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Border Destinations and Their Tourism Appeal

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As the summer sun bathes the valley in shades of green and gold, Kashmir's tourist season beckons travellers from across the globe to experience its mesmerizing landscapes and timeless charm. While classic destinations like Srinagar, Gulmarg, and Pahalgam remain beloved for their beauty, an emerging trend is capturing the interest of more adventurous souls—exploring off-beat and border tourist destinations that promise unique and immersive experiences away from the usual crowds. The tourist season in Kashmir generally runs from April to October, aligning with the valley's pleasant weather and the blooming of its orchards. During this period, the region buzzes with a variety of activities, offering something for everyone amidst its stunning scenery. Whether it's a leisurely cruise on Dal Lake, trekking the majestic Himalayan trails, or savouring authentic Kashmiri cuisine, Kashmir provides a wealth of experiences. While traditional tourist spots offer unparalleled beauty and cultural

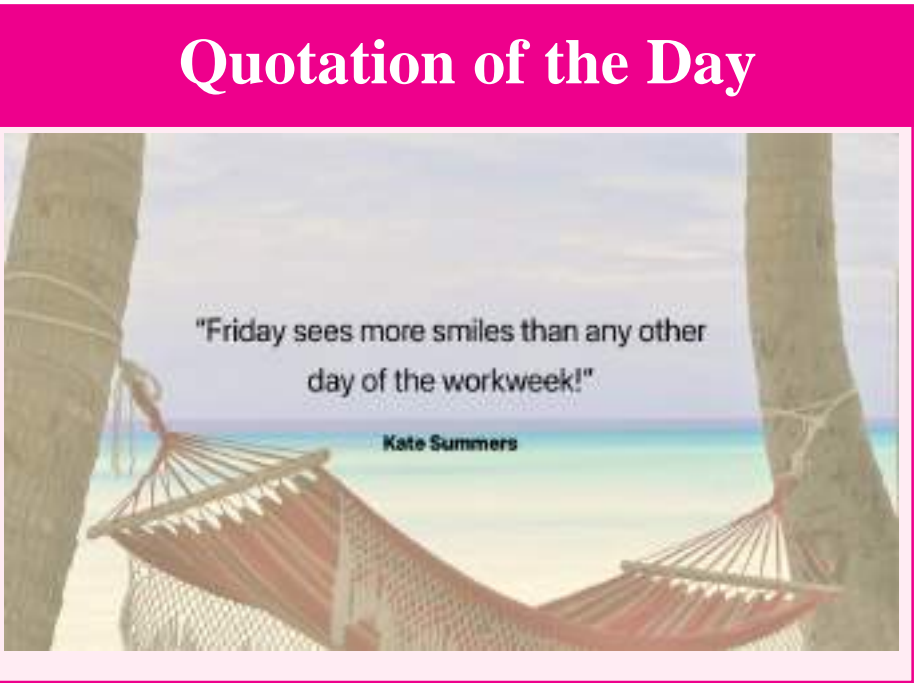


insights, discerning travellers are increasingly turning to lesser-known destinations to dive deeper into the valley's essence. These hidden gems offer solitude, authenticity, and a chance to connect with nature and local communities in a more profound manner. From the serene valleys of Bangus and Keran to the remote villages of Teetwal and Machil, Northern Kashmir is replete with undiscovered treasures. Each location offers a unique adventure for those looking to stray from the beaten path. Bangus Valley: Enclosed by majestic mountains and lush meadows, Bangus Valley is a sanctuary for nature lovers and adventure seekers. Its expansive grasslands, sparkling

streams, and dense forests rich in flora and fauna make it a perfect spot for trekking, camping, and wildlife observation. The valley also holds cultural significance, as nomadic tribes such as the Gujars and Bakarwals inhabit the area during summer. Visitors can enjoy scenic hikes, soak in the valley's serenity, or simply marvel at its breathtaking vistas. Tangdhar: This historic town, located near the Line of Control (LoC), is a blend of rich cultural heritage and natural beauty. Despite having faced its share of trials, Tangdhar remains resilient and vibrant. Known for its walnut industry, traditional wooden architecture, and colorful festivals, it reflects the valley's diverse cultural tapestry. Travelers can explore historic landmarks,

engage with the friendly locals, or embark on treks to nearby peaks, each offering stunning views and untold stories. Teetwal: Nestled on the banks of the Kishanganga River, Teetwal exemplifies rural life in Kashmir. Its proximity to the LoC provides a unique vantage point to view the picturesque Neelum Valley in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Visitors can wander through the village's narrow streets, interact with the welcoming residents, or simply enjoy the tranquil riverside ambiance. The LOC bridge over the Kishanganga River, built jointly by India and Pakistan, is a notable feature of the area. Kishanganga River: Flowing through both parts of Kashmir, the Kishanganga River is

crucial to the local population and a source of awe for visitors. Originating from Krishansar Lake in the Himalayas, it winds through Tulail, Gurez, Bagtor, Keran, and Teetwal before merging with the Jhelum River in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Known for its dramatic scenery, the river offers opportunities for leisurely walks along its banks, allowing visitors to appreciate the surrounding landscape. It also serves as a border river in several sections, marking the Line of Control. Keran: Surrounded by verdant forests, terraced fields, and snow-capped peaks, Keran is an idyllic retreat for those seeking solace in nature. The hamlet is renowned for its charming wooden houses left behind by families who migrated to Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Visitors can hike, birdwatch, or relax by the riverside while listening to the soothing sounds of the Kishanganga River. The neighboring Neelum Valley across the LoC adds to the area's appeal. Machil: Machil is a secluded village offering a glimpse into rugged beauty and rich cultural



heritage. Surrounded by towering mountains and pristine meadows, it features historic fortresses, ancient shrines, and vibrant local festivals. From the Zimandar Gali, visitors can catch sight of Nanga Parbat in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, enhancing the village's allure. Mawer Valley: Along the Handwara-Mawer road at Kargama, travelers are treated to a stunning panorama—a vast plain between two mesas with the Nalla Mawar flowing through. The mesas are dotted with villages and apple orchards, while the plain features extensive paddy fields. The area is ideal for capturing photographs and enjoying the beauty of nature. Reshwari, a nearby village, is perfect for river rafting in Nalla Mawar, a refreshing dip in its pristine waters, and

savoring a cup of tea before heading to the picturesque Bungus. Lolab Valley: One of Kashmir's best-kept secrets, Lolab Valley is enveloped by majestic mountains and dotted with charming hamlets. It radiates tranquillity and serenity, offering opportunities to explore rustic villages, embark on nature trails, or simply enjoy the peaceful environment. Its untouched beauty and unspoiled charm provide a window into Kashmir's pristine wilderness. Gurez Valley: Situated in the remote Bandipora district, Gurez Valley is a hidden gem renowned for its breathtaking landscape and alpine beauty. Often referred to as the "Miniature Switzerland of India," this remote valley features towering mountains and the glistening Kishanganga River. Travelers can embark on

adventurous treks, engage with the hospitable locals, or revel in the stunning views of snow-capped peaks and meandering streams. Its raw beauty and off-the-beaten-path appeal make Gurez Valley an unforgettable destination. Uri: Despite its turbulent past, Uri is emerging as a hub for border tourism, drawing visitors with its natural beauty and historical significance. Notable sites include the Kaman Aman Setu, a peace bridge linking India and Pakistan, symbolizing hope and reconciliation. Additionally, attractions such as the scenic Ningle Nallah, Salamabad Fruit Mandi, the mystical caves of Baramulla, and the Kaman Post Museum established by the Army offer insights into the area's cultural heritage and natural splendour.

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Easy Ways to handle Body Odour During Monsoon

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Increase in humidity during the monsoon creates a breeding ground for bacteria on the skin, leading to that unpleasant musty smell. Body odour is the result of your sweat mixing with the existing bacteria on your skin. It is most prevalent among those who sweat a lot, with athletes, overweight people, diabetics and groups with weakened immune systems most at risk. Excessive sweating in armpits, feet, palm and groin are major cause of embarrassment during monsoon season . Damp monsoon days can mean excessive perspiration and with that comes body odour. Sweating is the body's mechanism to strike a balance between the temperature difference in the internal body and the

outside environment. Factors such as stress, genetic background , processed and spicy food with garlic and onion base , aerated drinks, and other mental , psychological disorders can also affect the body odour. Bathing and scrubbing help to clear away germs, dirt and odour. All parts of the body must be washed well, specially the neck, armpits and feet. These are the areas where germs accumulate and cause odour. Adding cologne to the bath water leaves the body fragrant. Colognes also have a cooling effect. Shower gels and body shampoos, containing natural ingredients, like sandalwood, rose and khus have a cooling and refreshing effect. They are not only natural coolants, but have germicidal and antiseptic benefits. Pour 2-3 drops of lavender essential oil while bathing; it helps you stay fresh and smell nice. Essential oil helps in controlling sweat and body odour. Wear cotton underwear and clothes during the hot



, humid monsoon season. Porous materials help sweat to evaporate. change your underwear regularly, especially if you sweat excessively . Opt for fresh, clean underwear after each shower or if you feel dampness . After showering, pat yourself dry with a clean towel, paying particular attention to areas prone to moisture buildup (like armpits or between skin folds) . This gentle approach removes excess moisture without disrupting your skin's natural microbiome or damaging the skin barrier. Loose, light clothing is much more appropriate and comfortable during monsoon season.

Tight clothing can trap moisture and inhibit airflow, leading to increased sweat and discomfort. . Daily changes of clothing is, of course, a must. The combination of moisture and warmth in the underarm area creates an ideal environment for the growth of bacteria and fungi and unpleasant odor. By keeping the underarms dry you can minimise the risk of bacterial infections and the amount of sweat that accumulates. The use of anti-perspirants and deodorants do help. Most deodorants are also anti-perspirants. A spray, rather than the roll-on deodorants may be more suitable in monsoon , but this

is a matter of personal choice. However, be sure to choose a mild deodorant, as strong built-in anti-perspirants can cause skin irritation or sensitive reactions. It is always better to try them out on a small area, on the inner arm, first. If the skin tingles or burns for more than a minute, you should not use it. Some people find the use of talcum powders quite adequate. They absorb perspiration and maintain freshness for some time . Climate also plays a part in choosing the right perfume. In hot and humid monsoon conditions, it is better to go for light, lemony and fresh fragrances, rather than heavy ones. The

effect of perfumes intensifies in hot, humid weather. A heavy perfume can be quite overpowering. Lemon, rose, lavender or sandalwood are light and refreshing during monsoon weather. Here are some tips for preventing body odour: A deodorant or a body spray should be a part of your daily routine. Before leaving the house, give a quick fragrant shower to your body. Always go for the body sprays which last for long and have extra powerful fragrance. . Regular use of anti-bacterial soap can help reduce the growth of bacterial, minimising the chances of odour. Reduce the number of products you're using on your face, opting for light, multitasking ones that could reduce the amount you sweat. Mild exfoliation helps remove dead skin cells and prevent ingrown hair. Gentler exfoliants like lactic acid and mandelic acid are also effective and kinder to the skin. Exfoliating once or twice a week should suffice Be generous with the

use of colognes, even splashing them on. Colognes and Eau de Toilette constitute mainly water, or a mixture of alcohol and water, with only 2 to 5 % perfume. They are lighter and leave a light lingering fragrance. Colognes can be added to bath water. Or, add eau de cologne to a mug of water and used as a last rinse. It has a cooling effect too. Bicarbonate of soda (baking soda) helps to prevent body odour. Make a paste of baking soda and water and apply under the arms. You can also add lemon juice to this paste. Leave on for ten minutes and wash off with water. Or, mix a little baking soda with your talcum powder and apply under the arms, or on the feet. Potato slices can also be rubbed on areas where odour forms easily. You can rub neem paste on your underarms as an effective herb because of its antibacterial and antiseptic properties. Rose water can always be added generously to bath water. It is a natural coolant and also

fragrant. Add 2 drops of Tea Tree Oil to two tablespoons of water or rose water. Apply this under the arms with cotton wool. You can rub lemons on your armpits to stop the growth of microorganisms. However, do not use lemon if you have cuts or irritated skin. To remove odour from the hair, add the juice of a lemon and half a cup of rose water to a mug of water and use as a last rinse. For excessive perspiration (which can result in body odour), Ayurveda gives some dietary suggestions: Sip "nimbu paani." Sip ginger tea before and after your meals. Chop fresh ginger root finely and mix with a pinch of salt. Chew a little of this before your meal. Sipping warm water with your meal may also help. Light diet and less spices are advised. Eat smaller meals after short intervals

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Stree 2: Who is 'Sarkata', the spooky 7-foot ghost in Rajkummar-Shraddha film?

If you are wondering whether the tall man you see in Stree 2 as 'Sarkata' is a work of CGI, you are mistaken. Sarkata, in real life, is 7 feet 6 inch tall man named Sunil Kumar. Stree 2, the horror-comedy, is breaking all the box office records. The film, starring Rajkummar RAO, Shraddha Kapoor, Pankaj Tripathi, Abhishek Banerjee, and Aparshakti Khurana, among others, is entertaining fans with

its intriguing plot and top-notch performances. Not just the humans; even the ghosts in the film leave you in splits. And leading them all is 'Sarkata' (headless), whose 'aatank' (fear) looms over Chandri.

If you are wondering whether the tall man you see on the screen is a work of CGI, you are wrong. Sarkata, in real life, is a 7 foot 6 inches tall man named Sunil Kumar. He is called 'The Great Khali of Jammu,' where he



works as a police constable. Talking about his casting, Stree 2 director Amar Kaushik told Bollywood Hungama, "The casting team found him. We wanted a man

with such a height, and he fit the bill." However, Kaushik revealed that while the body was Sunil's, the face of 'Sarkata' was generated through CGI.

During the shoot of Stree 2, Sunil shared photos of himself with Rajkummar, Pankaj, and actor Tamannaah Bhatia, who had a special appearance in the film. Bollywood Hungama reported that Sunil Kumar is also a sports enthusiast. While he has been into wrestling, his expertise in handball and volleyball secured him a job with the Jammu and Kashmir Police under the sports quota. In 2019, he took part in the WWE Tryout.

Stree 2 has been ruling the ticket counters since its release on August 15. Within six days, the film has crossed the Rs 250 crore mark. On Tuesday, it added another Rs 25 crore to its total box office collection.

The film is a sequel to the 2018 superhit Stree. It is part of the Stree Cinematic Universe, which also includes Janhvi Kapoor's Roohi, Varun Dhawan's Bhediya, and Mona Singh and Shravari Wagh's Munjya.

'Tauba Tauba' fever: Revisiting Bollywood songs that left internet groovy

Here's a look at how and why the internet embraces the viral Bollywood dance numbers like Vicky Kaushal's 'Tauba Tauba', Katrina Kaif's 'Kala Chashma', and others.

What makes a song go viral on the internet? There's no formula to make a song go viral. It's about this whole package - of music, lyrics, dance, who's performing it and how it's being presented. Like everything else in the creative business, a good video has to click with the audience. For it to go viral, it has to appeal to all kinds of audience - even those who usually don't consume that kind of content. 'Tauba Tauba', a new song from the Bollywood film 'Bad Newz' has done just the same.

It has instantly crawled up the top chartbusters' list and even though it is just all about the glam, with a very sexualised Vicky Kaushal, it's a hit among the audience. So much so that he has got newfound popularity among the heartland audience, known for never holding back their craze for a scintillating dance number.

'Tauba Tauba' has music by Punjabi singer Karan Aujla, and it is choreographed by Bosco Martis. Interestingly, it does a great deal of glorifying a woman's beauty, referring to Triptii Dimri in the video, but ends up highlighting Vicky as the very definition of 'tall, dark, handsome'. Vicky's tryst with Punjabi music and his casual dance moves have made



many videos go viral on Instagram before, but this time, he seems almost unstoppable. The choreography does justice in utilising the actor's full potential as a dancer in a never-seen-before fashion. While the popularity of 'Tauba Tauba' can be largely attributed to the actor's ever-growing charm, it is also the vibe that it exudes. When a trend rises on

social media, it breaks down into many forms of entertainment, but the vibe remains the same. You could be a failure at dancing, nowhere near to Vicky's smooth-like-butter-moves, but if you could still manage to match the mood of the song, your job is done. 'Tauba Tauba' is also one of those dance numbers which is brilliantly made to

please the female gaze, as opposed to your regular dance numbers where the 'Chikni Chameli's and the 'Sheelas' of the world are objectified to satisfy the male gaze. It puts the onus of glamourising the screen on a man's shoulder, and he never disappoints.

Every time a Bollywood song has taken the internet by storm, it hasn't just

been done casually. It was back in 2015 when it all began. Salman Khan decided to give his audience a double dose of 'Prem' on-screen. It was Sonam Kapoor's graceful moves on the song 'Prem Ratan Dhan Payo' which made everyone sit up, take notice, and try it again and again till they got them right. So, we didn't just get influencers, but also the brides, the bridesmaids and everyone who could keep their timidity at bay, grooving to the song with their waist out hands up. The popularity of the song made the singer, Palak Muchhal, an overnight star, and Sonam, who was not known for her dance until then, a quintessential demure Bollywood heroine.

'Maidaan' Review: Ajay Devgn strikes a goal, yet again

Ajay Devgn's 'Maidaan' is a biopic on the life of pioneering football coach, Syed Abdul Rahim. The film immortalises the unsung hero, says our review.

Listen to Story India celebrated its 'golden era' in football, even earning the moniker of 'Brazil of Asia' in the 1950s. During this time, with players like Chuni Goswami, P K Banerjee, Peter Thangaraj, Tulsidas Balaram, Jarnail Singh, and Pradyut Barman, the team ended in fourth place at the 1956 Olympics and won gold at the Asian Games in 1951 and 1962. While they played hard on the turf, Syed Abdul Rahim was the man who created and coached this team.

'Maidaan', starring Ajay Devgn, aces the job of celebrating the passion and love of 'Rahim saab' towards the sport and how he put India on the world map.

However, the film is not jingoistic or only highlights his big feats - it's more about the roadblocks he faced during his stint. It's about how he fought politics, media animosity, and regional biases to build a team that could



fight against the best. 'Maidaan' is about a family that stands by this man's deep passion, asking him to choose football rather than spend his last few months with them. It is about how 'jazbaa' (enthusiasm) is all that you need to fight the toughest opponents on any field. And when you are 'that' good at what you do, you do win over your naysayers one day.

Director Amit Ravindernath Sharma is used to making 30-second advertisements, and 'Maidaan' gives him a chance to helm something more than 300 times longer. He did falter in the first half of the 180-minute film, as the slow pace tests your patience. However, in

the second half, he headbutts it out of the park with an engaging screenplay and some delightful camera work. Special mention to sports directors of photography, Fyodor Lyass, Tassaduq Hussain, and Christopher Reed. Given football is a sport of movement, probably for the first time, go-pro cameras have been used in a feature film, adding to the nail-biting experience. The matches are gripping and make you cheer for the players and even shed a tear at their failure.

Also, the best biopic or period film is the one that makes you want to Google more about it. 'Maidaan' scores full points with that, as many

in the audience were slyly searching more about the players or even the tournaments that Syed Abdul Rahim coached, while in the theatre. After '83', this film has also struck gold when it comes to casting. The team not only got actors who looked like the original players but also trained them to play like professionals. Chaitanya Sharma aka Slow Cheeta and Amartya Ray stand out as PK Banerjee and Chuni Goswami. So do Davinder Gill and Tejas Ravishankar as Jarnail Singh and Peter Thangaraj, respectively. Priyamani, as Rahim's wife, may have just a few scenes, but her pleasant screen presence and highly expressive face do leave an impact.

Coming to Ajay Devgn, the superstar is on a roll after 'Shaistaan' emerged as a sleeper hit earlier this year. He sheds his 'Singham' personality and embodies the part of the coach so naturally. He is known to emote through his eyes, and he does that in 'Maidaan' so well. Even with a quiet demeanour and subtle personality, he stands his ground with his players and the authorities. The film also allowed him to tap into many shades of a human personality, as Rahim tries to perfect the part of a husband, father, and coach. He is also marvellous in the emotional scenes, especially when he sees the love of his life - football - slipping away from him.

However, we would have to give a yellow card to the dialogue and music department of the film. Apart from the 'Team India' song, none of the AR Rahman compositions really stand out in the film. Given that sports films are high on adrenaline, we also expected some more dialoguebaazi that could pump things up. There is an SRK-esque '70-minute' coach diktat

like 'Chak De', as Rahim talks about the power of 'one' as a team and position in the game. But given Rahim's soft personality, the makers may have chosen to underplay it, keeping things quite non-dramatic.

However, one of the sequences where Ajay's character calls out a senior sports journalist, Roy Choudhury (played brilliantly by Gajraj Rao), and uses Elvis Presley's statement - 'Don't criticise what you don't understand. You never walked in that man's shoes' - did have the theatre whistling.

'Maidaan' is not only a treat for football enthusiasts but also quite a delight for movie lovers. It immortalises the unsung hero, after whom India never qualified for the Olympics. Rahim, in one scene, says 'Kismat haathon se nahi, pairon se likhi jaati hai (destiny is written by foot, not hands)'. While it was the truth back then, you realise in reality, luck favours the brave, and SA Rahim was truly Indian football's Braveheart.

The Plenary power of the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India



The Supreme Court of India is vested with a repository of discretionary power. The said power is vested under Article 142 of the Constitution. The main desideratum of the Article is to deliver a complete justice in a particular case. It is a discretionary power given to the Hon’ble Supreme Court to dispense justice for the sake of redressal of the grievance of a citizen or citizens. In the absence of the substantial law or a provision under an Act, the Article 142 is used to do the complete justice wherever it is necessary. The plenary power of the Supreme Court under Article 142 of the Constitution is inherent in the court and complimentary in nature to the powers specifically conferred by various statutes. Although these powers exists independent under the statutes for providing or dispensing justice between the parties to a dispute. The plenary powers under a statute or the said power vested under Article 142 of the Constitution is substantially required to prevent injustice. Article 142, therefore, plays a vital role in the

Constitution empowering the Supreme Court to exercise its jurisdiction under Article 142 to pass such a decree or make such order as it is necessary for doing complete justice in any cause or matter. The Article 142 contemplates that the Apex Court in exercise of its jurisdiction may pass such decree or make such order as necessary for doing complete justice in any cause or matter pending before it and any decree so passed or order so made shall be enforceable throughout the territory of India in such a manner as may be prescribed by or under any law made by Parliament and until provision in that behalf is so made in such a manner as the President may by orders prescribed. It further contemplates that subject to the provisions of any law made in place of under Article 142 by the Parliament, the Supreme Court shall have all and every power to make any order for the purpose of securing the attendance of any person the discovery or production of any documents for the investigation or punishment of any contempt of itself. The scope of the Article 142 has been considered in various decisions. In one of the judgments of the Hon’ble Supreme Court i.e. Supreme Court Bar Association Versus Union of India (1998) 4

SCC 409, the Supreme Court has held that the plenary power under Article 142 of the Constitution are inherent in the court and are complimentary to those powers which are specifically conferred on the court by various statutes, though are not limited by those statutes. These statutory powers are also independent in nature with a view to do complete justice between the parties. Such plenary powers stand upon foundation and the basis of its exercise may be put on a different and perhaps even wider footing to prevent injustice in the process of litigation and to do a complete justice between the parties. The plenary power is, therefore, plays a substantial role as the residual source of power which the Supreme Court may draw upon or exercise it as necessary whenever it is just and equitable to do so to ensure to do complete justice between the parties. The Hon’ble Supreme Court has, therefore, held in the said judgment is that the Article 142 is an indispensable adjunct to all other powers and is free from the restraint of jurisdiction and operates as a valuable weapon in the hands of the Supreme Court to prevent “clogging or obstruction of the scheme of justice”. In a contempt proceedings In Re: Vinay Chandra Mishra reported

in (1995) 2 SCC 584, the Hon’ble Supreme Court exercising the power under Article 129 read with Article 142 of the Constitution in the light of the facts and circumstances of the case was pleased to sentence for the conviction of the Petitioner for the offence of criminal contempt as under: “55. The facts and circumstances of the present case justify our invoking the power under Article 129 read with Article 142 of the Constitution to award to the contemnor a suspended sentence of imprisonment together with suspension of his practice as an advocate in the manner directed herein. We accordingly sentence the contemnor for his conviction for the offence of criminal contempt as under: (a) The contemnor Vinay Chandra Mishra is hereby sentenced to undergo simple imprisonment for a period of six weeks. However, in the circumstances of the case, the sentence will remain suspended for a period of four years and may be activated in case the contemnor is convicted for any other offence of contempt of court within the said period; and (b) The contemnor shall stand suspended from practicing as an advocate for a period of three years from today

with the consequence that all elective and nominated offices/posts at present held by him in his capacity as an advocate, shall stand vacated by him forthwith.” However, the Hon’ble Supreme Court in the subsequent judgment stated supra i.e. in Supreme Court Bar Association case, was pleased to take a different view between the Article 129 and Article 142 and thereby partly overruled the Vinay Chandra Mishra case. In the said case the Hon’ble Supreme Court relied upon its appellate jurisdiction under Section 38 of the Advocates’ Act and supported its order suspending the license of the contemnor (the Petitioner V.C. Mishra). The Hon’ble Supreme Court is indeed the final appellate authority under Section 38 of the Advocates’ Act but it is not possible to agree with the view taken by the Hon’ble Supreme Court that the Hon’ble Supreme Court can exercise of its appellate jurisdiction under Section 38 of the Act that while punishing a contemnor Advocate in a contempt case. The delinquent Advocate may be suspended from practice for a specified period or even removed from the rolls of the Advocates or imposed any other punishment as provided under the Act. The enquiry is a detailed and elaborate one and is not of a summary nature. It is, therefore, not

permissible for the Hon’ble Supreme Court to punish an Advocate for the professional “misconduct” in exercise of the appellate jurisdiction by converting itself as a statutory body exercising original jurisdiction. The Hon’ble Supreme Court may well have the jurisdiction in exercise of its appellate powers under Section 38 of the Act read with Article 142 of the Constitution to proceedsuo-motu and send for records from the Bar Council and pass appropriate orders against the Advocates concerned. In an appropriate case, Hon’ble Supreme Court may exercise the appellate jurisdiction even suo-motu provided there is some cause pending before the concerned Bar Council and the Bar Council does not act or fails to act by sending for record of that cause and pass appropriate orders. The dual jurisdictions are separate and different in nature. It is, therefore, not possible to subscribe to the contrary view expressed by the bench in V.C. Mishra’s case because in that case the Bar Council had not declined to deal with the matter and take appropriate action against the Advocate concerned. In that case since there was no cause pending before the Bar Council, the

Hon’ble Supreme Court could not exercise its appellate jurisdiction in respect of a matter which was never under consideration of the Bar Council. It must, therefore, be held that Hon’ble Supreme Court cannot in exercise of its jurisdiction under Article 142 read with Article 129 of the Constitution while punishing a contemnor for committing contempt of court also imposed a punishment of suspending the license of the Advocate concerned. Such a punishment cannot even be imposed by taking recourse to the appellate powers under Section 38 of the Act while dealing with a case of contempt of court. To that extent the law laid down in Vinay Chandra Mishra case, re: is not a good law and the same was overruled. The Article 129 contemplates that the Supreme Court shall be a court of record and shall have all the powers of such a court including the power to punish for contempt of itself. At the same time the Constitution has vested the plenary power under Article 142 of the Constitution to be used as complimentary to meet the ends of justice. The said Article contemplates that in exercise of a jurisdiction, the Hon’ble Supreme Court may pass such decree or make such order as is necessary for doing complete justice in

any case or matter pending before it and any decree so passed or order so made shall be enforceable throughout the territory of India in such a manner as may be prescribed by or under any law made by Parliament and until such provision in that behalf is so made in such a manner as the President may by order prescribed. In the case of M.C. Mehta Versus Kamal Nath (2000) 6 SCC 213 the Hon’ble Supreme Court has held that the power under Article 142 cannot be exercised by Hon’ble Supreme Court where the issue can be settled through substantive provisions of statutes.

The Hon’ble Supreme Court finally in the case of Union of India & Ors. Versus Shardindu (2007) 6 SCC 276 has held that power under Article 142 is a residuary power, supplementary and complimentary to the powers specifically conferred on the Supreme Court by statutes in order to do complete justice between the parties where it is just and equitable to do so. It is only intended to prevent any obstruction to the stream of justice.

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CYBER FRAUD: Be Careful! Don't get digitally arrested

- A new tool of cyber-crime has come. If you are unaware about this, you can also get trapped in the dirty plan. Only complete information about the crime-method can save you. Educated and intellectual people are becoming their victims. Scammers call people pretending to be police, CBI or customs officers and make them hostage at home by intimidating them. They ask their victims to talk while being locked in complete isolation. This game of fraud starts from this point. This scam is a digital arrest which is being used to dupe people of their money.



These days, cyber fraudsters have opted another new method, digital arrest to trap people in their clutches. This is a shrewd way of cyber-crime. Cyber fraudsters blackmail people to trap them and people follow them out of fear. Then they end up losing lakhs of rupees through online transactions. In this new method of cybercrime, scammers call the person pretending to be an officer of the police, CBI or customs and make them hostage at home by scaring them. This game of scam starts from here. This kind of scam is actually digital arrest where cyber fraudsters imprison the person at home by showing the fear of arrest.

upon hearing this. The fraudsters make their background like a police station in the video call, seeing which the victim gets scared and believes their words. The thugs start cheating the person by talking about bail. They neither let that person leave the video call nor let him call anyone. Recently, some cases of digital arrest through cyber fraud have come to the fore. Let us try to understand this feat of fraud from some major incidents.

A woman living in Noida said that she received a call which was made by an employee of an international courier company. That employee told the woman that drugs have been found in the parcel sent in her name. When the woman said that she was not aware of any such parcel, he said that they are registering a complaint in Mumbai Cyber Crime Branch. After this, the woman received a video call, the background of which was of a police station. The person talking as a police officer did not let the woman sleep the whole night on the video call. By threatening her, about Rs 5.20 lakh was deposited

in different accounts. The woman was kept under digital house arrest for over 24 hours.

Another similar case has come to light when a 29-year-old woman lawyer from Bengaluru recently lodged a complaint with the police, stating that she was digitally arrested for two days when a person called her. He introduced himself as an executive of an international courier company. The online fraudsters not only duped her of Rs 14.57 lakh, but also asked her to pose nude in front of the camera on the pretext of conducting a drug test. Later they threatened that if she did not give them Rs 10 lakh, they would make her videos public. The similar incident happened in Faridabad. Cyber fraudsters swindled Rs 11 lakh from a 23-year-old woman by posing as fake customs officers. At the time of the incident, the fraudsters intimidated the woman by threatening to arrest her and kept her under digital arrest for about eight hours.

In another case, cyber fraudsters in Noida digitally arrested a retired GM of Indian Railways for 24 hours and defrauded him of Rs 52.50

lakh. The fraudsters committed the crime by threatening to implicate him in a money laundering case, drugs in a parcel sent to Taiwan and connections with underworld dons. At the same time, a software engineer from Prayagraj was kept under digital arrest in his house for four days and he was defrauded of Rs 98 lakh. He was threatened to be implicated in a money laundering case and arrested. Fake court documents were also shown to scare and threaten him. Similarly, a case of defrauding an elderly woman of about Rs 1 crore 48 lakh also came to light.

A woman bank manager living in Jaipur received a call from a cyber-criminal. The caller, claiming to be an officer of the Telecom Regulatory Authority, said that a SIM card taken from your Aadhaar card is being used for illegal purposes. The manager was shocked to hear this. Meanwhile, a call came from another person, who introduced himself as an officer of Mumbai Police. To avoid arrest, he asked her to

download a link and come on a video call. The criminal kept the manager under digital arrest for about five hours. During this time, he asked her to transfer money to avoid arrest. Out of fear, the manager broke her FD and transferred Rs 17 lakh to the account mentioned by the cyber-criminal.

A young man working in a company in Kanpur was digitally arrested by cyber thugs and swindled Rs 6.60 lakh by intimidating him. When the victim came to know that he had been cheated, he lodged an FIR in the cyber police station. According to him, he received a call that a courier had been sent to Thailand on his Aadhaar card. This courier contains five passports, three bank credit cards, 40-gram smack, a laptop and four kilograms of clothes. The caller told him that he also has an active bank account on which money laundering investigation is going on. The person was threatened with a 25-year jail sentence. The thugs told him not to give the details of this conversation to anyone. He was not allowed to go anywhere and meet anyone. They asked for 99 percent of the amount present in his

account for investigation. Out of fear, he transferred Rs 6.50 lakh. The accused said that the money would be transferred to his account in 24 hours. Then only the person realized that he had been cheated.

The government is also taking action to prevent such crimes. Recently, the government has blocked 1,000 Skype IDs, taking major action against the rapidly increasing incidents of digital arrest and blackmail. Despite this, such incidents are not decreasing. According to an RBI report, bank frauds worth more than Rs 30 thousand crore have been recorded in the country in the financial year 2023. Talking about the last decade, from June 1, 2014 to March 31, 2023, total 65,017 fraud cases have been reported in Indian banks. In this, a total of Rs 4.69 lakh crore has been defrauded. Cybercriminals are duping people through UPI scam, credit card scam, OTP scam, job scam, delivery scam etc. Apart from this,

now digital house arrest is also becoming a weapon of cyber criminals.

Actually, all these are fake ways of cyber thugs to frighten and threaten people. The investigating agency or the police do not threaten you by calling. Both of them take action under the legal process. If you also get such calls to intimidate, then you should immediately inform the local police or call 1930 National Cyber Crime Helpline and register a complaint. Also, you can register a complaint through a cyber post on social media site X. If you receive any message or email, give it to the police as proof. If for some reason you receive the call and someone starts threatening you on video call, then record the video call through screen recording and complain. Do not be afraid at any cost and do not send money at all.

If someone tries to deceive you, block his number immediately. If you have any doubts, visit the website of the police department. All the information and

numbers of police officers are available there. You can get all kinds of information related to fraud from them. Ignore the person threatening the FIR. Apart from this, it is very important for you to keep a few things in mind. Do not share your personal information such as Aadhaar card, PAN card or other banking details with anyone. No bank or government/non-government organisation asks you for information like PIN, OTP etc. In such a situation, you should not share your personal information even by mistake. Also, the passwords of your social media and bank accounts etc. should be changed from time to time, so that you can avoid online fraud.

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At 8% Annual Growth India to become \$55 Trillion economy by 2047

Kolkata (PARTHA ROY): India can become a US\$ 55 Trillion economy by 2047 if it consistently grow by 8 per cent over next 24 years. This was mentioned by Prof. Krishnamurthy Subramanian, Executive Director – India, International Monetary Fund (IMF) and former Chief Economic Advisor, to the Government of India, a globally recognized economist, addressing 3rd Suresh Neotia Memorial Lecture organized in Kolkata by CII Suresh Neotia Centre of Excellence for Leadership. A book titled “India@100: Building a US \$55 Trillion Economy”

authored by Prof. Subramanian was launched on this occasion on 21st August 2024 in Kolkata. Prof. Subramanian identified three key enablers essential for sustaining this growth trajectory. First, he stressed the importance of enhancing productivity across both formal and informal sectors. He emphasized the need to increasingly formalize the informal sector while urging the formal sector to further boost its productivity to compete globally. He also noted the transformative

potential of generative AI in driving economic productivity. Innovation and entrepreneurship were highlighted as the second enabler, with a call for increased investments in R&D across all sectors. Prof. Subramanian acknowledged India's commendable rise in the Global Innovation Index, where it currently ranks 40th, while noting the potential for further improvement. The third enabler discussed was capital credit creation. Prof. Subramanian pointed out that the private credit-to-GDP ratio,



which stood at 60 percent in 2020, holds significant potential for growth. In his lecture, Prof. Subramanian emphasized that, as a federal structure, India's state governments will play a crucial role in realizing the ambitious goal of becoming a \$55 trillion economy by 2047. Their active participation will catalyse in unlocking the nation's full economic potential. Prof. Subramanian emphasized India's need for agility and resilience in the global economic landscape. He provided a thorough analysis of the country's economic path,

examining the impact of recent global disruptions and outlining strategic approaches for India's future growth. The book by Prof. Krishnamurthy Subramanian, India@100: Envisioning Tomorrow's Economic Powerhouse, explores the opportunities of India, to become a developed nation through macroeconomic emphasis on growth, microeconomic focus on social and economic inclusion, vision of ethical wealth creation and a strategy of a virtuous cycle triggered by investment.

AIBOC (WBSU) Condemns Heinous Crimes against women and Demands Justice & Protection for Women Employees

Kolkata (ABHIJIT SETH): The All India Bank Officers' Confederation (West Bengal State Unit), a leading trade union representing the supervisory cadre in the banking industry, has strongly condemned the horrific rape and murder of a lady doctor at R.G. Kar Medical College & Hospital in Kolkata. This appalling incident is a stark reminder of the rising violence against women across India and underscores the urgent need for protective measures for female employees in all sectors. AIBOC (WBSU) has expressed deep sorrow and

extended heartfelt condolences to the family of the deceased. The Confederation has called for swift justice, demanding that the perpetrators of this heinous crime face exemplary punishment. Such measures, they believe, are necessary to deter future crimes of this nature and restore a sense of security among women across the nation. The tragic incident at R.G. Kar Medical College is not an isolated case but part of a worrying trend of increasing violence against women, particularly in the workplace. The AIBOC

(WBSU) is alarmed by the growing threat to the safety and security of female employees, not only in West Bengal but throughout India. The organization has voiced its concerns, especially for lady bank employees posted in remote branches and areas where they are often vulnerable to such dangers. AIBOC (WBSU) has emphasized that the responsibility for the safety and security of bank employees, both within and outside the bank premises, lies squarely with the management of the respective banks. The Confederation is urging

bank management and relevant administrative authorities to implement effective security measures without delay. They stress that these actions are not only necessary but imperative to protect the lives and dignity of female employees in the banking sector. The AIBOC (WBSU) has reiterated its commitment to advocating for the rights and safety of all bank employees, particularly women, who often face unique challenges and dangers in their professional lives. The organization remains steadfast in its demand for justice, safety, and security for all women in the workforce.

“SAMARAPAN 2024” BY SO AM I FOUNDATION

Bhubaneswar (KCN): SO AM I Foundation is proud to celebrate its 5th year of establishment with its Annual Event “SAMARPAN” on 23rd August 2024 at Railway Auditorium Bhubaneswar. This function will be graced by eminent dignitaries from inside & outside Odisha. To mark this significant milestone, the Foundation with support from eminent Music Director, Composer & Musical Scientist of Odisha Prem Anand is hosting a grand fund raising musical function called “Harmony For Humanity”. This musical evening with a cause will feature eminent singers along with famous Stand Up Comedian Pappu Pom Pom. Proceeds from this event will directly support the Foundation's ongoing initiatives to combat hunger and support those in need across Odisha. The highlight of the event will feature a powerful new song



composed by eminent music director Prem Anand & sung by budding singer Nishaad Mishra. This song is focused on raising awareness about the growing concern of suicide. The highlight of the evening will be felicitation of individuals and organizations who have gone above and beyond in their service to humanity with the 3 SAI Awards namely SAI SHRI, SAI BHUSHAN & SAI SAHAYA. This year, SAI BHUSHAN is being awarded to Pediatric Cancer Seva Home Umeedin,

Bhubaneswar. Umeedin supports children with cancer by providing them free food, accommodation, nutrition, guidance & conveyance due to which the treatment drop out rate of Pediatric Hematology Oncology unit of AIIMS Bhubaneswar has reduced from 28% in 2018 to 6.2% in 2023. SAI SHRI is being awarded to notable social worker Shri Rudra Narayan Samantray of Jai Odisha for his immense contribution to society. SAI SAHAYA award is being presented to Shri Tanuj Mohanty & Shri

Ajay Agarwal, acknowledging their constant support for the various causes & initiatives of SO AM I Foundation. These awards would be SO AM I Foundation's symbolic commitment to encouraging & recognizing selfless acts of kindness & dedication. Present on this occasion were the Members & Trustees of SO AM I Foundation. On this day, SO AM I Foundation also shared their future plans of the next one year wherein SAI Foundation wishes to: Create Awareness of the growing issue of suicide, Creation of a Clothes Bank, create A Junior Wing of So Am I Foundation, the members of which will be taken in the age group of 14 to 25 and Various programmes to raise awareness amongst youth of the rich cultural heritage of Odisha

"Purvodaya" initiative of Indian Government will put East & NE India in fast track economic development : Dharmendra Pradhan

Kolkata (PARTHA ROY): Union Minister of Education Shri Dharmendra Pradhan while addressing EXIM conference of CII said Purvodaya initiative of Government of India will fast track all round economic development of eastern and North Eastern states of India. Pradhan emphasized that Indian Government's development plans are inclusive. Shri Dharmendra Pradhan mentioned the word "Purvodaya" was coined by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to stress for further development of five eastern states of India. Shri Pradhan said conventional jobs will be declining while new jobs will be created in new sunrise sector of various industries. Export basket from eastern and North Eastern states of India need to expand in a big way beyond traditional products of export to push export from these States. Shri Dharmendra Pradhan said Odisha and West Bengal will play major role in economic development of India.



potential such as food processing, logistics, Information Technology, marine, and fisheries. Union Minister Shri Pradhan added that the region has contributed 6.8 percent of the national exports in 2023-24. Union Minister emphasized that the country's young population as a key driver of industrial growth. He also stated that Eastern region of the country has a large pool of skilled workforce and that needs to be channeled. CII Eastern Region organised EXIM Conference on theme " Navigating global trade frontiers " 20th August 2024. with focus to push exports from eastern India . Inaugural session was attended by Union Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan , Union MOS Shri Shantanu Thakur , Mr. Suvendra Kumar Behera

, Chairman CII Eastern Region , Shri Shashwat Goneka Deputy Chairman CII -ER, Mr. Umesh Choudhary Past Chairman CII-ER Consul General of Japan Mr Nakagawa Koichi , Consul General of Australia Mr Hugh Boylan , Consul General of Myanmar Mr Tin Moe , Mr. Debashis Dutta vice chairman CII West Bengal State Council. Shri Shantanu Thakur Union Minister of State Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India highlighted major initiatives of Government of India in expanding and upgrading existing Ports and developing new Ports , revitalize National Waterways, expanding shipbuilding industry and capacity expansion, development of new economic corridors . Shri Shantanu Thakur outlined the crucial role of logistics and exports in driving manufacturing and

job creation in the region. Citing the fact that India's logistics costs account for 14 per cent of GDP compared to 10 per cent in BRICS nations, he emphasized the need for efficient implementation of the National Logistics Portal. This unified platform connecting all the stakeholders, for simpler, faster and more affordable services, fostering trade and economic development. This would improve efficiency, transparency and lowering costs and time delays and realising simpler, quicker and more affordable services offerings to enhance trade. Welcoming the august gathering Shri S. K. Behera indicated CII will initiate awareness program of various laws , regulations on Export across industries to empower entrepreneurs with knowledge & skills to boost export from Eastern states. Shri

Shashwat Goenka in his address mentioned India is witnessing all round transformative economic development under visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Consul General of Japan Mr. Koichi said India Japan economic cooperation are expanding and deepening over the decades. Japan month will be celebrated in September and October 2024 across India to further strengthen Indo - Japan multi-dimensional relationship including economic relationship. Consul General of Australia Mr. Boylan mentioned, about expanding Australia India economic relations under Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) . Consul General of Myanmar Mr. Moe highlighted historic relationship between India and Myanmar as well as growing economic and expanding trade relationship between two nations. Partner countries of the EXIM Conference was Japan , Australia, Myanmar . CII is going to spread awareness amongst its members about various laws on export as well as it will play role of catalytic agent to promote export from eastern and North Eastern states. Vote of thanks was given by Shri Debashis Dutta.

West Bengal is initiating steps to be "Global Trading Hub" : Dr. Shashi Panja

Kolkata (PARTHA ROY): Dr. Shashi Panja Minister Department of Industry Commerce & Enterprises Government of West Bengal said West Bengal government is initiating policy measures to boost export from the state while addressing CII Eastern Region EXIM Conference 2024 organised on 20th August 2024 in Kolkata. Dr Shashi Panja spoke on various initiatives of West Bengal Government in export promotion in Question and Answer session with Mr. B Sumant , Chairman CII Eastern Region Industry - Agro Fourm . Under West Bengal CM Smt. Mamata Banerjee's guidance and vision The West Bengal Export Promotion Policy (WBSEPS) 2023 was formulated and currently in different stages of implementation. The vision of this policy is to position West Bengal as the 'Global Trading Hub of India' by doubling the state's share in India's total annual exports over the next decade (2023-2033). The West Bengal Export Promotion Policy (WBSEPS) 2023 aims to increase the state's exports by focusing on industries with medium-

term competitiveness and growth potential. The policy also aims to attract foreign investment and improve access to medium-term and long-

resolve overseas complaints and trade disputes •Organizing and participating in fairs and expos WBSEPS also includes



term credit. The WBSEPS focuses on products and industries such as iron and steel, gem and jewellery, tea, leather, textile, engineering goods, and petroleum products. WBSEPS's goals include: opening up export opportunities for small businesses, identifying units with export potential, encouraging units to meet international standards, and providing direct marketing support. Some of the WBSEPS's activities include: •Establishing contact with buyers abroad •Helping

other initiatives, such as: •Developing the New Industrial & Economic Corridor Policy 2023 •Partnering with IIFT to provide export-related training in every district •Forming an International Trade and Logistics committee •Creating a website to map all export items from Bengal •Building industrial pockets around the Tajpur Port •Setting up Export Facilitation Centers in every district District Magistrates of every district are responsible for setting up Export Facilitation Center in the district.

Malnutrition strikes again in two Jajpur villages

Jajpur(KCN): The death of 19 children in July 2016 due to malnutrition in the three Nagada villages in this district grabbed international attention. However, it seems that neither the district administration nor the state government has learnt from that tragedy. Eight years on hunger and malnutrition continue to plague other areas. Sources informed here Tuesday that 10 cases of malnutrition have been reported from villages adjacent to Nagada. Six cases including two who are suffering from acute malnutrition, have been reported from Tumuni

village which is to the left of Nagada. Four more cases of acute malnutrition have been reported from Taladiha village which is to the right of Nagada. In all the 10 cases, those affected are kids. Chief district medical officer (CDMO), Shibashis Moharana on getting the news directed the medical officer of Sukinda CHC to rescue the malnutrition-afflicted kids from Tumuni and Taladiha villages and admit them for treatment in a nutrition rehabilitation centre. He also asked him to rush a medical team to the villages, Tuesday. However, no medical team visited these two

villages when reports last came. A six-member team only visited Nagada and returned. They avoided visiting Tumuni and Taladiha as there are no pucca roads to the villages. The members of the team refused to walk through forests, fearing attacks by wild animals. Lack of connectivity to many villages in this district is one of the main causes of malnutrition among kids, locals pointed out. Both children and adults have always been deprived of proper food and treatment facilities as they stay in remote areas. Despite the presence of



many prominent industries in Kalina g ana g ar, Sukinda, Danagadi and Dharmsala of this district, the poverty that exists in many villages is a huge cause of worry. Locals pointed out that many mining

units and companies earn revenue in crores by using forest, land and water in the district but they do not come to aid of those suffering from hunger malnutrition and other diseases. The death of the 19 kids due to malnutrition was sort of

an eye-opener. The Odisha government constructed a road through the hills to the Nagada villages spending over Rs 13 crore. The state government also ensured education, healthcare, power supply, drinking water facilities and

distribution of essentials through a public distribution system to Nagada villages. However, no road has been constructed to connect Tumuni village which is about 2.7km from Nagada. It is inhabited by 25 tribal families who eke out their living by collecting wild fruits, herbs and honey from the jungle and selling those in the weekly market. With the money they earn, they use it to buy kerosene and other rations. However, on many occasions, the money is not enough for them to meet their daily requirements. Tumuni village is located in such a remote area that a villager

wishing to buy salt, leaves home in the morning and returns only the next day. As the area is forested, there is always the chance of animal attacks. Several residents of Tumuni village have lost their lives to bear attacks in the past. The village does not have electricity. The situation in Taladiha village is similar to that of Tumuni. Here also road connectivity is an issue. When contacted, Moharana said that every Thursday a medical team is visiting the two villages. However, the residents of the two villages are not ready to follow the advice given to them due to which they suffer from malnutrition, he added.

Breakthrough Achieved in 2 km Tunnel on Khurda Road-Balangir New Line Project



Bhubaneswar, (KCN):In a significant achievement in Khurda Road-Balangir Rail Line Project, the East Coast Railway (ECOR) has successfully completed the breakthrough of a 1,975-meter-long tunnel (Tunnel No. 07) between Purunakatak and Charichhak. This marks a critical step forward in the ongoing efforts to expand and improve rail connectivity in the region. The Ministry of Railways has prioritized the timely completion of key infrastructure projects in Odisha, recognizing their importance to the state's development. The Khurda Road-Balangir Rail Line is one such project, aimed at

enhancing connectivity and fostering economic growth in the region. Union Minister of Railways, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, has been closely monitoring the progress of various railway projects across Odisha. His leadership and directives to coordinate efforts across agencies have been instrumental in pushing this long-pending project towards completion. The breakthrough of the 1,975-meter tunnel was achieved by the skilled engineering team of the ECOR Construction Wing, who carried out the final detonation in Boudh District. This milestone is a testament to the dedication and technical expertise of the team

involved. Of the total 301 kilometers planned for the Khurda Road-Balangir project, 183 kilometers of the rail line have already been commissioned. The project is being executed from both ends, Khurda Road and Balangir, to expedite its completion. To date, 106 kilometers from Khurda Road to Daspalla and 77 kilometers from Balangir to Jharmunda have been c o m m i s s i o n e d . Additionally, the 16.27-kilometer stretch from Jharmunda to Boudh is also complete. The next segment, from Boudh to Purunakatak, covering approximately 27 kilometers, is anticipated to be finished within the

coming months. The completion of such large-scale railway projects hinges on various factors, including timely land acquisition, forest clearance, relocation of utilities, obtaining statutory clearances, and managing the geological and t o p o g r a p h i c a l challenges of the area. Despite these hurdles, significant progress has been made. Once completed, the Khurda Road-Balangir Rail Line will significantly reduce the distance between Bhubaneswar and Balangir. Moreover, this project is expected to be a major catalyst for the s o c i o - e c o n o m i c development in the region.

Dengue cases on the rise in Rourkela



Rourkela(KCN): The rapid increase in dengue cases has become a constant source of worry for the local administration in this city. Dengue has turned into a massive headache for the Sundargarh district administration. Till Monday evening, 457 persons diagnosed with dengue have been admitted to the Rourkela Government Hospital (RGH) here. Doctors pointed out that the number of affected patients is quite high. "If the official figure is 457, just imagine what could be the unofficial numbers. The situation is indeed alarming," said a doctor Tuesday. Fear of the disease has led to a surge in testing in public and private hospitals and labs. Even



those suffering from mild fever with cough and cold are opting to go for dengue tests to be on the safe side. The owner of a pathological lab said, "If RGH's official figure is 457, then the number of dengue-affected people in the district could well be well over 600. One must remember that many cases go undetected as those hit by the disease may not opt for tests due to various reasons." RGH

director Dr Ganesh Das stated that the challenge for them is to control the spread of dengue. "We are fully prepared to tackle any situation. We have enough kits for testing and medicines for the patients. We have dedicated one ward for dengue patients," Das said. Nodal officer for dengue in this city, Dr Shakti Padhi informed that most of the cases have been reported

from areas under RSP jurisdiction. Sectors I, IV, VI, and XIV have emerged as hotspots for dengue. From these localities, the disease has spread to areas under Rourkela Municipal Corporation (RMC) including Koel Nagar," Padhi said. He added that abandoned buildings with stagnant water have turned into breeding havens for mosquitoes. "These should be demolished immediately," Padhi opined. Padhi informed that efforts are on to contain the spread of the disease. "We are sanitising entire localities from where cases are being reported," he stated.

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Capri Global Appoints Coaching Beyond as Consultant for UAE ILT20 League

Mumbai: Capri Global has announced an association with Coaching Beyond, a premier cricket coaching institute, as a consultant for the franchise team of the UAE ILT20 League. The institution will assist Capri Global in appointment of coaching staff and matters related to cricket operations. R Sridhar, former fielding coach of the Indian Cricket Team and one of the founding members of Coaching Beyond, will be the Director of Cricket for Capri Global during the UAE ILT20 League. Capri Global intends to strengthen the cricket ecosystem on the global platform by engaging the right sporting talent and nurturing them. The company aims to play a vital role as an enabler by empowering deserving talent to showcase their sporting strength to the globe. Speaking on the association, Mr. Rajesh Sharma, Director, Capri Global, said, "Capri Global aims to reinforce the visibility and

popularity of sports nationally and globally and popularize homegrown sports to create opportunities for aspiring talent. We are pleased to associate with Coaching Beyond, a brainchild of sports stalwarts who will assist us in evaluating the state-of-the-art sports training infrastructure, world-class technology, and training to sportspeople. Mr. Sridhar's experience as a player and coach is almost unrivaled and his strategic insights, coaching approach, and collaborative style will be invaluable for our franchise team. We see great synergy coming through this alliance, including a host of exciting moments that are set to elevate the cricketing experience for the Indian audience on the global platform."

Coaching Beyond is a premier cricket coaching institute in India that provides performance-driven cricket coaching,

training, and education to individuals, teams, and coaches from the grassroots to various experience levels. It has recently launched its first high-performance cricket academy in Hyderabad and is on track to launch its second project in Chennai by August.

R Sridhar, Co-Founder of Coaching Beyond, said, "We are delighted to announce our partnership with Capri Global for the upcoming UAE ILT20 League. It is an exciting opportunity to work and do justice to the enormous cricketing talent and add value to the international platform. With a focused team effort, inclusive vision, and holistic approach, we can achieve consistent success during the tournament. We are confident that the League will be a grand success and are looking forward to a successful season".

Ashok Leyland launches industry first 8-wheel truck – AVTR 2620

Chennai: Ashok Leyland, flagship of the Hinduja Group and India's leading commercial vehicle manufacturer, today, launched the industry first 8 wheeler truck – AVTR 2620. With this launch of AVTR 2620, Ashok Leyland becomes the first and only player in the country to have a full range of trucks based on lift axle technology from GVW of 25.5 to 47.5T. This new product can be operated as 25.5 T (6x2) truck with the lift axle down (offering

payload closer to regular 6x2 MAV truck) and a 4x2 truck (18.5T GVW) with lift axle up (lower fuel and operating cost similar to 4x2) during light load/partial load/return empty. This new product thus offers an excellent operational flexibility to customers to choose the option based on their load, offering best-in-class Total Cost of Operation (TCO) benefits.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Head - M&HCV, Ashok Leyland, said, "Ashok

Leyland has a history of introducing products which have disrupted the CV industry. AVTR 2620 with its unique lift axle configuration offers higher TCO advantage to our customers operating in Ecom, Parcel & tanker. AVTR 2620 is a testament of Ashok Leyland's technological prudence & our commitment towards providing better logistical solutions to our customers, aligning with our philosophy of AppkiJeet, HamariJeet."

OPPO India launches Reno12 5G series; makes AI phones accessible



Bhubaneswar: OPPO India today announced the launch of the Reno12 series, its first step towards accelerating the availability of AI phones in the country. The Reno12 series—"Your Everyday AI Companion"—boasts features such as AI Eraser 2.0, AI Clear Face, AI Best Face, and Smart Image Matting 2.0 for flawless yet fun photos without complex image editing. The devices also pack the AI Toolbox, powered by Google Gemini LLM, that comprises AI Writer, AI Summary, and AI Speak to enhance daily productivity. The Reno12 Pro 5G will be available in two variants: INR 36,999 for the 12GB+256GB model and INR 40,999 for the 12GB+512GB version.

The Reno12 5G will be priced at INR 32,999 and come with 8GB RAM and 256GB storage. The Reno12 Pro 5G will go on sale in India starting 18th July, and the Reno12 5G will be available from 25th July on the OPPO e-Store, Flipkart, and across mainline retail outlets. Speaking at the launch Peter Dohyung Lee, Head of Product Strategy, at OPPO said, "The Reno12 series marks a milestone for OPPO as we pledge to accelerate AI phone adoption. The Reno series, which showcases OPPO's advanced GenAI capabilities, futuristic fluid design, and unparalleled energy efficiency, reflects our commitment to cutting-edge technology. We envision that AI will

make mobile devices more personalised and intuitive to not only enhance smartphone capabilities but also transform the way users interact with their devices."

The Reno12 Pro sports a unique Quad-Micro Curved Infinite View screen with a 43-degree curve for extremely narrow bezels of just 1.69mm and a 93.5% screen-to-body ratio. Both devices come with 6.7-inch FHD+ AMOLED displays with 120Hz refresh rate for smooth browsing and scrolling; their 1200nits peak HDR brightness ensures legibility even under direct sunlight. The handsets boast 10-bit panels that output 1.07 billion colours to display images with a high dynamic range (HDR) and subtle colour gradations for life-like, immersive pictures. The Reno12 Pro 5G—available in Sunset Gold and Space Brown—sports a Panda Glass back with dual textures: The top half is treated with anti-glare technology that is smudge-resistant, while the lower glossy area is defined by a smooth ribbon that carries the OPPO branding.

Nuvoco Vistas Launches Its Second Ready-Mix Plant in Patna



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Nuvoco Vistas Corp. Ltd., India's fifth-largest cement group has widened its operational presence with the inauguration of its second state-of-the-art Ready-mix Concrete Plant (RMX) as Patna-II. Situated strategically at Ranipur Milki Chak,

Begampur, bypass, this plant marks Nuvoco's continued commitment for providing top-quality building materials to the Patna region.

Strategically located approximately 24 kilometers from the first plant, Patna-II is positioned as Nuvoco's regional flagship plant. It

capitalizes on untapped market potential by providing quick access to Nuvoco's Cement Plant in the region. Its proximity to nearby Industrial, Commercial, and Residential developments guarantee high-quality concrete solutions on time.

Mr. Prashant Jha, Chief of the Ready-Mix (RMX) Concrete and Modern Building Materials business at Nuvoco Vistas expressed his excitement at the inauguration of this latest plant, stating, "The launch of the Patna-II plant underscores Nuvoco's dedication to providing

innovative solutions to meet the evolving needs of the construction industry in Bihar. This new facility will not only strengthen our presence in the region but also enable us to serve our customers more efficiently."

The Patna-II facility has a capacity of 60 cubic meters per hour and features a Twin Shaft Mixer capable of producing all grades of concrete. This includes Value Added Products (VAPs) under the brands of XCON - Xpert concrete with Nuvoco mixes, CONCRETO visualizing Self-Compacting Smart Concrete, Light Weight Concrete (Structural & Non-structural grades), Fibre Enriched Concrete, High Strength Concrete, Water & Crack Resistant Concrete, Foundation Expert Concrete. ECODEURE - Range of Green Concrete, ARTISTE - Decorative Concrete Floors, and INSTAMIX - Ready to use Bagged Concrete.

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

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

engaged in the Promotion, Financing and Development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME). Under the MoU, Union Bank of India would consider Joint financing/ Co-Financing with SIDBI to Projects/Units in the MSME. This MoU would help the Banks to increase their customer base, while helping the MSMEs to meet their funding requirements. The key highlights of the arrangement include joint

identification of viable projects and term loan and working capital financing to MSMEs. Initially the arrangement would be at specific centers and once the arrangement stabilizes at these centers, more locations would be covered.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Lal Singh, CGM (MSME), Union Bank of India, said "MSME is one of the key sectors of our Indian Economy contributing to GDP,

Exports, Manufacturing Output, Employment, Women Empowerment etc. MSME is one of the focused areas of the Bank and at Union Bank of India, we aim to become Bank of 1st choice for MSMEs. This tie-up with SIDBI aids in realizing the Bank's vision to have increased credit flow to the MSME sector and extend operational convenience to the MSME clientele. Under partnership, Union Bank of India through its Pan

India branch network can provide general Banking products like Current Accounts, Savings Accounts, Working Capital facilities and other related services to the MSME Customers of SIDBI."

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

Unacademy produces 178 Rankers for UPSC CSE

Bhubaneswar: Unacademy, India's largest learning platform*, today announced that 178 out of 685 rank holders of UPSC CSE 2021 are Unacademy Learners. Among the top rankers from the Unacademy platform are Gamini Singla (AIR - 3), Aishwarya Verma (AIR - 4), Utkarsh Dwivedi (AIR - 5) and Yaksh Chaudhary (AIR - 6). 3 Learners have secured ranks between 1-5, 32 have secured ranks from 6-100 and 143 have secured AIRs from 101-685.

From the 178 Rankers, 45 Learners were Unacademy's Plus/ Iconic subscribers guided by India's Top Educators. The other rankers were guided by Unacademy's Last Mile Programme for UPSC CSE 2021 Interview. Last Mile Programme is an interview guidance program for the last stage of the UPSC CSE exam that helps Learners who have qualified the Mains exam to crack the Personal Interview stage. The questions are asked by retired bureaucrats, former UPSC members and Top Educators in a mock set-up. In last year's Unacademy's Interview Guidance Program 170+ Rankers qualified the Interview stage by securing AIR 2.

Blue Dart signs the UNFCCC

Bhubaneswar: Blue Dart, South Asia's premier express air and integrated transportation & distribution company and a part of the Deutsche Post DHL (DPDHL) Group has signed the 'Climate Neutral Now' (CNN) pledge by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The pledge highlights the organisation's commitment

to ambitious CO2 reduction targets. Deutsche Post DHL Group has adopted a package of measures worth up to €7 billion to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 in line with the Paris Climate Agreement, primarily to expand the use of sustainable technologies and fuels in its fleets and buildings. Its long term goal is to reduce GHG emissions to net zero by



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exploring all avenues to try and enable the event to be hosted in Bangladesh, but travel advisories from the governments of a number of the participating teams meant that wasn't feasible. However, they will retain hosting rights. We look forward to taking an ICC global event to Bangladesh in the near future." The ICC CEO added, "I'd also like to thank the Emirates Cricket Board for stepping in to host on behalf of the BCB and Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe for their generous offers of support, and we look forward to seeing ICC global events in both of those countries in 2026."

in each of the three Tests he's led so far, reckoned that this being Sri Lanka's first Test series since 2018 involving more than two Tests may have led to a tightened schedule and therefore, robbed his team of potentially another practice game. That said, the captain reckoned his team was in a good state of mind. "I have no idea about it," he said. "Maybe because we are playing a three-match series after a long time; maybe that's the reason [for not scheduling another practice game," he said. "Our mental state is good. Yes, we lost the practice match, but that match is there for our training. Within that, we got the preparation we wanted. From the looks of it, it'll be a rain-affected match. It's been a long since we played here the last time, but there are a few experienced players...They are sharing the experience with me."

go out and score big runs... when I had a bit of a stint in the T20 for Surrey, the first thing I reminded myself was, when it's batting time, it's batting time.

"Then, the rest of the time, you can be the captain and think a little bit more about the team. I've got some great guys to lean upon on the pitch as well, obviously Brooky [Harry Brook] being vice-captain, he's got a great cricket brain, and guys like Rooty [Joe Root] out there on the pitch too. There's plenty of experience to bounce off a few ideas."