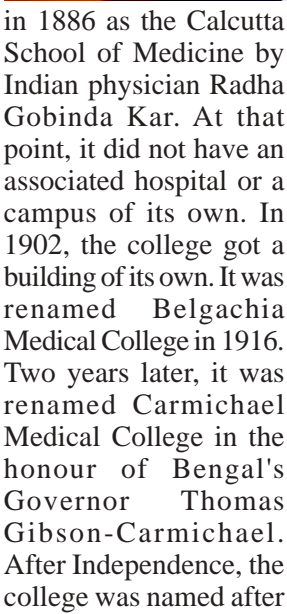


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in 1886 as the Calcutta School of Medicine by Indian physician Radha Gobinda Kar. At that point, it did not have an associated hospital or a campus of its own. In 1902, the college got a building of its own. It was renamed Belgachia Medical College in 1916. Two years later, it was renamed Carmichael Medical College in the honour of Bengal's Governor Thomas Gibson-Carmichael. After Independence, the college was named after

its founder Dr Radha Gobinda Kar. Subsequently, the West Bengal government took over the management of the hospital. The state-run hospital in North Kolkata has made headlines after a 31-year-old postgraduate trainee doctor on duty was found dead in the hospital's seminar hall on the morning of August 9. Medical examination confirmed sexual assault. The chilling incident has sparked

nationwide protests calling for swift justice. Doctors across the country have taken to the streets, demanding safe working conditions. The doctors' protest has paralysed healthcare services across the country. The Supreme Court has set up a National Task Force to recommend steps to improve the working conditions for healthcare professionals. During the hearing today, an advocate representing a group of doctors said the medicos sometimes have to work for as much as 36 hours. To this, the Chief Justice replied, "Please assure the doctors that we know they are working for 36 hours. I have personally slept on the floor of a public hospital when one my family member was not well."

**Ganjam(KCN):** Five persons were killed while several others sustained injuries after an oil tanker collided with a passenger bus at Berhampur Samarjholi Street under Hinjili police limits in Ganjam district on Thursday.

As per reports, the passenger bus travelling from Aska to Berhampur collided with an oil tanker heading in the opposite direction.

Attempting to overtake a truck, the tanker crashed into the bus. The collision's force caused the tanker to flip over onto a roadside tea shop. The impact was so severe that two people died on the spot, while others were critically injured and rushed to a nearby hospital. Three more individuals succumbed to their injuries at the hospital, bringing the death toll to

## CM Majhi Expresses Grief Over Deaths in Ganjam Road Mishap

**Ganjam (KCN):** Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi expressed grief over the death of the people in the bus accident in Ganjam and announced an ex-gratia of Rs two lakh to the next kin of the deceased and Rs 1 lakh to the injured persons.

five. Many others sustained injuries in the accident and are receiving treatment at the hospital. Meanwhile, police reached the spot and further investigation is underway.

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**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** While Senior Congress MLA Taraprasad Bahinipati urged the state government to continue health insurance for working journalists, Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Majhi has stated that the scheme would continue and the renewal will be completed soon.

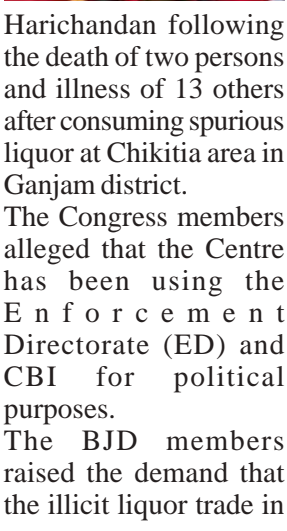
In a written reply in the House, CM Majhi stated that the renewal of the Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana for working journalists is under consideration. After approval, the renewal process will be completed before the deadline.

The renewal of the Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana ends on the 31st of August 2024. Since 2018, the government has been providing health insurance of Rs 5 lakh to working journalists and their families in the state.

Every year in August, before the insurance expires, journalists get renewed card for the next year. But after the change of government this year, the card renewal process has not been done sparking resentment among working journalists as there is no proposed expenditure for Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana in this year's budget.

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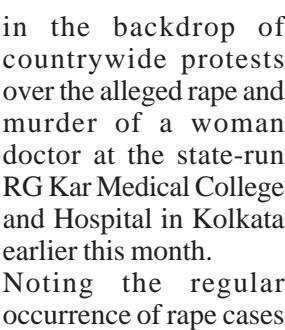
Chikitia be investigated by a revenue divisional commissioner. "The BJP government which came to power giving a call to regulate liquor trade," said opposition Chief Whip Pramila Mallik of BJD. The BJD held the BJP government responsible for the death of the two people in the liquor tragedy in Ganjam. Senior Congress member Tarapasad Bahinipati, however, blamed both the BJD and the BJP for the wide circulation of the spurious liquor in Ganjam district.

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in the backdrop of countrywide protests over the alleged rape and murder of a woman doctor at the state-run RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata earlier this month. Noting the regular occurrence of rape cases

throughout the country, Banerjee highlighted that, according to available data, nearly 90 rape cases occur daily. In many cases, rape victims were murdered. "It is horrifying to see this trend. It shakes the confidence and

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Harichandan said the state has adopted a zero-tolerance policy against illicit liquor and directed the officials to keep strict vigil and conduct raids on illegal liquor manufacturing units and shops across the state.

The state government has suspended Berhampur Excise Inspector Ramesh Chandra Mohanty and Sub-Inspector Prasanna Kumar Dhali, he said.

The excise minister also ordered the transfer of Berhampur Excise Superintendent Pradeep Panigrahi from his present place of posting.

The minister said he also sought a detailed report on the incident from the

department and instructed principal secretary Sushil Kumar Lohani and excise commissioner Narasingha Bhola to beef up enforcement against illicit liquor trade across the state. "All illegal country liquor joints will be demolished soon," he said. Nearly 20 people from Moundpur, Jenasahi and Karabalua villages of Chikiti block fell ill after consuming country liquor from a local unlicensed shop Monday evening. They were initially admitted to Chikiti Community Health Centre (CHC) and 15 among them were later shifted to MKCG Medical College and

Hospital as their condition deteriorated. Meanwhile, the victims Jura Behera (60) and Lokanath Behera (36), both from Jenasahi village, have died. Thirteen other persons were under treatment at the medical college and hospital.

The state excise department, with the help of officials of the forest department and police, so far arrested eight people, including a woman, and a manufacturer, Surendra Mallick, of the Khemundi area.

The local people alleged that the liquor was illicitly brewed in a forest near Bhalughai and sold in the nearby areas.

Bottleleggers mix pesticides and even battery powder with the spurious liquor, they alleged.

The minister said the excise department launched a seven-day drive starting Tuesday to check the sale of illicit liquor across the state.

**New Delhi, (KCN):** The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu presented the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar-2024 at an award ceremony held at Gantantra Mandap, Rashtrapati Bhavan today (August 22, 2024). In the first edition of the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar, 33 awards were presented to distinguished scientists in four categories - Vigyan Ratna, Vigyan Shri, Vigyan Yuva, and Vigyan Team.

The Vigyan Ratna Award, given to the scientists who have made lifetime contributions in any field of Science and Technology, was presented to Prof. G o v i n d a r a j a n Padmanabhan, a pioneer of molecular biology and biotechnology research in India. The Vigyan Shri Awards, given to the scientists who have made distinguished contributions to Science and Technology, were

presented to 13 scientists for their path-breaking research in their respective domains. The Vigyan Yuva-SSB award, given to recognize scientists who have exceptionally contributed to any field of science and technology, was given to 18 scientists for their significant contribution in the areas spanning from the study on the warming of the Indian Ocean and its consequences, to the development of

indigenous 5G base station and communication and precision tests of quantum mechanics. The Vigyan Team Award, given to a team of 3 or more scientists for making ground-breaking research contributions in any field of science and technology, was given to the team of Chandrayaan-3 for the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 lander near the south pole of the moon.



# Ex-Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik felicitates Olympic bronze winning hockey team

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Former Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Thursday felicitated some members of the Indian men's hockey team that won a second consecutive bronze medal at the Olympic Games in Paris earlier this month. India came from a goal down to beat Spain 2-1 and win the bronze medal at the Paris Olympics. Patnaik, whose earlier government had been a key promoter of Indian hockey and been sponsoring the national men's and women's teams since 2018, hoped for a top podium finish in

the 2028 Los Angeles Games. "Many congratulations from my side to you all. I hope next time you will bring gold," Patnaik said while addressing the players. The players in attendance were Sumit, Lalit Kumar Upadhyay, Abhishek and Sanjay along side Hockey India president Dilip Tirkey. Sumit thanked Patnaik for supporting hockey when the sport needed it the most. "I would like to thank Naveen Patnaik sir from the bottom of my heart, especially from Hockey India and from the entire



team for his immense support towards hockey. There was no sponsor hockey but he came forward and gave such a massive sponsorship for hockey," he said. Lalit said the former Odisha CM came in as a saviour for the sport. "First of all I would like to say that Hon'ble Naveen Patnaik sir's role in hockey, he is of a hero and the most important thing is that whatever he has done for hockey is unimaginable. "He held hockey's hand when no one was there. Sir played a very important role in making Odisha the sports capital of India," he said.

## Dr. Achyuta Samanta Appointed as Senior Adviser to the President of National Transition Council, Guinea

**Bhubaneswar, (KCN):** Eminent educationist and philanthropist Dr. Achyuta Samanta has been appointed as the Senior Adviser to the President of the National Council Transition (Conseil National de Transition- CNT) of Guinea, Dr. Dansa Kourouma. This appointment was approved by the cabinet of the National Transitional Council of the Republic of Guinea. Dr. Kourouma had previously visited KIIT & KISS in January this year. He was impressed by the wide range of activities, including education, health, and social initiatives, carried out by Dr. Samanta through KIIT & KISS.



During his visit, he requested Dr. Samanta to become his adviser.

After receiving Dr. Samanta's consent, Dr. Kourouma presented

the proposal to the Guinean cabinet. Guinea is a country in West Africa. Dr. Samanta will provide guidance on education, health, and economic development as an honorary adviser for Guinea. Dr. Kourouma has submitted the necessary documents to Dr. Samanta's representative in Guinea. Previously, Dr. Samanta served as a senior adviser to the Government of Manipur. He is the first Odia to become adviser to any country. He thanked the Guinean government and assured he would advise on best practices in education, health, and economic development.

## Reknowned veteran journalist Amrit Kanti Ghosh passes away

**Kolkata(Saikat Kumar Basu):**Amrit Kanti Ghose, who covered a hattrick of Olympics from 1976 to 1984 for Amrita Bazar Patrika-Jugantar newspapers, is no more. He was born into the illustrious Amrita Bazar Patrika -Jugantar Family on the 24th of June, 1952. An accomplished senior correspondent, Amrit covered the Montreal Olympics in 1976 at the young age of 24. He also



covered the Moscow Olympics in 1980 and Los Angeles Olympics in 1984 at the age of 32. Mt Everest conquerer

Sir Edmund Hillary (who was later High Commissioner of New Zealand to India) was accompanied by a young companion, Amrit Kanti Ghose, on his 1977 Ocean to Sky expedition. Amrit Kanti Ghosh was also the press manager of Amrita Bazar Patrika-Jugantar when the newspapers functioned till the 1990s. Throughout his life, he was involved in social and healing work

and aiding others in Kolkata and nationally. After a sudden and brief illness, Amrit passed away on the 31st of July, 2024. With Amrit gone, whose eyes to compare to the morning sun? Not that we did, but we do now, that he is gone. Loving wife Susmita and doting daughters Rhea and Misha together with a host of relatives and friends are all left behind to mourn his loss.

## SER TO RUN FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS BETWEEN KOLKATA AND PURI

**Kolkata, (KCN):**The South Eastern railway (SER) authority has decided to run Festival Special trains as per following schedule: 03101/03102 Kolkata-Puri-Kolkata Special:

The 03101 Kolkata-Puri Special will leave Kolkata every Thursday from October 3, 2024 to November 28, 2024 at 11.50 pm at night and will reach Puri at 09.35 am, the next day. In the

return direction, the 03102 Puri-Kolkata Special will leave Puri every Friday from October 4, 2024 to November 29, 2024 at 3.00 pm and will arrive Kolkata at 02.00 am, the

next day. The Special trains will have stoppages at Andul, Kharagpur, Baleshwar, Bhadrak, Cuttack, Bhubaneswar and Khurda Road Stations en route.

## Lab Assistant Caught Taking Rs 50K Bribe in Jharsuguda

**Jharsuguda(KCN):** Odisha Vigilance sleuths today arrested a Lab Assistant in Jharsuguda district for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 50,000. The accused has been identified as Ganesh Kalser, Technical Assistant, Soil Testing Laboratory, O/o Chief District Agriculture Officer (CDAO), Jharsuguda. Kalser has been apprehended by the



Vigilance while demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 50,000 from a Laboratory Attendant (contractual worker) to

process a file for facilitating the continuance of his contractual job. The entire bribe amount of Rs 50,000 has been

recovered from the exclusive possession of the accused and seized. Following the successful trap, simultaneous searches are going on at two locations of Kalser from the DA angle. In this connection, Rourkela Vigilance P.S. Case No.11 dtd.21.08.2024, U/s.7 P.C. (Amendment) Act, 2018 has been registered. The investigation is in progress against the



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Sonakshi Sinha says she loves hubby Zaheer more than ice cream

Hindi film actress Sonakshi Sinha had the most unique way of expressing love to her husband Zaheer Khan and it involved ice cream. Sonakshi took to Instagram stories, where she shared a picture of a dessert which had "I love you more than ice cream" written on it. The description read: "Everyone needs a cutie like you to laugh with, cuddle upto, and make really bad decisions with. We're like a tiny

(but mighty) little gang. If you haven't noticed already, I think you're pretty cool. Honey, honestly, you complete me xo." Tagging her husband in the picture, she wrote: "It's true." Sonakshi and her longtime beau Zaheer got married in a civil ceremony June 23. They had their families and close friend around them during their intimate wedding. A glitzy follow-up party was hosted for their



friends and close ones at Shilpa Shetty's luxurious restaurant,

Bastian. On the work front, Sonakshi was last seen

starring alongside Riteish Deshmukh and Saqib Saleem in Kakuda, a horror comedy set in a curse-inflicted village in the Mathura district of Uttar Pradesh. The film, in which Sonakshi plays a double role, tells the story of a bizarre ritual that requires the opening of a dummy door of each house every Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. Failure to comply invites the wrath of Kakuda or Gullak, who punishes the man of the house.

She will next be seen in the film "Nikita Roy and the Book of Darkness", directed by Kush Sinha. Sonakshi will be seen starring alongside names such as Arjun Rampal, Paresh Rawal, Suhail Nayyar. The film was shot across London and other picturesque locales of the UK. The film is produced by Nicky Bhagnani, Vicky Bhagnani and Ankur Takrani of Nicky Vicky Bhagnani Film, Kratos Entertainment, Kinjal Ghone of Nikita Pai Films, and Dinesh Gupta.

Tawaifs in Bollywood's twisted tale, 'Sarfire' Review: Akshay Kumar soars high in this real-life drama

When we think of tawaifs (courtesans), we think of women in flowing, ornate dresses giving elaborate dance performances or wooing men with sexual favours. We think of polished dance performances akin to Rekha's on 'Dil Cheez Kya Hai', and an alluring Madhubala dancing to 'Jab Pyar Kiya To Dama Kya'. Or, most recently, we think of the stunning Aditi Rao Hydari's popular Gaja Gamini walk in Heeramandi.



But Hindi cinema's portrayal of courtesans of India isn't even half of what they were. And this depiction of tawaifs in Hindi cinema hasn't gotten any better since the early 19th century. "Ninety-eight per cent of the films stereotyped courtesans. You show whatever you want to show because tawaifs (courtesans) are dead and there is nobody to question you," Manjari Chaturvedi, Director and Choreographer, and Restorer of the Dance of Courtesans told India Today.in. The movies based on the lives of courtesans or with characters of tawaif vastly under-represent them and portray them as inferiors in society. In movies like Mughal-e-Azam (1960) by K Asif, Pakeezah (1971) by Kamal Arohi, Khilona (1970) by Chandan Bohra, or Tawaif by BR Chopra (1985), you often see a 'mujra' sequence and a woman who has a heart of gold and is willing to give up everything for the man she loves Madhubala in a still from

Mughal-E-Azam by K Asif. "In the films, whenever they wanted a titillating dance, or they wanted something like an item number, they brought in a tawaif. If they wanted a negative character, they introduced the character of a tawaif. If they wanted to show a hero with a broken heart, he would go to a tawaif. All these ended up stereotyping the image of a tawaif," Chaturvedi said. Think of Bunty Aur Babi's 'Kajra Re', Ram Leela's 'Ram Chaahe Leela Chaahe', Yeh Jawani Hai Deewani's 'Ghagra', or Agent Vinod's 'Dil Mera Muft Ka', and how they showed the over-the-top, sexualised and raunchy performances by courtesans, and one would understand what Chaturvedi is referring to. Historically, courtesans were women who were well-read and immensely talented. They used to learn and write poetry under the watch of their ustaads (teachers). As per Awadhi mythology, courtesans were skilled individuals, who taught men to enjoy music, dance, etiquette, and

refined their tastes. When Veena Talwar Oldenburg, Professor of History at Baruch College and The Graduate Center of the City University of New York, met the courtesans of Lucknow, she learnt that they loved reading newspapers. "They were used to reading newspapers, they were literate women. Jhagde ho jaate the kaun pehle padhega... (They used to fight among themselves who would read the newspaper first)," Oldenburg told India Today.in. This aspect of their lives is correctly represented in Muzaffar Ali's 'Umrao Jaan'. In the film, Rekha performed Kathak with the utmost grace and perfection on 'In Ankhon Ki Masti Mein' and 'Dil Cheez Kya Hai'. "Umrao Jaan, to a large extent, is very true to history because it is based on a 1905 Urdu novel 'Umrao Jaan Ada' by Mirza Hadi Ruswa. It was a straight story of the life of a tawaif. In that story, Rekha and other dancers are learning Kathak from ustaads.

Director Sudha Kongara's 'Sarfire', starring Akshay Kumar, Radhika Madan and Paresh Rawal, is a remake of the Tamil film, Soorai Potru. Akshay, with his earnest performance, makes this film worth a watch, says our review.

The thing with remakes is that it's easy to call the bad ones out. Fortunately for Akshay Kumar's 'Sarfire', the Hindi remake is directed by Sudha Kongara, who also directed the original Tamil film - 'Soorai Potru'. Starring south superstar Suriya in the lead role, the Tamil film had a lot going for it. So how does one top the original or even come close to it? Well, the answer lies in the attention to detail and



how well you interpret the film in a totally different setting. 'Sarfire' is based on the true story of GR Gopinath who pioneered the first low-cost airline in India. Hailing from a small village, he decided to dream big and overcame many obstacles on the path before making his dreams come true. In 'Sarfire', Akshay Kumar plays Vir Mhatre, an ex-army officer who has faced rejection at the hands of his superiors but has never given up. His ambition of providing affordable air travel to millions of Indians is a dream that finds several thorns in its path to success. The biggest one being air tycoon Paresh Goswami (Paresh Rawal), who makes sure every step that Vir takes is setback immediately. But Vir is not alone in this fight. He has his feisty wife Rani (Radhika Madan) by his side and an entire village to support his endeavour. But does he achieve what he's set out to do and will Paresh kill his spirit and clip his wings? 'Sarfire' answers not just these questions but reflects much more. Sudha Kongara's writing and her staging of scenes are the major highlights of the film. From the very first scene of a plane declaring 'Mayday' to deep diving into the psyche of Vir and his never-die attitude, the film has several high points. Kongara also takes Akshay Kumar back to the basics. The actor has made a solid comeback in a performance that is so rooted. His emotional scene when he breaks down in front of his mother, played by the brilliant Seema Biswas, is a reminder of how an actor should surrender to his director to be able to deliver an honest performance.

Kareena Kapoor Khan Wants To Work With Yash, Calls Herself A KGF Girl

Over the years Yash has become a formidable force, captivating audiences not only in India but across the globe. His journey from regional acclaim to pan India superstardom is a reflection of his extraordinary talent and unique charisma that resonates universally. During the latest episode of the renowned talk show, Koffee With Karan, the spotlight turned to Yash's global appeal. During the rapid fire round when Kareena

Kapoor Khan was asked, "Which south actor would you like to be paired up with? Prabhas, Ram Charan, Vijay Deverakonda, Allu Arjun and Yash" she expressed her desire to collaborate with the southern sensation and she promptly responded with "Yash," proudly declaring herself a 'KGF girl.' Yash's presence on the international stage has transcended geographical boundaries, making him a sought-after



figure in the film industry. His meteoric rise, coupled with endorsements from industry peers like Kareena Kapoor Khan, reinforces his status as a true global icon. Yash has etched his name as a formidable talent with global appeal. He is not just a superstar; he is an icon who has united audiences from diverse backgrounds and cultures, proving that talent and authenticity are universal languages that transcend boundaries and create lasting legacies.



# Showman’s birth centenary: Why Raj Kapoor was fond of Delhi

Vivek Shukla



As the fans of Raj Kapoor are gearing up to celebrate the birth centenary of Bollywood’s first and only showman, Raj Kapoor after a couple of months on December 14th, it is important to talk about his deep connections with Delhi. Well, Delhi was like his second home. He always used to visit Delhi during the premier of RK Banner films. Come December 14th, a big programme in the memory of Raj Kapoor will be held in the national capital.

Raj Kapoor also passed away here on June 2, 1988. Just a few days earlier, on May 2nd, 1988, he was awarded the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award by then President R. Venkataraman at Siri Fort auditorium. Sadly, his health took a turn for the worse shortly after. He was experiencing severe breathing difficulties and was rushed to AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Sciences). Doctors, led by Dr. J.N. Pandey, did everything they could to save him, but his condition did not improve. His death was attributed to

complications from his asthma. He passed away in Delhi, a city he held close to his heart.

“Raj Kapoor always wished for his films to be released at Regal or Moti picture halls. Regal was perhaps the first cinema hall of New Delhi and had a special place in Raj Kapoor’s heart. His iconic films like Sangam, Mera Naam Joker, Satyam Shivam Sundaram, Boot Polish, and Jis Desh Mein Ganga Behti Hai were all released at Regal and Moti. Most of RK banner films have done great business in the capital,” says Pt. J.P. Sharma ‘Trikhya’, author, astrologer and close family friend of Raj Kapoor family.

Even his father, Prithviraj Kapoor, had acted in plays at Regal. In its early days, Regal showcased both English and Hindi productions. Sadly, Regal closed its doors in 2017. Moti shut little later.

For Shashi Kapoor, visiting Regal brings back a crowd of memories of his elder brother, Raj Kapoor. He had visited the iconic Connaught Place theatre with Raj Kapoor a couple of times. RK Banner film Satyam Shivam Sundaram did brisk business here at Regal. ‘Ab Dilli Door Nahin’ Perhaps Raj Kapoor’s tryst with Delhi was started when he produced the film ‘Ab Dilli Door Nahin’ in 1957. The Screenplay of the film was written by



the renowned author Rajendra Singh Bedi. The film had actor Motilal, a close relative of singer Mukesh. Both hailed from Nai Sarak. The film also featured a young Amjad Khan, who later gained immense popularity as Gabbar Singh. ‘Ab Dilli Door Nahin’ featured scenes of Delhi, including the old iron bridge over the Yamuna, Daryaganj, and Connaught Place.

A Deep Delhi ties “Raj Kapoor’s relationship with Delhi deepened in 1970, when his eldest daughter, Ritu, married Rajan Nanda, son of H.P. Nanda, the founder chairman of the Escorts Group. The Nanda family had migrated to Delhi from Lahore after India’s independence. They owned a prominent transport company in Lahore called Nanda Transport. After Ritu moved to Delhi, Raj Kapoor would frequently visit her home in Jor Bagh

whenever he was in the city,” recalls Pandit JP Sharma ‘Trikhya’. Rajan Nanda later became Amitabh Bachchan’s father-in-law when his son, Nikhil Nanda, married Shweta Bachchan. Today, Nikhil Nanda is the chairman of the Escorts Group. Rajan Nanda’s father, H.S. Nanda, was the founder of Escorts Hospital. It may be recalled that Raj Kapoor’s second son, Rishi Kapoor married to Delhi born Neetu Singh. Neetu Singh’s mother, Rajee Singh, was a teacher in Happy School, Darya Ganj. Prithviraj Kapoor’s Delhi Days Even the traffic noise from India Gate can be heard within Princes Park. A few elderly residents still remember when Prithviraj Kapoor lived in one of the flats there. This was during the time he was a nominated member of the Rajya Sabha



(1952-1960). It is believed that Prithviraj Kapoor accepted the position of Member of Parliament at the request of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, who sought his advice on matters of art and culture. They would often discuss the role of art and culture in the newly independent nation. Prithviraj Kapoor is credited with suggesting to Nehru the establishment of a prestigious National School of Drama (NDA) in 1959. “Prithviraj Kapoor would often stay in Delhi during Parliament sessions. He would return to Mumbai afterwards to complete his film shoots. Before becoming an MP, he had staged numerous plays with his theatre group at Regal. Prithviraj Kapoor’s term as a Rajya Sabha member concluded on April 2nd, 1960. Shortly after, ‘Mughal-e-Azam’ was released. He visited the Golcha cinema hall in Daryaganj to watch his

film and gauge the audience response. He was pleased with the reception of his role.

Kapoor clan daughters in Delhi After Ritu Kapoor, Karishma Kapoor, Raj Kapoor’s granddaughter and daughter of Randhir Kapoor, got married in the capital. Sanjay Kapur, husband of Karishma, belongs to a very wealthy and well-known family of the capital. “Sanjay’s family owns Pindi Jewellers in Connaught Place. However, the marriage of Karishma and Sanjay was short-lived. I had lurking fears that the marriage of Karishma with Sanjay would not last long. After deeply studying the horoscopes of both, I had told some members of the Kapoor family that they (Sanjay and Karishma) would split. In the end, I proved right,” says Pandit JP Sharma ‘

Trikhya’. Sanjay’s father, Dr. Surinder Kapoor, was also an industrialist. Dr Surinder Kapur died in Germany in 2015. Dr Kapur was brother in law of Apollo Tyres Chairman, Onkar Singh Kanwar. Meanwhile, another Raj Kapoor’s granddaughter, Riddhima Kapoor married Bharat Sahni, a businessman from South Delhi. Riddhima is the daughter of Rishi Kapoor. Shashi Kapoor’s daughter, Sanjana Kapoor, married author and wildlife expert Valmik Thapar. They reside in Malcha Marg in the capital. Valmik’s aunt is renowned historian Dr. Romila Thapar.

When Shami Kapoor owned Plaza While Raj Kapoor is associated with Regal closely, his younger brother Shami Kapoor had a different connection with Plaza, another cinema hall in Connaught Place. Shammi Kapoor was a partner in Plaza Cinema in the mid-1960s, along with film producer F.C. Mehra. “Shammi Kapoor sold his stake in later years. Shami Kapoor is possibly the only member of the Kapoor clan to have a stake in a picture hall,” informs Dr. Ravinder Kumar, another film buff. Shashi Kapoor’s “Householder” and Daryaganj Raj Kapoor always considered Shashi

Kapoor as his son more than his brother. One of Shashi’s early films, “Householder,” was primarily shot in a large house near Times House in Daryaganj. The house belonged to Jaidev Trivedi, a prominent theatre artist in the capital, and a popular Hindi newsreader for All India Radio. Jaodev Trivedi once mentioned that Prithviraj Kapoor had visited his house with Shashi Kapoor. “Householder” was directed by James Ivory and produced by Ismail Merchant. Dr. Mihir Pandya, in his excellent book “Cinema aur Shahar vaya Delhi (Cinema and City via Delhi),” notes that “Householder,” written by Ruth Praver Jhabvala . It features two iconic Delhi landmarks – Jantar Mantar and Jama Masjid, significant scenes.

Apart from “Householder,” Shashi Kapoor can be seen driving a Fiat car on the streets of capital in “New Delhi Times” released in 1986.

Well, Raj Kapoor family’s connection with Delhi is deeply rooted, and it continues to be a place where their memories are cherished and celebrated. Their impact on the cultural fabric of the city, from the stage to the screen, remains significant even today.

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# Parents must teaching children how to do household chores

Surjit Flora



It was once believed by sages that work is an integral part of human existence. However, refraining from employing children has also evolved into a symbol of social standing. While these facilities may appear beneficial during childhood, they are unable to address the complexities of life. As children enter puberty, they often spend more time outside the house for study or work. This can present a

challenge for parents, as their children may not contribute to household chores. Make it enjoyable for them It seems that the younger generation is more enthusiastic about lending a hand. The abundance of praise throughout the text helps to boost their confidence and make them feel good. So, parents should prioritize teaching their children, both daughters and sons, the essential skills of housecleaning, house maintenance, and home finance. It is perfectly acceptable for a daughter to learn skills such as using a hammer, climbing a ladder, or building a shed. Similarly, there is nothing wrong with a son learning tasks like washing dishes, ironing laundry, or cleaning a toilet.

However, in my opinion, involving your children in your work so that they can observe the process and acquire valuable knowledge and skills is the most effective approach. If you have multiple children, it’s a great idea to rotate the chores among them. This way, they can all contribute equally and learn the responsibilities equally well. Introduce them to the world that they will be living in. If you want anything, you have to earn it. It is not right that you, as a parent, are responsible for cleaning, cooking, and cleaning the home. All of you are required to make a contribution since you all share the same dwelling. Take personal responsibility for your actions. You are responsible for picking up your own

filthy clothing and placing them in your bucket. During the week, you are responsible for doing your own laundry. If a dish or glass is unclear, you should clean it. Taking turns, move the vacuum around the living room in a circular motion. When it comes to emptying the dishwasher, take turns doing it. Shared responsibilities are not considered to be duties. The younger generation prefers to have their meals prepared for them. That’s the reason why many individuals choose to dine out instead of cooking at home. Now it’s incredibly convenient. There’s no need to leave your home anymore. With just a few taps on

your phone, you can order everything online. You can take care of everything from food to groceries to banking. Maybe we’ve overlooked the fact that choosing to eat at home promotes beneficial health, while dining out can increase the risk of illness. As a parent, teaching your children how to cook is an incredibly valuable gift. The skills you teach them will prove invaluable as they navigate through life. While consuming spicy food from outside can impact our overall well-being, home-cooked meals digest easily. It is important for a mother to teach her children how to do household chores. This instills a sense of confidence in them, empowering them to tackle any challenge

that comes their way, even if it means venturing outside their comfort zone. Thus, their married life also proceeds with happiness. Teaching children housework skills empowers them to solve their own problems. Additionally, reducing social media usage will lead to a greater sense of satisfaction from one’s work. Children will develop the skills necessary to nurture and sustain relationships. Having a healthy heart and mind is crucial for overall well-being. Start with straightforward tasks when they are young. Experts generally recommend involving children between the ages of 4 and 5 in the process of toy cleaning. Let’s

transform it into an enjoyable game. It is crucial to instill the value of organizing their own clothes in their drawers once they reach a certain age. When preparing dinner, it’s important to ensure that the table is clean and organized. It’s crucial to keep in mind that children will inevitably make mistakes as they learn and develop. It’s important to approach them with patience and avoid being overly critical. Additionally, mentor them in the art of cooking. It’s impressive how soon you can begin involving them in this activity. Shall we start by baking cakes together? It’s crucial to impart basic cooking skills to young teenagers, such as making eggs,

pancakes, and using the BBQ. From there, individuals can gradually broaden their culinary skills. It will also help strengthen the connections within your family, while boosting your children’s self-confidence as they develop new skills. Additionally, the bond with family members will strengthen. You won’t experience any mental exhaustion. When children take on more responsibility, it can have a positive impact on their parents’ workload. When the entire family engages in activities together, it brings about immense joy without breaking the bank.

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## Sustainable Integrated Ecosystem Needed For Boosting Safety Awareness and Inclusiveness for MSMEs - CII



(L-R): Saikat Basu, Snehasis Samaddar, Sandeep Ghose, Rajiv Mangal, Brajesh Singh, & Ms Mamata Mondal

**Kolkata (PARTHA ROY):** Awareness about Safety measures as well as implementation of Safety steps across all sectors of industry and society are critically important to minimise accidents and fatalities. Safety evangelism is critically important to incorporate safety measures in every sphere of Life. Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Eastern Region organised 2 day 18th Safety Symposium & Exposition in Kolkata on 22-23 August 2024. on

theme "Leveraging Digitization for EHS Excellence" Larger industry players need to support MSMEs by integrating them into a comprehensive ecosystem aimed at creating a safer work environment, highlighted by Mr Rajiv Mangal, Vice President, Safety, Health & Sustainability Tata Steel Ltd during the Safety Symposium & Exposition in Kolkata. The two-day 18th edition of Safety Symposium &

Exposition, organized by CII Eastern Region, to foster safety awareness among people and encouraging the implementation of new safety practices. Mr Mangal emphasized the critical need to prioritize safety measures in the workplace. Highlighting high-risk sectors such as mining and logistics, he stressed the importance of using effective digital solutions to protect workers and ensure a safer workplace. "Beyond disruption,

digitalization fosters democratization by extending safety measures to MSMEs through inclusive initiatives" said by Mr Sandip Ghose, Managing Director & CEO Birla Corporation Ltd, during the symposium. Mr Brajesh Singh, Managing Director – Generation, CESC Ltd highlighted the potential of automation to improve safety in the aviation industry and address climate-related hazards. He also

mentioned about the effective use of AI/ML and robotics to enhance the safety of the place. "We are in an era of digital transformation, where the market has become increasingly consumer oriented. This shift emphasizes customization, which demonstrates a commitment to consumer safety" he added. Mr Snehasis Samaddar, Executive Director (Generation), CESC Ltd, informed the audience about the shift in business focus from mere profitability to sustainable profitability, emphasizing the importance of the 3 Ps: Planet, People, and Profit. During the event, a compendium on best safety practices was unveiled, followed by the announcement of the Safety, Environment & Health (SHE) Awards for the best performance in the field of safety, health & environment, to the eastern India's organisations. The symposium attracted over 350 key delegates. Total of 80 SHE awards in different categories presented in two days to different corporates including to Arcelor Mittal, Vedanta, Hindalco, Tata Steel.

## CII SHE Excellence award for Tata Steel Downstream



**Kolkata(PARTHA ROY):** Tata Steel Downstream Products Limited working inside Tata Steel Kalinganagar Odisha award at CII SHE Excellence award 2023-2024 in Medium Scale Manufacturing Sector in Eastern region level as well as in State level in Odisha on 18th Safety

symposium & Exposition 2024 at Kolkata. The company is committed to work with zero harm & doing excellence in safety by achieving zero LTI in the last 5 years. It works to eliminate & mitigate all the risk to zero tolerance. The company

is trying to adopt the highest level of controls in Material handling, Human machine interference at shop floor. It is implementing the Automation, Digitalisation, Robotics, Artificial intelligence to bring up the Safety to next level.

## Words In Emails, Online Posts Lowering Woman's Dignity An Offence: Bombay High Court

**Mumbai (KCN):** Written words, either through email or on social media, that could lower the dignity of a woman constitutes an offence, the Bombay High Court said while refusing to quash a case against a man. A division bench of Justices AS Gadkari and Neela Gokhale dismissed the petition filed by a man seeking to quash the 2009 case lodged against him under section 509 (insulting the modesty of a woman) of the Indian Penal Code. The man had allegedly written offensive and insulting emails to the complainant who lives in the same south Mumbai society as he does. The emails, as per the complainant, made comments on her character and were



forwarded to several other society members too. The man sought quashing of the FIR contending that, as per section 509, the word 'uttered' would only mean 'spoken words' and not words 'written' in an email or social media posts and so on. The court, however, dismissed his arguments observing courts must

adopt a purposive approach of interpretation. "Advent of modern technology has opened up a wide spectrum of means to communicate an insult. When an e-mail containing objectionable content likely to outrage the modesty of a woman stares at her, can we permit the perpetrator to walk away undaunted,

simply because the insult is written and not spoken," the court said. Interpretation must correspond to societal transformations and re-evaluate legal principles to ensure fairness, justice and equity, the HC said. "As the society evolves, the interpretation of the law too must be evolved to address emerging challenges and promote

social progress. The law is a dynamic entity capable of reflecting and adapting to a society's changing needs and values," the bench said, adding the word 'utterance' in the law must not be given a "pedantic interpretation". "If such a narrow interpretation is accepted, many men will walk away, unhindered by consequences merely by shooting emails or using social media platforms to malign and insult a woman and outrage her modesty. Modern technology makes such manner of perpetrating the offence verily real," it said. The bench said the contents of the emails are "undeniably defamatory and aimed to lower the image and reputation" of the complainant in the eyes of society.

## Minister Launches Guidelines For Seaplane Operations In India

**New Delhi:** Union Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu launched the Guidelines for Seaplane Operations in India today, simplifying regulations for such operations in the country. Mr Naidu said, "These guidelines not only integrate seaplane operations into India's aviation landscape for transportation but also create jobs and foster economic empowerment, making seaplanes a symbol of the country's growth, innovation, and commitment to inclusive development." The new guidelines

allow non-scheduled entities to operate such services and put in place a simplified certificate process. The relaxed norms are aimed at encouraging seaplane operations under the regional air connectivity scheme UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik). Seaplanes can land and take off from the sea. Under the relaxed norms of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), there will be no need for a waterdrome license and compliance requirements have



also been reduced. Waterdromes are for landing and taking off seaplanes. "On careful study of the situation and drawing from the experience of the helicopter operations, the Government has taken

a flexible and pragmatic approach to ensure the growth of seaplane operations," Mr Naidu said. The Minister also announced that the demonstration flights of the seaplane by manufacturer

De Havilland would be held shortly. Minister Murlidhar Mohol said, "This initiative is poised to not only improve connectivity but also to boost tourism, foster economic growth, and bring the most remote

areas of India closer together. The newly launched guidelines represent a well-considered framework designed to ensure that seaplane operations are conducted safely, securely, and efficiently, marking a new era in India's aviation landscape." Among other regulatory changes, fresh Commercial Pilot License (CPL) holders can now directly obtain seaplane ratings that will allow them to fly seaplanes. These guidelines prioritize the safety and security of operations

and define the responsibilities of all stakeholders, ensuring a seamless and efficient seaplane operation across the nation, the Centre said. The adoption of the Non-Scheduled Operator Permit (NSOP) framework for seaplanes is a significant step forward in the Government's commitment to enhancing regional connectivity, they added. Earlier in June, the DGCA revised norms to streamline infrastructure procedures, pilot training requirements, and regulatory compliances,

paving the way for seaplane services to reach remote areas. The revised regulations incorporated easier training requirements and simplified approval processes for seaplane operations. India had seaplane operations in Andaman & Nicobar as well as in Gujarat but they couldn't sustain for long. Meanwhile, the government plans to set up water aerodromes at 18 places spread across Andaman & Nicobar, Lakshadweep, Goa, Assam, Andhra Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh.

## Assam Tables Bill To End Muslim Marriages, Divorce Law



**Guwahati(KCN):** The Assam government on Thursday introduced a bill to repeal a law to register marriages and divorces of Muslims, stating that it had scope to allow marriages of minors from the community. Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Jogen Mohan tabled The Assam Repealing Bill, 2024 in the Assembly to abolish The Assam Moslem Marriages and Divorces Registration Act, 1935 and the Assam Repealing Ordinance 2024. "There remains a scope of registering marriages of intended person below 21 years (in case of male) and 18 years (in case of female)," he said in the Statement of Object and Reasons of the Repealing Bill. It hardly had any provisions for monitoring the implementation of the Act throughout the state

and it attracted huge amounts of litigation in the court, he added. "There is a scope of misuse by both authorised licensee (Muslim marriage Registrars) as well as by citizens for under age / minor marriages and forcefully arranged marriages without the consent of the parties," Mr Mohan said. Besides, the registration of marriages and divorces were not mandatory, and the registration mechanism was informal that left a lot of scope for non-compliance of the norms, he added. "It is a pre-independence Act adopted by British India Government for the then Province of Assam for Muslim religious and social arrangements," the minister said. On Wednesday, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said that the

Assam government will introduce a bill in the ongoing Autumn Session for compulsory government registration of marriage and divorce of Muslim people. Addressing a press conference after a cabinet meeting Guwahati, Mr Sarma said the government will table the Assam Compulsory Registration of Muslim Marriage and Divorce Bill, 2024. Last month, the Cabinet had approved the Repealing Bill to abolish the Assam Muslim Marriages and Divorce Registration Act and Rules of 1935, which permitted underage marriages under specific conditions. The Assam Cabinet had approved the decision to repeal the Act on February 23, in a bid to end the social menace of child marriage in the state.



# Koraput sees uptick in Malaria cases

**Koraput/Sunabeda/Semiliguda(KCN):** Malaria has acquired an alarming proportion in Koraput district as the district administration is allegedly not taking enough measures for control of the vector-borne disease. The disease continues to spread its tentacles in the district sparking concern among the residents. According to reports available from the district Health department, blood samples of 4, 62,734 persons were taken for malaria tests in 2022, out of which 2,830 persons were found affected by the disease. In 2023, 5,43,080 blood samples were examined and 7,007

were found positive. Similarly, in 2024 3,22,812 blood samples were taken for test and 5,500 persons were found positive by July end showing an increasing trend. The dengue fever case count is also spiralling in the district. Blood samples of 8,309 persons underwent tests and 509 were found positive in 2022. In 2023, blood samples of 6,594 persons underwent tests out of which 160 were tested positive for dengue. Similarly, by August 19 this year, blood samples of 2,371 persons were taken for testing and 40 persons tested positive for the disease. When enquired, district malaria officer



Susant Das said that various measures are being taken by the district Health department for control of vector-borne diseases like malaria and

dengue. An official has been specially engaged in every municipality area to keep a tab on the spread of the diseases. ASHA

workers, members of Gram Kalyan Samiti and Anganwadi workers are

being trained and put on alert in their respective areas. They have been

asked to admit persons suffering from fever in hospitals in both rural and urban areas. Anganwadi workers are also visiting every house in their areas and sensitising people on the measures to stay safe from malaria and dengue, he added. On the other hand, many areas under Sunabeda Municipality become waterlogged. Muddy water has stagnated at various spots due to the torrential rainfall that lashed the district in past weeks. This has given rise to mosquito menace in various wards resulting in the spread of malaria and

dengue fever in these areas, residents alleged. However, the local civic body authorities are not taking any preventive measures like fogging, sprinkling of mosquito oil and cleaning of drains in the wards, locals alleged. When contacted, executive officer Narayan Nayak of Sunabeda Municipality said fogging is done regularly in various wards while phenyl, mosquito oils and bleaching powder are also being applied. Moreover, Swachh Sathis are visiting every house in the civic body area and conducting malaria surveys, he added.

## Workshop on horseshoe crab conservation



**Balasore(KCN):** A two-day national workshop on the conservation of Indian Horseshoe crabs and associated organisms was held at Fakir Mohan University recently. The workshop was inaugurated by the varsity's Vice-Chancellor Santosh Kumar Tripathy in the presence of the Chairman of PG Council Bhaskar Behera. The workshop touched upon regular monitoring programmes, habitat restoration projects, and educational outreach

initiatives for conservation of the rare species. The programme was organised by the collaborative efforts of the PG Department of Zoology with Bioscience and Biotechnology Department in association with Zoological Survey of India. Emeritus, Don Bosco University Sushil Kumar Dutta, RCCF Baripada Prakash Chandra Gogineni, former WII scientist BC Chaudhury and former NIA-GOA scientist Anil Chatterjee were among the guests of

the workshop. The event fostered collaboration among various stakeholders, including scientists, conservationists, local authorities and the community to ensure the long-term conservation of horseshoe crabs. "This workshop has been an eye-opener for many of us. The knowledge shared here will undoubtedly contribute to the better protection of horseshoe crabs," said a participant and local conservationist. "Horseshoe crabs are a

vital part of our coastal ecosystems. We must work together to ensure their survival," stated a marine biologist and speaker at the event. The workshop was a resounding success bringing together diverse stakeholders to discuss and develop strategies for the protection of these ancient and ecologically significant creatures. The event highlighted the need for ongoing conservation efforts and community involvement to safeguard horseshoe crab populations for future generations. Bharat Bhusan Pattnaik and Bishnu Prasad Dash coordinated the 2-day workshop, while Niladri Bhushan Kar took the responsibility of organising secretary. Manojit Bhattachary hosted the programme and led all technical sessions.

## Huge cache of cough syrup seized in Sambalpur; 4 held




**Sambalpur(KCN):** Excise department officials here seized 2,400 bottles of banned cough syrup while conducting raids at Sindurapanka and Choudhury Chhak area under Sadar police limits in this district, Wednesday. Four persons including the mastermind were arrested in this regard. The four arrested persons were identified as Manoj Kumar

Pruseth, 39, resident of Ladukhai village, Jitu Sahu, 30, resident of Goshala area, Gurumel Singh, 55, resident of Tekanaka in Nagpur district of Maharastra and Bijinder Singh, 38, resident of Pabarali village in Gurudaspur district of Punjab. Manoj is the mastermind. Police seized the mini truck along with cough syrup and a motorcycle from the possession of the accused. According

to information provided by Additional Excise Superintendent Asit Mallick, the department got a tip-off about a truck with the consignment of banned cough syrup coming to Sambalpur from Kolkata. Acting on the tip-off, the Excise sleuths of Sambalpur Sadar were waiting near Padiabahal on NH55 to catch the vehicle. While checking, a

mini truck (MH 04-CT-0946) did not stop at the checkpoint and fled the scene. After chasing the vehicle, the excise sleuths managed to stop it near Choudhury Chhak around 5 am. While checking, they found a huge stock of the banned contraband along with some machinery inside the truck. As the driver of the truck could not produce valid documents, the Excise sleuths seized the truck and arrested the truck driver along with the other three accused. The approximate cost of the seized cough syrup is estimated to be Rs 7 lakh, said Mallick. He said that the prime accused Manoj had been arrested earlier in the banned cough syrup smuggling case and many cases are pending against him in the court.



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# Ather Energy announces its new family-oriented scooter, ‘Ather Rizta’

Bhubaneswar: Ather Energy, one of India’s leading electric vehicle manufacturers, announced on Friday the upcoming launch of its new family-oriented electric scooter, named "Rizta." Breaking away from their sporty and youthful design ethos, seen in the 450 Series, the Rizta aims to cater specifically to the needs of families. Rizta has been spotted testing in Bengaluru a couple of months ago. In a previous tweet by Tarun Mehta, co-founder & CEO of Ather Energy

in November, he highlighted that Ather Energy will be launching a larger, family-friendly scooter that’s comfortable, safe, spacious, and affordable. The excitement has soared now that Tarun has dropped a video teaser in his latest tweet, unveiling the family scooter name, Rizta. In his post, Mehta revealed the Rizta has been in development since 2019, with Ather’s teams reportedly incorporating "groundbreaking integrations" that promise



to elevate the ride experience for families. The scooter will be unveiled at the Ather Community Day Celebration 2024.

According to the announcement, the company aims to begin deliveries of the scooter in the next six months.

In the tweet, Tarun Mehta said: “With Rizta, we will be taking a big leap in comfort and safety. Our teams have been working

on this for a while (this one has been on and off the table since 2019!) and have pulled off some amazing integrations that are industry-first and will make your ride experience way better. Rizta will also continue to maintain the same quality and reliability that Ather’s other products are known for. We will be unveiling ‘Ather Rizta’ at ACDC 24 - Ather Community Day Celebration 2024. You will hear about it soon!” Talking about Rizta in a tweet, Swapnil Jain, Co-founder & CTO of Ather Energy said,” When we

started Ather the team believed, you need to be your own customer first. Most of us were below 25 years of age building the first made in india EV and were crazy about vehicle dynamics. Every single choice from mid mount motor, to aluminium cast chassis to dual disc brakes, were all focused on building the best handling vehicles. That was the Ather 450X for you. It did exactly what we intended. It is the best handling scooter and it was built for us. We are now all 30+ and have family. So we set out

again to build for us. Introducing Ather Rizta. A family vehicle built with the same passion, but this time towards comfort and safety! Because now Family comes first!” As the electric scooter industry witnesses a surge in demand, Ather’s strategic moves responsiveness to diverse consumer needs, as they extend their expertise in electric scooters to meet the demands of families.

## Doctors at HCG Panda Cancer Hospital successfully treated 33-year-old suffering from a rare case of Salivary Gland Cancer

**Bhubaneswar / Cuttack :**Doctors at HCG Panda Cancer Hospital, Cuttack, treated 33-year-old Reema (name changed), hailing from Western Odisha, from Parotid Gland Carcinoma, a rare form of cancer that occurs in the salivary glands situated right below the ear lobes. The cancerous gland was resected by conducting an advanced form of Total Parotidectomy Surgery on the patient while preserving her facial nerves, which are responsible for facial expressions. This incredible feat was achieved by Dr Manjunath NML, Senior consultant Surgical Oncologist and his team at HCG Panda Cancer Hospital Cuttack.

Reema suffered from unexplained excruciating pain continuously on the face and earlobes for a period of 8 months. In order to get relief from the pain, she visited neurological specialists and physicians from multiple hospital where she was misdiagnosed for other neurological diseases and was treated with analgesics, as they failed to diagnose her actual condition. She consulted the doctors at HCG Panda Cancer Hospital, who discovered a vague swelling near the earlobes and with suspicion of a tumour. Imaging of the parotid gland was conducted to check for any malignancy and it was discovered that she had a parotid lobe tumour in the

junction between the superficial lobe and the deep lobe, right behind the mandible or the lower jaw bone. Nerve sparing total parotidectomy was conducted using advanced form of equipments such as surgical loupes, nerves monitoring devices and Vessel Sealer, which helped surgeons achieve an absolute haemostasis or minimal blood loss during the surgery. This four- and half-hour surgical procedure was conducted by preserving the facial nerves that passes through the superficial lobe and deep lobe and any implication on the facial nerves would lead to disfigurement of the face, paralysis on one side of the face, lack of expressing emotions,

inability to close the eyes and move the eyebrows. Elaborating the complexities of the surgery, Dr Manjunath NML said, “This is a unique and a rare case among young women, where we usually witness just one or two cases per year. This was one challenging case, as the cancer tumours were adjacent to the facial nerve and we had to carefully dissect them without causing any hinderance or impact to the nerve. With the advanced facilities at HCG Panda Cancer Hospital Cuttack, we were able to resect the tumour successfully and witness a big smile on the patients face.” Post her successful surgery, while thanking her doctors, Reema

said, “For the past eight months, the events that occurred to me because of this condition are unexplainable. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Dr Manjunath and the entire team for the timely help in relieving the pain I was enduring and helping me recover back from this deadly tumour. Alsoi was worried about my facial expressions when doctors explained me about the tumor in relation to facial nerve and need for its removal if required. Thanks again to the entire team for helping me to get rid of this bad tumor with my smile intact" (with a big smile on her face).

## NIPPON INDIA MUTUAL FUND LAUNCHES NIPPON INDIA NIFTY 500 EQUAL WEIGHT INDEX FUND

Mumbai : Nippon Life India Asset Management Limited (NAM India), asset manager of Nippon India Mutual Fund (NIMF), announces the launch of Nippon India Nifty 500 Equal Weight Index Fund - An open-ended scheme replicating/tracking Nifty 500 Equal Weight Index^.

It is one-of-its-kind passive fund tracking Nifty 500 Equal Weight Index Fund. The Fund is a differentiated offering that seeks to provide investors with exposure to a diversified basket of 500 companies, with each stock having equal weight in the portfolio. This approach tends to mitigate concentration risk typically associated with market-capitalization-weighted indices and provides a unique opportunity to participate in the broader Indian market's growth. Investors looking to take advantage of India growth story should have exposure to a wider market including Large, mid- and small-cap companies which may drive the growth in the

long run. Nifty500 Equal Weight Index is well-diversified, with investments in 500 stocks spread across 21 sectors. The index would provide exposure to 20% in large cap stocks, 30% in mid caps and 50% in small cap stocks, a combination which is rare to find in other existing funds in the market. The NFO opens on August 21, 2024, and closes on September 04, 2024. The minimum investment amount required during NFO is Rs 1000 and in multiples of

Re 1 thereafter. The performance of the Scheme shall be benchmarked against Nifty 500 Equal Weight TRI. Speaking at the launch, Sundeep Sikka, ED and CEO, Nippon India Mutual Fund said, “Building upon our strong track record in passive investments, we are excited to launch the ‘Nippon India Nifty 500 Equal Weight Index Fund’ a Smart-Beta strategy, which would adopt equal weighing approach in contrast to popular indices

like Nifty 500, which use Market-cap weighting approach.” A market leader in passive funds, Nippon India MF offers 43 passive schemes including ETFs, Index Funds and Fund of Fund. It has one of the largest ETF asset of ₹1.47 lakh crore and commands a market share of 18 per cent as of July-end. Nippon India ETF commands 59 per cent share of ETF folios in the industry and 61 per cent volume share on NSE and BSE.

## AIC-GIM Foundation, Climate Collective and the Taj Hospitality Brand collaborate on a Global Single Use Plastics Challenge

**Panaji:** The consumption of Single Use Plastics (SUP's) in the food and beverage industry grew dramatically during the Covid-19 outbreak and is now expanding at a 2.5-fold rate. With the aim of reducing single use plastic from the F&B industry in Goa, Atal Incubation Center Foundation at Goa Institute of Management (AIC-GIM) in partnership with Climate Collective Foundation and IHCL's Taj hospitality brand is bringing the Single-Use Plastics (SUP) Challenge.

The SUP challenge is inviting innovations to reduce single use plastic from the F&B sector. The selected solutions will get the opportunity to test their ideas in Goa with the Taj hotel network of Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL). “As a company, we want to put a strong emphasis on sustainability as a way of life for everyone, which thus culminates in the adoption of a variety of sustainable business methods. We are happy to collaborate with AIC-GIM Foundation and Climate Collective Foundation for the Global SUP challenge which will reduce the usage of Single Use Plastics across our properties in Goa” said Mr. Vincent Ramos,

Area Director, Indian Hotels Company Limited. The SUP Challenge will assess the volume of single-use plastics waste reduced through piloting and scaling ventures’ innovations along with environmental impact avoided, such as waste diverted from landfills, incineration or avoided entirely. Additionally, the challenge will guide startups to fine-tune their business cases for F&B industry and insights derived from their pilots will contribute to a study around understanding the environmental impacts of alternatives to single-use plastic packaging.

## Symphony, in partnership with AEEE, invests in the Programme’

Bhubaneswar : Symphony Ltd., in partnership with Alliance for an Energy Efficient Economy (AEEE), initiated the first-of-its-kind pilot programme “SAHARA”, an initiative for Supporting Affordable Heat Action for Resilient Academic Institutions in India by deploying Evaporative Air Coolers. It is envisioned to enable a pathway to achieve Thermal Comfort for a Billion Lives (TCBL). This initiative aims to mainstream energy efficient, affordable and sustainable cooling solutions in India’s academic Institutions to bring a paradigm shift at the ecosystem level and enable TCBL. With around four trillion-

person cooling degree days, India is characterised by tropical and sub-tropical climatic conditions coupled with a lack of access to cooling, rising temperatures and ever-evolving socio-economic trends such as rapid population growth and urbanisation, which will not only amplify the climate change-induced heat stress but would also fuel the demand for space cooling. SAHARA programme would act as a catalyst for disseminating knowledge about the thermal comfort situation in India’s academic institutions. It could bring about systemic changes on multiple fronts in the long term.

## ROYAL ENFIELD LAUNCHES THE MOST AWAITED ADVENTURE TOURER - THE ALL NEW HIMALAYAN

Bhubaneswar(KCN) : The perfect balance between capability and usability, Royal Enfield today launched its adventure tourer that is built for all roads, and for no roads, the all-new Himalayan at the brand’s biggest motorcycling festival, Motoverse 2023. Unveiled for the world at EICMA 2023 earlier this month, the all-new Himalayan is now available for bookings in retails in India starting today, and will be available across Europe starting March 2024. The motorcycle will be available at a starting price of £5,750in the UK and •5900 across Europe. In India, the Himalayan will be

available at a special introductory price of INR 2,69,000 till December 31, 2023. The all new Himalayan is launched with a robust lineup comprising 3 distinct variants - Base, Pass and Summit and a palette of 5 colors inspired by the elements of the Himalayas- Kaza Brown (base variant), Slate series comprising Poppy Blue & Himalayan Salt (Pass-mid variant) and Hanle Black & Kamet White (Summit- top variant). The Asia-Pacific region and Americas will soon experience the Himalayan's adventure-ready prowess, solidifying Royal Enfield's commitment to global riders. Speaking at the launch

of the motorcycle, Royal Enfield CEO, B Govindarajan said, “Embarking on the creation of the new Himalayan, we immersed ourselves in the riding experiences of our community, engaging with globetrotters, explorers, and athletes. Informed by these insights and our own journey in the Himalayas, we retained the crucial elements of its DNA and worked on the areas for evolution in the new and evolved Himalayan which is absolutely purpose-built for the Himalayas. The results are fantastic and we can see that with the immense love shown by consumers and experts from across the world.

## Bhubaneswar witnessed double-digit growth for Home, Kitchen and Outdoors business on Amazon.in



Bhubaneswar : Amazon.in today announced close to 25% YoY growth across Home, Kitchen, and Outdoors business in Odisha and Bhubaneswar, with approximately 15% growth in new customers that shopped on India’s most trusted online destination. There is growing demand for sports and sporting equipment in the region. Cricket continues to be a favorite sport among customers in Odisha, with cricket gears experiencing more than 80% YoY growth. Meanwhile racquet sports, including badminton, tennis, and table tennis, have surged nearly 150% YoY indicating a strong focus on outdoor sports. Commenting on the occasion, K N Srikanth, Director, Home, Kitchen and Outdoors, Amazon

India said, “At Amazon.in, customer satisfaction remains our top priority. Fueled by our vision of being ‘harmuskaan ki apnidukaan,’ we are excited to introduce Amazon.in’s Home and Kitchen Xperience Arena to the city of Bhubaneswar. We are overwhelmed with the trust that customers have shown towards Amazon.in for all shopping needs. We have witnessed close to 25% YoY growth for the Home, Kitchen and Outdoors category across Odisha and Bhubaneswar. Furthermore, we remain dedicated to offer customers continuous innovation, wide selection of products, affordable options, and the convenience of shopping from the comfort of home. Customers are becoming more environmentally conscious. This trend has

led to agrowth of more than 50% YoY across solar products, with solar panels growing by more than 2X YoY in Odisha. Additionally, catering to evolving customers’ needs, Amazon.in is currently live with 9 EV brands available in more than 10 cities of Odisha. Interestingly, Bhubaneswar sold at least one electric scooter every two days in July from renowned brands like Bajaj Chetak and Hero Vida. Bhubaneswar has experienced nearly 30% YoY growth in the large furniture category, with premium items such as sofa sets, mattresses and wardrobes showing substantial increase of 40%. TV units have witnessed stellar growth of 90% across the state, reflecting a rising demand for premium lifestyle products.



to switch between the formats and get the team ready for that, which again is something they're desperate to win."Then in the next [WTC] cycle, the tour to England [summer of 2025] is going to be fantastic and then prepping the team for the [2026] T20 World Cup. In terms of timing, it's quite difficult to walk into a team that's just come back with the World Cup, but in terms of what's ahead for the next 18 months, it's mouth-watering as a coach. It's all the series you want to be involved in and all the challenges you want to come up against."



hockey team, both men and women, had announced Rs 4 crore to Rohidas, Rs 15 lakh cash prize for each of the players and Rs 10 lakh for each supporting staff who participated in the Paris Olympics. Odisha has been sponsoring the hockey team since 2018 when the sport struggled financially. The previous BJD government led by Naveen Patnaik supported the team when it was in dire need of a sponsor. The state government will support the team till 2036 as its commitment towards long-term support to the game.

## R. Sridhar roped in as Afghanistan's assistant coach

**New Delhi:** Afghanistan Cricket Board have roped in former India fielding coach, R. Sridhar, as an assistant coach of the senior men's team for the forthcoming assignments. Sridhar, 54, will join the team for the one-off Test against New Zealand as well as a three-match ODI series against South Africa with a long term contract potentially deliberated later down the line.

Sridhar has substantial coaching experience and served as India's fielding coach under Ravi Shastri till the 2021 T20 World Cup. From 2008 to 2014, the former first class left-arm spinner also served India's National Cricket Academy as an assistant fielding and spin bowling coach and was also an assistant coach for the 2014 India Under-19 World Cup squad. He has also enjoyed a coaching stint with the Kings XI Punjab franchise in the IPL. In the Afghanistan setup, Sridhar will work under head coach Jonathan Trott as they play a one-off Test against New Zealand in Noida from September 9.

# Adelaide Strikers rope in Ollie Pope for BBL 2024-25



**New Delhi:** Adelaide Strikers have roped in Ollie Pope as their pre-draft overseas signing in for the upcoming season of the Big Bash League. However, with the England Test set-up concluding their tour to New Zealand on December 18, Pope will miss Strikers' opening game against Sydney Thunder on December 17. Currently the stand-in skipper for England in the ongoing series against Sri Lanka, Pope will link up with the likes of Alex Carey, Chris Lynn, Matthew Short and D'Arcy Short at the Strikers. The English vice-captain

has had a good T20 record for Surrey with an average of 33.25 across 50 games but he struggled in The Hundred, accumulating only 35 runs in five outings for the London Spirit, as his team finished rock bottom in the men's competition. "Signing with the Adelaide Strikers is an incredible opportunity for me. Adelaide is such a fantastic city with a vibrant cricket culture, and the Adelaide Oval is one of the most iconic grounds in the world," said Pope. "I'm really looking forward to playing in front of the passionate Strikers fans and being part of a team

with such a strong reputation," he continued.

Strikers' new head coach Tim Paine was thrilled to have signed Pope and is looking forward to working with the right-handed batter.

"Ollie Pope is an exceptional talent with a proven track record at the highest level. His dynamic batting style and wicket-keeping abilities are a fantastic addition to our squad. We're thrilled to have him on board and believe he will be a key player for us this season. His experience and leadership will undoubtedly elevate our team," said Paine.

## Australia will miss Warner's dynamism at the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, feels Hayden



captains of Australia. "He's a great of our game," Hayden said of Cummins, who has won the World Cup and World Test Championship (WTC) as captain. "He has a very special leadership style and



ability. It's very different from the former kind of captains of the Australian team that were very much a carrot and stick type approach.

"He's operating on a model that's bringing out the individuals'

preparation in particular, something in which I think our game struggles, being a team sport. Ultimately, [it's] how you get the best out of an individual. He has a slightly off-centre approach. I followed this

team now very closely over the last two years, and they're an extremely close team. Pat is a great leader, and he will go down as one of our greats."

Hayden also felt that a five-Test series against India can be more exciting than a series of three or four Tests. "It's going to be an unbelievable series and actually not without great minds coming together. It is even more special by extending it to five Test matches. In three Test matches you always feel half pregnant; in four Test matches there's always that swelling boat, whereas in five Test matches, you got a chance to win. You also get a chance to lose and

then you get a chance to come back and win. I love it. It's going to be a great series."

India and Australia have not played a five-Test series since 1991/92 and will begin their much-anticipated series in Perth on November 22. That will be followed by Tests in Adelaide (from December 6), Brisbane (from December 14), Melbourne (from December 26) and Sydney (from January 3). India have won the last two series in Australia, in 2018/19 and in 2020/21 and Australia have not laid hands on the Border-Gavaskar Trophy for over 10 years, since the home series in 2014/15.