drama, offering a rollercoaster of emotions," shares actor Jitendra Kumar. "It was an exhilarating experience playing the character of Gannu in the movie. Getting into the skin of this intriguing character was like adding a new skill to my toolbox. The character's struggle of defying all odds in pursuit of trust adds depth to the narrative of the film. I'm excited for audiences to witness this unique journey on screen. The film's fusion of heartwarming moments and compelling storytelling is something I can't wait for people to experience and appreciate."

Jee Le Zarea: Real reason behind Priyanka Chopra, Katrina Kaif and Alia Bhatt starrer's delay revealed and it's not date issues

Jee Le Zarea is one of the most talked about movies starring Priyanka Chopra, Katrina Kaif and Alia Bhatt. The movie was announced a couple of years ago and there has been much excitement around the same as it is. Farhan Akhtar along with Zoya Akhtar and Reema Kagti are making this all-female road



trip movie happen but there have been a lot of hiccups already. Whether Jee Le Zarea is being shelved or not, has Priyanka Chopra said no to the script, etc. have grabbed headlines in the last couple of days. But fresh reports revealing the real reason for the delay have surfaced. A lot of fans have questioned Farhan Akhtar about the delay of Jee Le Zarea which is supposed to star Priyanka Chopra, Katrina Kaif and Alia Bhatt in the lead. There have been numerous reasons that have surfaced for the delay in making of the new movie. Recently, reports surfaced talking about Priyanka Chopra opting out of Jee Le Zarea because she did not like the script. She was supposed to come down to India during Parineeti Chopra's wedding and sign the contract which did not happen. But that's not the case, as per a report in Koimoi.com, Priyanka is very much a part of the movie. She has not opted out of the project nor has she said 'no' to the script

Sushmita Sen says her father was 'not happy' about her wearing a swimsuit at pageant, stopped speaking with her because she decided to pursue showbiz

Sushmita Sen created history when she became the first Indian to win the Miss Universe pageant back in 1994. While Sushmita has always spoken about how supportive her family was, in a recent interview, she opened up about how her father did not speak to her when he learnt that she would be participating in Miss India. Even when she had to wear a swimsuit for one of the rounds in the pageant, her father was quite upset about it.

Talking to Mid-Day, Sushmita said that she was all of 18 when her life changed, and at that point, her father wanted her to be an IAS officer. "My father wanted me to be an IAS officer, so I was studying



accordingly. When the bomb was dropped on my father that she is going to Miss India, my father didn't speak to me for a bit," she said. Sushmita said that when she entered the world of pageants, her father was quite concerned as she had not even finished her graduation at that point. "I never went to a college and graduate, which was a big problem for my father because he

always said, 'Beta, do whatever, just have a degree'," she recalled. Recalling the time she had an "emotional moment" with her father, Sushmita shared that he wasn't too happy about the fact that she would be wearing a swimsuit on stage. "I remember having this very emotional moment with my father when I promised him, I said 'Baba, I have to wear

a swimsuit, it is a part of the show. I cannot not wear it but I promise you I will add respect to it. It won't be crass.' He was not very happy with that, but when I won Miss India and I told my father that I will represent my country, that, for my father, being a defence person, he had ballled his lungs out," she recalled. In 1994, the Miss Universe pageant was held in Manila, The Philippines, and while her mother and brother had traveled with her, her father was in India and watched the show on television. Sushmita Sen said that he watched the delayed broadcast with the rest of the country.

Breaking the Cycle : Urgent Call to End Violence Against Doctors in India



Ensuring the safety and security of doctors in India has become an urgent issue due to the alarming rise in violence against healthcare professionals. The doctor-patient relationship, ideally grounded in mutual respect and trust is increasingly strained by incidents of aggression which undermine the foundation of healthcare delivery. Several tragic incidents illustrate the severity of this issue. Recently on last 9th August, the body of a 31 year old postgraduate trainee lady doctor identified as Moumita Debnath was discovered in the

seminar hall of RG Kar medical college, Kolkata. The doctor was allegedly raped and murdered while on duty, was found in a semi-naked state, leading to nationwide shock and protest. The police report indicates that the crime occurred between 3 am and 5 am on August 9. The autopsy report revealed that the victim was sexually assaulted before being strangled and smothered to death. There was signs of bleeding from her eyes, mouth and private parts, further highlighting the brutality of the attack. As the investigation into the case deepens, the CBI has intensified its investigation. The incidence has triggered protests by doctors and medical students nationwide. The case has become a focal point of national discourse, with growing calls for enhanced safety measures for medical professionals and accountability for those

involved in the crime. Similarly, in 2019, Dr. Deben Dutta, a senior doctor at a tea estate hospital in Assam, was brutally beaten to death by a mob following the death of a tea garden worker. Similarly, junior doctors Dr. Paribaha Mukherjee and Dr. Yash Tekwani were severely injured in an attack by a mob at the NRS Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata after the death of an elderly patient. These incidents sparked nationwide strikes by medical professionals demanding better security. In 2022, Dr. Archana Sharma, a gynecologist in Dausa, Rajasthan was driven to suicide after facing intense harassment and threats from a patient's family and local politicians, despite there being no medical negligence. Another tragic incident involved Dr. S. R. Nagendrappa, a senior physician in Chikkamagaluru, Karnataka who was

assaulted by a patient's relatives after the patient died of COVID-19. Similar attacks occurred in 2021 when Dr. Deepak



Bhattacharya in Seoni, Madhya Pradesh and Dr. Sudhakar Rao, a government doctor in Andhra Pradesh, were both violently attacked under distressing circumstances. Several factors contribute to the increasing violence against doctors in India. The overburdened healthcare system often leads to long waiting

times and inadequate patient care, frustrating patients and their families. Poor communication between healthcare providers and patients

multifaceted approach. Training healthcare staff in effective communication skills can help manage patient expectations and

perpetrators of violence are crucial with the uniform application and rigorous enforcement of laws such as the Protection of Medicare Service Persons and Medicare Service Institutions (Prevention of Violence and Damage to Property) Act. Public awareness campaigns highlighting the consequences of violence against healthcare workers and the importance of respecting medical professionals can foster a more respectful relationship between patients and doctors. Establishing support systems such as counseling services and helplines for doctors who face violence can provide necessary psychological support. Strengthening healthcare infrastructure by addressing root causes of patient dissatisfaction, such as long waiting times and

inadequate facilities through investment can significantly reduce frustration and potential violence. The escalating violence against doctors in India is a grave concern that endangers the lives of those dedicated to saving others and undermines the healthcare system. Implementing effective measures, including improved communication, enhanced security, stringent legal actions, public awareness, support systems for doctors and strengthening healthcare infrastructure is crucial. Recognizing the urgency of this issue, both the government and the public must collaborate to ensure the safety and security of healthcare providers. The time for action is now to protect those who dedicate their lives to protecting ours.

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Children With Cancer Experience A Journey Of Love at Hum Hai Rahi Pyar Ke

Saikat Kumar Basu



An Evening, in Mumbai, Of Kishore Kumar Songs To Celebrate Kishore Da's 95th Birth Anniversary. Renowned Actress Sonali Bendre and CanKids Founder Chairperson Ms Poonam Bagai graced the occasion with Artists and Dignitaries. Over 1200 music lovers, cancer survivors, childhood cancer fighters, doctors and caregivers gathered on the evening of 9th August for Hum Hai Rahi Pyar Ke, a scintillating journey of Kishore Kumar songs on the occasion of his 95th birth anniversary. The house full concert at the Fine Arts Auditorium In Chembur, was organized by CanKids KidsCan, The National Society For Change For Childhood Cancer in India and Bansuri Musical Group to raise funds for treatment & support of Children With Cancer. The energetic evening saw children under treatment, survivors, music lovers of all ages grooving and swaying to energetic performances by renowned playback artists Rajesh Iyer, Gul Saxena and Sangeeta Melekar bringing huge smiles on the faces of all in the audience. Gracing the occasion as the chief guest, renowned actress Sonali Bendre, Ms Bendre recounted her journey with cancer, inspiring the audience with

her resilience and courage. Sonali drove home the message that Childhood Cancer is Curable and these children deserve a chance to live a full life and thrive. Poonam Bagai, the Founder & Chairman of CanKids, herself a cancer survivor expressed deep gratitude to all those who made the occasion possible. "It is wonderful when people from all walks of life come together to join our journey and make magical moments like this evening happen. Our children and survivors had a great time, as did every single person present. The spirit of all participants, musicians, donors and partners who made this evening happen represents the true ethos of Kishore Da's song, 'Hum Hai Rahi Pyar Ke', we are travellers on the Journey of Love". Mr Radhakrishnan founder of Bansuri who organised the concert emphasized: "Bansuri was born out of our collective passion for music and has now evolved into a mission where through our music we can serve the underprivileged and deserving. We are delighted to partner with CanKids and dedicate this function and all funds raised through it towards brave children fighting cancer." Dr Girish Chinnaswamy Professor & Head, Pediatric Oncology Department of Tata Memorial Hospital, who was a guest of honor, said "With the support of organisations like Cankids which facilitate not just financial support but also provide holistic care



including accommodation, nutrition, education and counselling support, we have been able to bring down treatment abandonment rates leading to better survival for children with cancer." Founded in 2004 CanKids KidsCan, the National Society for Change For Childhood Cancer In India, partners with hospitals, medical professionals, and state governments to enable access and best standards of treatment, care and support in 141 hospitals across 53 cities and 22 states of India. Cankids Kidscan's mission aligns with the WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC), aiming for a 60% survival rate in India by 2030. This would require 100% Access2Care. In its mission to achieve the WHO GICC

goal of 60% survival, CanKids KidsCan's main essence and emphasis is on early diagnosis, referral and timely treatment of children, improvement of infrastructure of the cancer treating centres, capacity building of health care professionals and Access to Care Information at all levels. Information shared courtesy Shri Kevin Tressler, Board Development Officer, Shapoorji Joyville, Gurugram.

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Delhi School Education System in Doldrums



"Education is the foundation upon which we build our future," said Christine Gregoire, 22nd Governor of Washington. However, good grades life's way of saying that there is a bright future in store for you. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) came to power in Delhi on the promise to improve basic services: health, electricity, water and education. Arvind Kejriwal went on to announce that 250,000 students had left private schools in the last five years to attend government schools. About results CM said, "Almost 100 percent of students who appeared for their final high school examinations last year have passed." What Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal claimed raises eyebrows as ground realities are very different. In Delhi Govt. Schools, the grades seem to have gone haywire. In response to RTI by news agency PTI by the Delhi Directorate of Education (DDE) shows that more than one lakh ninth-class students studying in government schools failed their annual examination while more than 46 thousand children in eighth and 50 thousand students could not pass their exams. According to the information received, 1,01,331 children studying in class IX in Delhi government schools failed in the academic

session 2023-24, while 88,409 students failed in 2022-23, 28,531 in 2021-22 and 31,540 in 2020-21. In class XI, 51,914 children failed in the academic session 2023-24, 54,755 in 2022-23, 7,246 in 2021-22 and only 2,169 children failed in 2020-21. According to the DDE, after the cancellation of the 'no-detention policy' under the Right to Education, 46,622 students failed class VIII in the academic

of a total of 78,746 CCTV cameras are installed in these institutions. According to government data. Of these, only 40,408 cameras are functional, and 38,338 cameras are said to be defunct. Nearly 50% of CCTV cameras installed in Delhi government schools for the safety and security of children are not working due to the non-availability of internet facilities and related issues. The decision to install



session 2023-24. Another common modus operandi adopted to improve results is to encourage weak students to appear as open school students after class VIII, thereby eliminating weak students to boost their pass percentage. A Principal of Govt. School on condition of anonymity told scribe that the AAP party functionaries walk into school and enter classrooms, sacrificing the sanctity and decorum of classroom teaching which amounts to trespassing, requiring legal action against culprits. Another anomaly in the functioning of the Govt Schools is the non-functional of nearly 50%

CCTV cameras in schools came in the wake of a seven-year-old student was killed inside the washroom at a Gurgaon school in 2017. The incident had created an uproar across the country, triggering safety concerns among parents. The picture on the ground exposes the fallacy in the claims of The Aam Aadmi Party-led Delhi Government. The party has always boasted of its model of education, with several leaders, including Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, claiming that the entire nation wants to follow in its footsteps in revolutionizing the school system. However, recently,

cracks have appeared to develop within the system with the Delhi High Court, slamming the Delhi government over "inadequate" infrastructure and other amenities like textbooks and furniture in schools. The court also observed that the conditions in the government schools were "terrible". The Delhi High Court rebuked the AAP government over the non-availability of textbooks and uniforms to students in MCD schools. Furthermore, the paucity of funds has restricted civic functions such as procurement of educational materials and medical equipment for schools and hospitals. The AAP's school upliftment programme was highlighted by the New York Times and Washington Post in its columns. Hope this piece is read by the reporters of these noted dailies to know the ground realities. It may be pertinent to point out that the most dynamic Chief Minister ever Sheila Dikshit who changed the face of Delhi with her all-round development projects never boasted about her achievements unlike the present CM who loses no opportunity to project himself and his programmes in the media. Looking at appalling situation in the Delhi govt schools must have prompted Benjamin Franklin, founding fathers of the USA to write, "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."

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Union Education Minister Addresses EXIM Conference 2024 in Kolkata

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan Hails 'Purvodaya' Scheme for All-round Development of 5 States in Eastern Region & Glorifies Eastern Region in Contribution towards Economic Development of Country

Kolkata, (KCN): The Union Minister for Education Shri Dharmendra Pradhan today spoke highly about the Modi Government's 'Purvodaya' scheme publicly aired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2015, while dedicating a refinery of the Indian Oil Corporation Limited in Paradip, Odisha, covering human resource development, infrastructure, generation of economic opportunities in five States in the Eastern Region today and appreciated the Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's announcement of the same to disclose the pros

and cons of the scheme in her budget speech this year. Shri Pradhan today was addressing the one-day EXIM Conference 2024 organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in the city where Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shri Shantanu Thakur was also present as a distinguished guest.

While addressing the gathering comprising innumerable big shots from Indian industries and foreign dignitaries, Shri Pradhan pointed out the export potentials from the Eastern part of the country, which is rich in mineral resources,



manpower and huge young force with astounding intellects, and urged CII, eastern region to think anew of judicious utilisation of such rich resources and stop manpower being drained away to other State or other nation and think of

coming out with job opportunities for the young population of Eastern India.

The Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shri Thakur on the occasion stated, with a coastline stretching over 7,570

kms and having more than 200 ports, India's maritime transportation is in a very positive position as well as trade with the country being among the top 20 leading countries having a large number of merchant fleets in the world, thus reflecting a picture that

speaks about boosting local economy. The minister also described maritime transportation as the cheapest one. He informed that among the port systems available in India, Kolkata or Syamaprasad Mookerjee Port handles 2.1 per cent of cargo, Haldia Port, 6.2 per cent and Paradip Port 17.3 per cent of the cargo. Shri Thakur said, these three ports handle substantial cargo traffic essential in international trade. Besides, he reiterated, the Government has also taken innumerable measures for developing maritime transportation system including ports,

inland waterways and ship-building businesses in the form of 'Vision 2030' launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in March, 2021, though the vision was released by the Prime Minister at the Maritime India Summit in November 2020, superseding the Sagarmala initiative. The minister informed that the scheme identified 150 initiatives across various maritime sectors, including shipping and ports to make India more competitive globally, so far as maritime connectivity is concerned and enhance job opportunities thereby enhancing the economic growth of the country.

Among the dignitaries present were, Mr Nakagawa Koichi, Consul General, Consulate General of Japan, Mr Hugh Boylan, Consul General, Australian Consulate General, Mr Tin Moe, Consul General, Consulate General of Myanmar, Shri Suwendra Kumr Behera, Chairman, CII, Eastern Region, Shri Sashwat Goenka, Deputy Chairman, CII, Eastern Region & Vice Chairman, RP Sanjiv Goenka Group and Shri Debashish Dutta, Vice Chairman, CII West Bengal State Council and Director, BGS group.

Memorandum of Understanding signed between NACIN and The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India

Kolkata (AMBAR MUKHERJEE): The National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics (NACIN), with its Zonal Campuses in Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, Patna, and Shillong, has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). This MoU aims to foster cooperation and collaboration in various areas including capacity building, research, policy assistance, consulting, and other relevant activities. NACIN, the training arm of the CBIC, is responsible for providing training to Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) and State Goods and Services Tax (SGST)

officers in GST, Customs and other indirect taxes. The ICAI, through its GST & Indirect Taxes Committee, plays a pivotal role in disseminating GST knowledge and building capacity through technical publications, GST newsletters, live webcasts, e-learning modules, courses, conferences, and other programs. By partnering with NACIN to extend technical support for the capacity building of GST officers, ICAI is contributing significantly to nation-building efforts. Strengthening the skills of GST officers, Customs and Indirect Taxes Officers through this collaboration will

enhance their effectiveness and improve the efficiency of tax administration, ultimately benefiting taxpayers.

Mr Rajendra Singh, Principal Additional Director General of NACIN, Kolkata, signed the MoU on behalf of NACIN's Zonal campuses in Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, Patna, and Shillong in the presence of Joint Director NACIN Ms. Mini Chowdhury and Mr Rohit Khare. He expressed that ICAI, with its extensive experience and profound expertise in the field of accounting and taxation, will play a pivotal role in equipping GST officers with the advanced skills and insights necessary to navigate the complexities of GST.

CA. Sushil Kumar Goyal, Chairman of the GST & Indirect Taxes Committee at ICAI, remarked that ICAI have good resource of trainees having practical knowledge and provides updated technical materials, so can provide full support to NACINs. CA. (Dr.) Debashish Mitra, Past President of ICAI, was also present at the MoU exchange ceremony and portrait the ICAI figure and explained 360 degree working of ICAI. On behalf of ICAI, MoU was signed by CA Jai Batra, Secretary, ICAI.

SUFFICIENT BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR ON-GOING METRO PROJECTS IN 2024-2025

Kolkata, (KCN): In 2024-2025 Union Budget (Regular), sufficient budget allocation has been made for different on-going Kolkata Metro Projects. Adequate funds for improvement of safety, passenger amenities, upgradation of infrastructure for future needs have also been made in this year's budget including throughput improvement as well as increasing line capacity. For the Joka-Esplanade Metro Project, Rs. 1208.61 crores have been allocated in 2024-2025 Union Budget (Regular) in

comparison to Rs.1350 crores allocated in 2023-2024 budget. Commercial services from Joka to Majerhat of this stretch have already commenced. It has been targeted to extend the services beyond Majerhat and accordingly necessary construction works are going on. For Dumdum Airport - Kavi Subhash (New Garia) via Rajarhat Metro Project, Rs. 1791.39 crores have been allocated in 2024-2025 budget (Regular) in comparison to Rs.1200

crores allocated in 2023-2024. At present, commercial services are running from Kavi Subhash to Hemanta Mukhopadhyay stretch of this line. The Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety has already inspected the H e m a n t a Mukhopadhyay to Belegkata stretch of this line and it is expected that Metro services on this stretch will start soon. Rs. 200 crores have been allocated for Noapara to Barasat via Biman Bandar Metro Project in this budget in comparison

to Rs. 620 crores allocated in 2023-2024 budget. The Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety has already inspected Noapara to Dumdum Cantonment stretch of this line and it is expected that Metro services on this stretch will start soon. The last part of the tunnelling work of East-West Metro between Esplanade and Sealdah (800 metres stretch) has been going on and necessary funds have been allocated for smooth execution of this project too.

New Era in Data Science: Kolkata Hosts the Inauguration of ISI's Bachelor of Statistical Data Science Program

Kolkata (ADVAITA SETH): The Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) Kolkata, an esteemed institution of national importance, has launched a new undergraduate program for the academic year 2024-2025: the Bachelor of Statistical Data Science (BSDS). As an institute renowned for its contributions to statistics, mathematics, and a diverse range of scientific disciplines, ISI continues to lead the way in educational innovation. This new BSDS program is meticulously designed in alignment with the New Education Policy (NEP), reflecting ISI's commitment to integrating

contemporary educational reforms. The course aims to provide students with a robust foundation in statistical methodologies, with a particular focus on statistical machine learning, computational statistics, and data analytics. The curriculum is crafted to prepare students for careers in various sectors, including industry, finance, banking, and government, or to pursue advanced studies.

A notable feature of the BSDS program is its hybrid learning model. For the inaugural year, approximately 75 students have been admitted across ISI's main centres in Kolkata, Delhi, and Bangalore. Despite being

distributed across different locations, all students will participate in a unified classroom experience. Lectures will be delivered from one centre while being transmitted to the other locations via video conferencing, ensuring a cohesive learning environment. Teaching assistants will support each course at all centres to facilitate a smooth educational experience.

The opening ceremony of the BSDS program took place recently, and was conducted in a hybrid format across Kolkata, Delhi, and Bangalore. The event was marked by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the

beginning of a new academic journey. The ceremony was graced by several dignitaries, including Prof. Sankar K. Pal, President of ISI Society; Dr. Pronab Sen, Chairman of the ISI Council; Prof. S a n g h a m i t r a Bandyopadhyay, Director of ISI; Prof. Dipti Mukhopadhyay, Deputy Director of ISI; Prof. Gopal K. Basak, Dean of Studies; Prof. Antar Bandyopadhyay, Head of the ISI Delhi Centre; and Prof. B.S. Daya Sagar, Head of the ISI Bangalore Centre. Faculty members, staff, students, parents, and other guests also attended the event, marking a significant milestone for the

institute. The BSDS program spans four years and offers an Honours degree. Additionally, students have the option to extend their studies for a fifth year to earn an integrated Master's Degree in Statistical Data Science. An exit option is also available after the third year, allowing students to graduate with a Bachelor of Statistical Data Science degree. With this new program, ISI reaffirms its dedication to fostering excellence in education and research, preparing students to meet the evolving demands of the data science field and beyond.



The Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution & New and Renewable Energy, Shri Pralhad Joshi attends the signing ceremony of the first-ever agreement for the export of Green Ammonia from India to Japan, in New Delhi

PSRI Kolkata's BrandEdge 3.0: Pioneering Sustainable Growth and Excellence

Kolkata (-ABHIJIT SETH): The Public Relations Society of India (PSRI) Kolkata Chapter's event, BrandEdge 3.0, took place with resounding success, leaving an indelible mark on the path toward a sustainable future. The day-long conference held recently, themed "Brand Growth Leveraging Technology" and carrying the resonant tagline "Sustainable Future," brought together industry leaders, professionals, and thought leaders under one roof to explore the convergence of brand development and sustainability. BrandEdge 3.0 was marked by a series of panel discussions, keynote

speeches, and networking opportunities that drew significant attention from all attendees. The keynote address was delivered by Akshay Gurnani, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Schbang, who set the tone for the day by emphasizing the critical role of technology in driving sustainable brand growth. The event featured an impressive lineup of speakers, including Rudra Chatterjee, Aseem Soni, Suprio Sinha, Prof. Dr. Satyajit Chakrabarti, Dr. Partap Chauhan, and Rita Bhimani, each bringing

their unique perspectives on sustainability, innovation, and the future of branding in an increasingly digital world. A major highlight of BrandEdge 3.0 was the "Bengal to Nation" awards ceremony, which celebrated the exceptional contributions of individuals and institutions from Bengal who have made significant impacts on the national stage. This prestigious award recognized a diverse array of talents, including sports, arts, education, and healthcare. Among the esteemed awardees were football legend Padma Shri Bhaichung Bhutia,

filmmaker Srijit Mukherjee, author Amit Chaudhari, actor Abir Chatterjee, and actress Rituparna Sengupta. In the field of music, maestros like Pandit Tejendra Narayan Majumdar, Pandit Bickram Ghosh, and Pandit Tanmoy Bose were honoured. Entrepreneurs like Siddharth Pansari and Ravindra Chamaria, along with young achievers like Amartya Ray and Akhil B Paul, were also recognized for their remarkable contributions. Educational institutions such as the IEM-UEM Group, Dr. BC Roy Society Engineering, and

WEBEL, along with the Saroj Gupta Cancer Center & Research Institute, were acknowledged for their commitment to excellence and their positive impact on society.

The awards were presented by Dr. Andrew Flemming, British Deputy High Commissioner to East & North East India, alongside luminaries Alokanda Roy and Pandit Tarun Bhattacharya, adding to the ceremony's gravitas. The event commenced with a solemn moment of silence in memory of the recent victim at R.G. Kar Hospital, reminding attendees of the importance of empathy and

human connection in all endeavors. Adding a heartwarming touch to the proceedings, a group of special children performed a dance titled "The Better World," choreographed by Manipuri Dance Exponent Shrobona Mitra Das, Artistic Director of Riyom. The performance, filled with hope and optimism, served as a poignant reminder of the future we must strive to create for the next generation. Another significant feature of BrandEdge 3.0 was a photography exhibition organized by the Indic Aranya Foundation and supported by the Mayabious Group. This

exhibition showcased breathtaking works dedicated to protecting and preserving the natural environment. Several photographers were recognized for their invaluable contributions to environmental conservation through their art, underscoring the vital role that visual storytelling plays in raising awareness and inspiring action. Soumyajit Mahapatra, Chairman of the Public Relations Society of India, Kolkata Chapter, encapsulated the essence of BrandEdge 3.0 by emphasizing the importance of excellence and sustainability in driving growth and development. He stated,

"The third edition of BrandEdge has set a benchmark for future initiatives in the region, focusing not just on celebration but on empowerment and meaningful impact." As BrandEdge 3.0 concluded, it left attendees with a profound sense of purpose and a collective commitment to leveraging technology for sustainable growth. The event not only celebrated the achievements of the present but also laid the groundwork for a future where sustainability and excellence go hand in hand, guiding brands toward a better, more responsible tomorrow.

Hota conferred Padmashree Satya Narayan Rajaguru Smruti Samman Nature lover turns large pit into forest

Paralakhemundi(KCN): Chandra Shekhar Hota, an eminent essayist, critic, and columnist, was honored with the prestigious Padmashree Satya Narayan Rajaguru Smruti Samman in an event held Monday at the Utkal Hiteishini Samaj here. The award was conferred by the Padmashree Satya Narayan Rajaguru Smruti Samsad in recognition of Hota's significant contribution to literature and his influential role in contemporary criticism and journalism. The award ceremony was graced by the presence of notable dignitaries,



including Purnachandra Mishra and Purnachandra Mohapatra, who lauded Hota's relentless pursuit of literary excellence and his profound impact on the intellectual and cultural landscape. Hota, a celebrated figure in literary

circles, has been widely acknowledged for his insightful essays, critical analyses, and thought-provoking columns. His work has not only enriched the literary heritage of India but has also inspired a new

generation of writers and thinkers. In his acceptance speech, Hota expressed deep gratitude for the honour and dedicated the award to all those who have supported and encouraged him

throughout his literary journey. He emphasised the importance of preserving and promoting the rich cultural and literary traditions of India. The Padmashree Satya Narayan Rajaguru Smruti Samman is awarded annually to individuals who have made exemplary contributions to literature, culture, and social service. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, leaving the audience inspired by the achievements of Hota and the continued efforts of the Padmashree Satya Narayan Rajaguru Smruti Samsad in promoting literary and cultural excellence.

Keonjhar(KCN): Praises are pouring on Trilochan Sahoo, a nature lover, who has transformed a large pit adjacent to the Baitami river bank into a small forest in this district. Sahoo with the help of his friends has planted around 150 various fruit-bearing and flowering trees apart from other perennial plants in the erstwhile abandoned place near Jayadurga Primary School at Fakirpur under Ward No 11. The efforts of Trilochan and his friends have drawn appreciation from various quarters as they have become an example for others to emulate.

At a time when the whole world is suffering from global warming due to massive deforestation, this small effort of Trilochan and his friends could go a long way in providing a healing touch to the landscape and life of the locals, environmentalists said. Sources said that the abandoned pit used to store rainwater of four to five feet depth for around five to six months every year. This prompted Trilochan to plant trees and usher in greenery in the area. Pouring his heart and soul for the purpose, he has been continuously working hard to create a small forest in this abandoned place for the

last few months. He has also put up fences around the trees to protect them from cattle and other animals. Recently, Sahoo also planted trees in various spots in Anandpur subdivision and set an example for others by carrying out various programmes in the field of wildlife conservation. Trilochan's friends and volunteers Ranjit Naik, Rajkishore Barik, Prasanna Nahak, Manoj Kumar Sahoo, Dekhanand Dehury, Narayan Dehury and others are always by his side and assist him in the initiative. This has helped him spread awareness on plantations in the district.

Students risk lives daily to attend school in Kalahandi



Bhawanipatna(KCN): Travelling to a nearby school at Surli village is a daily ordeal for the students and teachers residing in Haradaguda village under Dedar panchayat of Junagarh block in Kalahandi district, locals stated Sunday. No one likes to go to school wading through a river and sitting in classrooms in soaked uniforms. However, the students and teachers are forced to put their lives at stake because of the unavailability of a bridge over the Sagada River.

Before crossing the river, both students and teachers have to walk for two kilometres through dense forests. Residents alleged that the students and teachers undertake this dangerous journey due to lack of a school in their village. Moreover, lack of a bridge on the river as well as absence of boats to ferry people to either side of the river also forces them to undertake this dangerous journey. The students and teachers return to their respective homes taking the same

dangerous route. At times, family members help the kids cross the river to attend school but that is not possible all the time. This problem has been persisting for a long time but neither the Education department nor the elected public representatives or the district administration have made any efforts to alleviate the sufferings of the students. Locals frequently ask how long students will have to suffer. Students Keshav Majhi and

Dalamani Majhi said they have no other option, but to attend school taking risks. Teacher Rajaram Dhangadamajhi said it is a daily trial for them to safely take the kids and help them wade through the river for their school due to the absence of a bridge. Chief district education officer Susant Kumar Chopdar said his department will try to establish a school in Haradaguda village on receiving a written application from the villagers.

RG Kar tragedy: Medical fraternity swarms streets, protest Kolkata Police notice to two veteran doctors


Kolkata(KCN): Representatives of the medical fraternity hit the streets in hundreds Monday after two reputed city-based doctors were summoned by Kolkata Police for interrogation in connection with the rape and murder of a junior doctor here. Veteran doctors Kunal Sarkar and Subarno Goswami were issued a summons for allegedly making controversial social media posts regarding brutalising the medic at state-run RG Kar Medical & Hospital in Kolkata earlier. As the two doctors started walking towards the city police headquarters from Calcutta Medical College & Hospital at College Street in central Kolkata Monday afternoon, hundreds of representatives from the city's medical fraternity, including both junior and senior doctors as well as



medical students, walked behind them in solidarity. However, a huge police contingent present on the way to the city police headquarters stopped the procession at a particular point and clearly told them that other than the two doctors summoned and their counsels, no one else would be allowed to enter the police headquarters premises. Later, Sarkar and Goswami entered the

headquarters' premises along with their counsels. Before entering, Sarkar assured media persons that he would tell whatever he had to say after the interrogation process was over and they came out of the headquarters. He questioned the elaborate police arrangements for stopping a peaceful procession, especially one in which doctors participated. Goswami

said that neither of them had made any social media posts that revealed the identity of the victim. The protesting representatives of the medical fraternity then created a human chain in the area, silently protesting the entire development. They claimed that the more their voices will be suppressed, the more they get united in protests.



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Safety Fencing Work in Bhadrak-Kharagpur Railway Section:

Bhubaneswar, (KCN):In a significant move to enhance railway safety and increase train speeds, Indian Railways has sanctioned Rupees 202.12 Crores for Safety fencing in Bhadrak-Baleswar-Kharagpur Railway Section along with sub-ways. Both Double W Metal Beam Crash Barriers and Fixed Knot Fencing Barriers have been planned for installation in vulnerable places in the above Rail Section. These location has been identified for fencing as the bank height is almost rail level and cattle are frequently crossing the track.



This safety fencing will not only ensure safe train operations but also restrict unauthorized trespassing, cattle grazing near the railway tracks, and movements of wild

animals near the rail line. To ensure effective fencing and avoid any disruptions, the Ministry has decided to construct boundary walls closer to the tracks. The current plan

involves erecting fencing at the boundary of Railway Land, with the actual distance to be determined by the zonal railway authorities based on site conditions, maintenance requirements, multi-tracking works, the level of trespassing, and the overall effectiveness of the proposed fencing. The initiative also aims to seal the entry to tracks at level crossings, ROBs

(flyovers), RUBs (underpasses), bridges, and other critical locations requiring access control. This measure will not only restrict cattle grazing near the railway line but also provide smooth traffic movement and prevent the loss of livestock and wildlife. The Ministry of Railways remains committed to advancing railway safety and infrastructure to meet the growing demands of semi-high-speed train travel in India. This safety fencing project marks a significant step towards achieving these goals, ensuring a safer and more efficient railway network for the nation. Apart from this, Rupees 141.49 Crore for Safety fencing in Balichak-Rakhamines and Rupees 103.62 Crore for Howrah-Duan Rail Section have also been sanctioned.

Nuvoco successfully completes AFR Project at its Risa Cement Plant, Chhattisgarh and Nimbol Cement Plant, Rajasthan

Bhubaneswar : Nuvoco Vistas Corp. Ltd., India's fifth-largest cement group in terms of capacity and among the leading players in East India, successfully announced the completion of its Alternative Fuel Resource (AFR) project at Risa Cement Plant (RCP), Chhattisgarh and Nimbol Cement Plant (NCP), Rajasthan. This milestone achievement illustrates Nuvoco's commitment to reducing dependency on fossil fuels and promoting sustainable practices within the cement industry. With the use of alternative fuels, the company strives to reduce the usage of fossil fuels and minimize its environmental impact. Alternative fuels are a crucial step towards reducing carbon emissions and mitigating the adverse effects of climate change. Nuvoco has dedicatedly installed a system that is capable of utilizing agricultural waste, RDF (Refused Derived Fuel), plastic waste, municipal waste, biomass, tyre chips and other hazardous waste

sources. By incorporating these alternative fuels into its manufacturing process, Nuvoco is taking significant strides towards achieving its sustainability goals. Nuvoco has introduced AFR feeding into the Pyro-processing system for enabling uniform feeding and incorporating all necessary safety interlocks throughout. This system allows us to consume alternate fuels in an efficient and effective way without impacting the environmental standards prescribed and approved by the Pollution Control Board of India. Although this project is primarily focused on environmental sustainability, it also has several other benefits for clinker production and can offer significant cost savings through its alternative fuels program. Mr. Jayakumar Krishna swamy, Managing Director, Nuvoco stated. "As part of our PROTECT OUR PLANET agenda, we view the AFR project as an important step towards fulfilling our

commitment to sustainable cement manufacturing and reducing the environmental impacts. The successful completion of this project demonstrates our commitment to reducing carbon emissions, maximizing waste consumption, and demonstrating resource management practices." Additionally, he stated, "The adoption of alternative fuels also aids in resolving issues associated with landfills and unhygienic waste accumulation. For instance, in its cement manufacturing process, Nuvoco uses plastic waste, RDF (Refused Derived Fuel), and municipal waste that is harmful to cattle and other wildlife due to its carcinogenic qualities as an alternative fuel. This along with other themes under PROTECT OUR PLANET agenda are enabling Nuvoco to build robust partnerships with several stakeholders and contribute to society at large."

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, Bhubaneshwar 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."

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.

Bhubaneswar : Did you know, it takes about an hour to process a standard unit of alcohol, which is generally 10 grams? As part of its ongoing commitment to promote responsible consumption, and drinking better, not more, Royal Challenge Packaged Drinking Water has launched its latest campaign, "Choose Bold. Choose Water", which emphasizes on the importance of staying hydrated when consuming alcohol. Through this campaign, the company aims to promote responsible drinking with a simple yet compelling narrative: Often, choosing water is the bold choice. Harking back to the Diageo motto of "Drink better, not more", Royal Challenge Packaged Drinking Water through this campaign and its social engagement is playing an active role in the prevention and reduction of harmful use



of alcohol, while also driving awareness on mindful consumption and encouraging individuals to stay hydrated during social occasions. The latest campaign film shares the importance of timely water breaks during moments of alcohol consumption to take care of one's body. Talking about this campaign, Ruchira Jaitly, Vice-President, Marketing & Portfolio head, Diageo India said, "At Diageo, we believe in drinking better, not more. A good way to do this is by ensuring hydration during drinking occasions. Royal Challenge Packaged Drinking Water wants to

drive recognition for this important and yet often ignored message with the Choose Bold, Choose Water campaign. By focusing the conversation on hydration and building the recognition for taking a break for the same, we want to foster a culture where our consumers celebrate life responsibly, and we are proud to be able to lead this conversation." As one of the prominent packaged drinking water brands, Royal Challenge aims to set a positive example for consumers and to shape behaviour by promoting responsible drinking by choosing hydration for moderation.

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.

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.

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, Skill Development and Technical Education (SDTE) and Industries Departments, Shri Hemant Sharma (IAS); Additional Secretary, SDTE, Govt of Odisha, Shri Tapan Satpathy (OAS); Resident Director, JSL, Mr SS

Upadhyay, and General Manager, Sales & Distribution, Mr Ranit Rana. Commending the development, 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."

Joshi as he looked bereft of options conceding 77 without a wicket in his 10. Jones departed a couple of balls later after bringing up his 11th ODI half-century surpassing captain Monank to score the most fifties for USA in the format. After the departure of Jones in the 44th over, Milind almost trickled his way to yet another half-century before paying the price to go for one shot too many three runs away from the landmark. Milind fell in the penultimate over as USA batters took ownership to post a formidable first innings score after their sensational batting failure in the previous game. Brief scores: USA 275/8 in 50 overs (Smit Patel 70, Aaron Jones 50; Saad Bin Zafar 3-30, Kaleem San 2-39) beat Canada 225 all out in 47 overs (Pargat Singh 72, Shreyas Movva 68; Shadley van Schalkwyk 4-20) by 50 runs

thank you and God almighty to have you in my life as my wife, partner and best," Akram wrote.

Wasim Akram remains the greatest ever bowler to have played for Pakistan in international cricket. In 460 matches for Pakistan, the left-arm pacer picked up 916 wickets with 31 five-wicket hauls to show for his efforts. He also has a top score of 257 not out in Tests that he notched against Zimbabwe back in 1996.

the problem he had," he said.

Hathurusingha also praised how well Mushtaq Ahmed has fitted into the support staff group as the spin consultant.

"I know Mushy. We met in 1988. That's how old we are. He has fitted into the coaching group really well. He has a lot of experience working with England and Pakistan. He has a lot of local knowledge and experience from other parts of the world. Not just bowling, we take his advice in certain decisions," Hathurusingha said.