

eradicated, where did the 80-crore poor who are being given ration come from? Kumari Selja said that the poor need employment and wages more than ration today; if they have employment, they will get ration too. She said that when the Congress government comes to power, every guarantee made to the people will be fulfilled. The people of the country and the state are troubled by the BJP, and this time, the people of Haryana will show them the way out of power. People have hopes from the Congress, which is why they are saying that the BJP is going, and the Congress is coming to power.

The Running star

(Shibangi Dhara), Bandana Sahoo

He was breaking down
From the crowded streets
Was going away
For searching his peace.

The crowd has started
Harrasing him now
His goal is
to travel far away.

He was searching everyday
Breath is now his enemy
He was still walking
Moving like a tortoise's walk
to search his peace.

I was standing

in moisture filled with eyes
Was looking at him
He didn't flinch
in the face of fear
and was running out
towards his karma.

My illusion started breaking
I started seeing my destiny
This heart of truth is bowed down
May be this was his truth
and my good fortune.



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Quotation of the Day

You would not be here
TODAY if YESTERDAY
was your defining moment.
LIVE THIS DAY and move
towards your dreams.

VAIVESH – THE DETECTIVE

SADYANT SATAPATHY



Shivesh was a boy who
was good in studies but
his health condition was
not good He remained
unwell most of the time.

If anyone asked him
about his problem he
ignored .When his
best friend who liked
to be a detective he
asked him the same
question about his
health in front of his
mother .He replied
that the doctor told
him that due to
climate change his
health deteriorated .
Then Vaivesh went
to his home and he
wanted to know the
real cause of
Shivesh's illness as
he always had
stomach ache.
Vaivesh couldn't
find any clue. So the
next day Vaivesh
went to Shivesh's
house for finding
the clue, while
finding the clue he
saw a bottle filled
with water , he tried
to drink it and when
he drank the water
the taste was salty
and the colour of

the water was brown.
Now he came to know
that what was the
problem. Then he went
near to the
neighbour's house but
the water was fresh.
Then he told
everything to Shivesh's
mother . Vaivesh
enquired his mother
that who were people
coming to visit their
house regularly.
Shivesh's mother told
the names of the three
members. First, the
milkman, second , the
newspaper seller and
third was Manu and
his father , who used
to come to play with
Shivesh everyday .
Next day Vaivesh
stood out of Shivesh's
house and saw
everyone coming and

leaving after their visit.
After closely examined
the matter , Vaivesh
told to Saivesh's
mother that the news
paper seller ,Manu and
his father were not the
culprit as after they left
the house immediately
they but the milk man
went to the other side
of the house and while
he was talking with the
neighbours. Vaivesh
followed the milkman
who went near the big

know that the boy
whom Shivesh's father
had beaten once with
a big stick with no
reason was the
milkman .To take the
revenge he made
Shivesh sick by
adding mud and salt in
the water pipe day by
day. Then the milkman
realized his mistake
and asked for
forgiveness to his
father. Shivesh father
also realised ,the way



water tank where the
water supplied to the
houses. Next day
Vaivesh stood near the
water tank and after
few hours the milk man
came and started
putting something in the
pipe and the pipe was
connected to Shivesh's
house and when
Vaivesh saw that the
milkman was putting
salt and mud in the
pipe. He repeated the
same every day.
Vaivesh was shocked
to see this and called
the police. The police
stood behind the
banyan tree and caught
him red handed while
adding salt and mud in
the pipe. Then the
milkman was arrested
and he confessed his
guilt. They came to

he had beaten him was
not right . He too
apologized his
mistake.
From that day Vaivesh
was called the
detective as it was not
an easy task to find
the culprit at his age of
childhood. Vaivesh
had solved this
mystery with full
dedication and made a
conclusion. So
,Vaivesh was
rewarded for his
achievement. He got a
medal from the
minister for being
good detective for this
work. Now he had
popularly known as the
famous detective.

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Top five tourist places to visit in Odisha

Annually, a large number of tourists turn up to Odisha to witness the rich culture. You will be mesmerised by the breathtaking natural beauty. Its extensive array of attractions, including beaches, biosphere reserves, temples, museums, and more, position the eastern state as a compelling destination for travellers. There is no dearth of interesting places to visit here. So if you are also planning to visit Odisha, then let us tell you about some of the best places that one should not miss.

Dhauli Giri

It is situated at a distance of 8km from Bhubaneswar which is the capital of Odisha. Located on the banks of Daya River, it is commonly known as Dhauli Shanti Stupa. This place is known as a Buddhist pilgrimage site. Dhauli hill is presumed to be the area where the Kalinga War was fought. Apart from spending relaxing moments here, you can also visit the Buddhist statue and the famous Shiva temple.

Similipal National Park

Similipal National Park derives its name from the abundance of red silk cotton (Simul) trees growing in the area. It is located in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha. The park is known for the melanistic tigers, elephants and hill mynah birds. It is home to the highest number of tigers in the state. The park is also a treasure trove of 1,076 species of plants belonging to 102 families. Besides, 96 species of orchids have been identified in the national park.

Konark Sun Temple

Konark Sun Temple is a 13th-century CE Hindu Sun temple at Konark, about 35 kilometres northeast of Puri city on the coastline in Puri district. The temple is attributed to King Narasimhadeva I of the Eastern Ganga dynasty, about 1250 CE. It finds its place in the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The temple is a classic illustration of the Odisha style of Architecture or Kalinga architecture.



The temple was called the 'Black Pagoda'; it looked like a great tiered tower which appeared black. It remains a major pilgrimage site for Hindus, who gather here

year. The temple is famous for its annual Ratha Yatra, or chariot festival, in which the three principal deities are pulled on huge and elaborately decorated raths or temple cars. The

facts.

Chilika Lake

If you are a nature lover, then Chilika Lake should be the numero uno on your list. Chilika Lake is a great spot for

known as the largest saltwater lake in Asia. It covers an area of over 1,100 square kilometres (420 sq mi). The lake supports various other flora and fauna, and the major highlights are dolphins, turtles, birds, and fishes. Apart from the diverse range of wildlife found in this region, the natural beauty of Chilika Lake attracts people from all walks of life, where they enjoy activities like fishing, boating, and even picnics. It is also famous for flamingos. Chilika Lake can be visited year-round; however, the period between November and February is the best time to visit Chilika.



every year for the Chandrabhaga Mela around the month of February.

Jagannath Temple

The temple is one of the holiest Vaishnava shrines and also a prominent one among the Char Dham sites (four holiest places in Sanatan). Located in the eastern part of India, it is dedicated to Jagannath, an incarnation of the Hindu deity Lord Vishnu. Crores of devotees visit Odisha to seek the blessings of Lord Jagannath each

enigmatic temple is also a house of many baffling

bird watchers and nature lovers. It is also



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Rajkummar Rao's 'Calm Down' cover in 'Stree 2' cost Rs 25 lakh: Abhishek Banerjee



Abhishek Banerjee revealed that Rajkummar Rao's version of the song 'Calm Down' in 'Stree 2' cost the makers Rs 25 lakh. The film is currently running in theatres.

Its also stars Shraddha Kapoor, Abhishek Banerjee, Aparshakti Khurana and Pankaj Tripathi Actor Abhishek Banerjee, who portrayed the character of Jana in Amar Kaushik's 'Stree 2,' revealed that Rajkummar Rao improvised a costly version of the popular song 'Calm Down' for the film. This improvisation added an extra expense of Rs 25 lakh to the production. 'Stree 2' is currently enjoying a successful run at the box office, having surpassed the Rs 500-crore mark worldwide. Abhishek Banerjee, jokingly referring to it as the most expensive improvisation in history, told Fever FM that Rajkummar Rao's spontaneous inclusion of the 'Low Low Low' segment from Rema's popular song, proved to be a costly endeavour. The filmmakers had to acquire the music rights for this unplanned improvisation at a staggering cost of Rs 25 lakh.

Earlier, in an exclusive interview with IndiaToday.in, Abhishek Banerjee had shared his thoughts on working with Akshay Kumar in the film. He said, "It was just one day [for the shoot] but I had been waiting for that one day for probably 25 years of my life, since I started watching Akshay Kumar's films. Since I have watched 'Khiladi', 'Khiladiyon Ka Khiladi', 'Sabse Bada Khiladi', 'Mr and Mrs Khiladi', 'Mohra' [all these films]. I used to be a huge Akshay Kumar fan."

Abhishek plays the role of Jana in 'Stree 2'. He is joined by Rajkummar Rao, Aparshakti Khurana, Shraddha Kapoor and Pankaj Tripathi in the film. The film is successfully running in theatres with a massive box office turnover.

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



Jitendra Kumar-starrer 'Dry Day' is a powerful and emotional story that delves into the complexities of addiction, love, and the extent of a man's sacrifices for his family. Directed by Saurabh Shukla, and produced by Monisha Advani, Madhu Bhojwani, and Nikkhil Advani, under the banner of Emmay Entertainment, the comedy drama features Jitendra Kumar, Shriya Pilgaonkar, and Annu Kapoor in pivotal roles.

The film is set to premiere exclusively on Prime Video in India and across more than 240 countries and territories worldwide on December 22. Dry Day is the latest addition to the Prime membership. Prime members in India enjoy savings, convenience, and entertainment, all in a single membership for just ?1499/ year. Dry Day is a story of an imperfect hero who challenges societal conventions, rebelling against norms out of love for his unborn child. The trailer of this comedy-drama intricately explores the societal impact of alcoholism, presenting a thought-provoking narrative rooted in social relevance.

Speaking about the film, Director Saurabh Shukla said, "The movie is a social satire presented with a hilarious tragic-comedy of errors with lots of drama and emotions. Dry Day gives an important and relevant message about alcoholism and I consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to craft this film, aiming to entertain and enlighten the audiences. It brings me immense joy to partner with streaming service Prime Video, Emmay Entertainment, and a talented bunch of actors, collectively breathing life into a compelling and beautiful narrative."

"Dry Day is a captivating blend of comedy and drama, offering a rollercoaster of emotions," shares actor Jitendra Kumar. "It was an exhilarating experience playing the character of Gannuin the movie. Getting into the skin of this intriguing character was like adding a new skill to my toolbox. The character's struggle of defying all odds in pursuit of trust adds depth to the narrative of the film. I'm excited for audiences to witness this unique journey on screen."

25 years of 'Baadshah': SRK, Abbas-Mustan's best comic caper

Shah Rukh Khan's 1999 film 'Baadshah' initially flopped but later became a cult classic. The film, directed by Abbas-Mustan, is now celebrated for its comedy and memorable performances. On the film's 25th anniversary, here's a look at why the film failed initially but is now loved by both SRK and Abbas-Mustan fans alike.

On August 27, 1999, Shah Rukh Khan made a splash on the big screen. Fresh out of the success of 'Kuch Kuch Hota Hai' in 1998, SRK came back to the screen for just one time that entire year. And this time, he teamed up with director duo Abbas-Mustan. The film, which you must have guessed by now, was 'Baadshah'.

This was Abbas-Mustan's collaboration with Shah Rukh Khan after their hit 1993 film, 'Baazigar', which was a massive success. Needless to say, the film had created a hype back then and people flocked to the screens on the opening day. On Day 1, the film even earned Rs 1.10 crore, which is good if you consider that we are talking about 1999. However, the hype fizzled, and the film flopped at the box office. The reason - people thought it to be an out-and-out actioner.

But, just like SRK had said in the film, he is no Akshay Kumar. No, we are not insinuating that he couldn't perform the action sequences. What we mean is that, unlike Akshay Kumar's films at that time, this isn't just an actioner. In fact, this was predominantly a comedy



with good action pieces in between. If you ask us, it's one of Shah Rukh Khan and Abbas-Mustan's best comic capers.

'Baadshah' isn't a film where the audience can expect a script or character arc. And yet, it has become a cult classic, with almost everyone having watched it at least once. The comic timing from not just Shah Rukh Khan, but also from the supporting actors, including Johnny Lever and Amrish Puri. If you remember the introduction scene of Moti, and Puri's character retorting with 'yeh kaam kisi kutte ka nahi' (This isn't something a dog can do) spontaneously without

breaking into laughter, you will remember what exactly we are hinting at. The entire film seems to be the cast just having fun on the sets. But with Shah Rukh Khan, the action sequences were just as clean, and he is 'king of romance' for a reason. While the audience revisiting the film today

superstardom that he enjoys. And, it's not just about the title track, the music in the film is top-notch and will entertain the audience even today.

The failure of the film and the audience's inability to really see Shah Rukh Khan in a comic role did force the actor to re-think if he could fit the genre.

He had proved his mettle as an actor with good comic sense in 'Chamatkar' and 'Kabhi Ha Kabhi Na'. However, the failure of 'Phir Bhi Dil Hai Hindustani', which had heavy comedy in the first half, in 2000, somewhere seems to have forced the actor to take a step back and return to drama and romance. It was much later in 2013, with 'Chennai Express', that he got back to a comedy-heavy role. A lot of slapstick, several situational comedies, some twists (after all, it was Abbas-Mustan helming it) and a ton of problematic parts (oh, let's not get started even about this. They exist, and might come as a hiccup for the modern audience) later, the film comes to an end. Random end, but as an audience, you will feel good. 'Baadshah' can be called a 'paisa-wasool' comedy with the perfect balance of everything else

The Malayalam film industry remained embroiled in controversy following the Justice Hema Committee Report's explosive revelations as AMMA president Mohanlal and its executive committee members stepped down Tuesday, amid a slew of sexual allegations against various members. In an unexpected turn of events, the influential actors' body (Association of Malayalam Movie Artists) issued a press statement announcing the mass resignation of its office-bearers, including president Mohanlal.

The veteran actor, in his capacity as president, reportedly convened an online meeting of its members to discuss the unprecedented dilemma being faced by the association before taking the decision about the resignation of the executive panel members en masse. In a statement, the association later said that the current administrative panel has resigned as such, taking moral responsibility for the allegations. Following the release of the Justice Hema Committee report, some office-bearers of the AMMA had to face sexual allegations



in the social, visual, and print media, and in view of that, the present executive panel is resigning as such, taking its moral responsibility, it explained. The new administrative panel would be elected within two months after convening a general body meeting, it said, adding that the outgoing panel would

continue as a temporary system to carry forward the association's various ongoing programmes without fail until the next general body meeting, it said. "We are hopeful that AMMA will get a new leadership capable of reforming and strengthening the

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

Sushmita Sen created history when she became the first Indian to win the Miss Universe pageant back in 1994. While Sushmita has always spoken about how supportive her family was, in a recent interview, she opened up about how her father did not speak to her when he learnt that she would be participating in Miss India. Even when she had to wear a swimsuit for one of the rounds in the pageant, her father was quite upset about it. Talking to Mid-Day, Sushmita said that she was all of 18 when her life changed, and at that point, her father wanted her to be an IAS officer. "My father wanted me to be an IAS officer, so I was studying



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

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

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

Why do people treat a disabled person differently?



Because people can be narrow-minded, insecure, and selfish, people often fear and hate what is different from them or what they don't understand. Depending on your disability, the level of fear and hate can be mild to extreme. Secondly, because in the social hierarchy, people with disabilities are seen as the weaker

ones, disability people have to experience and grow through so much that most people can't even imagine. Some people believe that the disabled are worth less than themselves, and horrid people think this gives them a right to mistreat and abuse disabled people. In addition, instead of learning the meaning of love, some people see disability as a burden and would rather have an 'easy' life where they only have to think about themselves. Okay, that's a bit blunt, but I just feel that if everyone were kinder, the world would be a better place today. As someone who is autistic, I can tell you that abuse, and

discrimination are genuine for those/ most of them on the spectrum. Many people have experienced bullying in different forms of discrimination and have even been raped or sexually exploited. There's a great deal of stigma and ignorance around disability. Also, as a society, we have certain stereotypes about how people should look, speak and conduct themselves, and we assume that people with disabilities have no passion, aspirations, knowledge, or skills. This needs to change through awareness campaigns and knowledge / implementation of accessible environments. Not only that, but People

also treat everyone differently. They treat women differently from men, black different from white, short different than tall and attractive different from none. Actually, people with disability need help with many tasks. Needing help always creates an imbalance in power that can be exploited. Yet, many people need help with their accounting. That does not mean any accountant (or even many) will exploit their need to be helped. But while fraud is a criminal offence, ableist language or making fun of people with disabilities, shunning them, giving them no jobs or good

education, is – to a degree – socially accepted. A man making fun of disabled people and using ableist slurs on a daily basis can even get elected as the president of the United States. How we are dealing with othering and power imbalance is cultural and social. Those with no knowledge or experience with disabilities also don't know how to act. They forget that you are a person first, and you just happen to have a disability that can create handicaps in your life. They just don't know what to do, oftentimes. They aren't sure whether to offer you assistance or if that might make you

angry because here is a stranger assuming you can't do something for yourself just because you have a disability. Some people think that disabilities affect others in other ways like just because someone can't communicate like "normal" (for lack of a better term) people do, that they're somehow less intelligent... or that because someone is visually impaired, the rest of their senses are like superpowers. Also, older generations will treat you differently from newer generations because of how disabilities were viewed before 1965 versus nowadays. There is still a lot of progress to be made on full inclusion

within the educational system, but at least now, children with disabilities aren't hidden away in institutions. This means that younger generations grow up together, disabled and non-disabled, and learn that they are all the same, some with different, specialized needs. It takes education. I would say that you need to educate those around you. Some may be afraid to insult you, and some may be afraid because they don't know what's wrong with you. Open yourself up to those people who are curious. Invite them to ask questions, to educate themselves. Let them know how you want to be treated. Your

limitations are, so they know when to assist you and when you shouldn't need it unless you ask. The more they know, the less "scary and unknown" you and your disability become. If you ever see someone making fun of a disabled person, stick up for the victim, most of the time, they can't or won't fight back, sometimes they won't even understand. Think of yourself in their shoes, would you like to constantly be stared at and/or bullied? Of course not.

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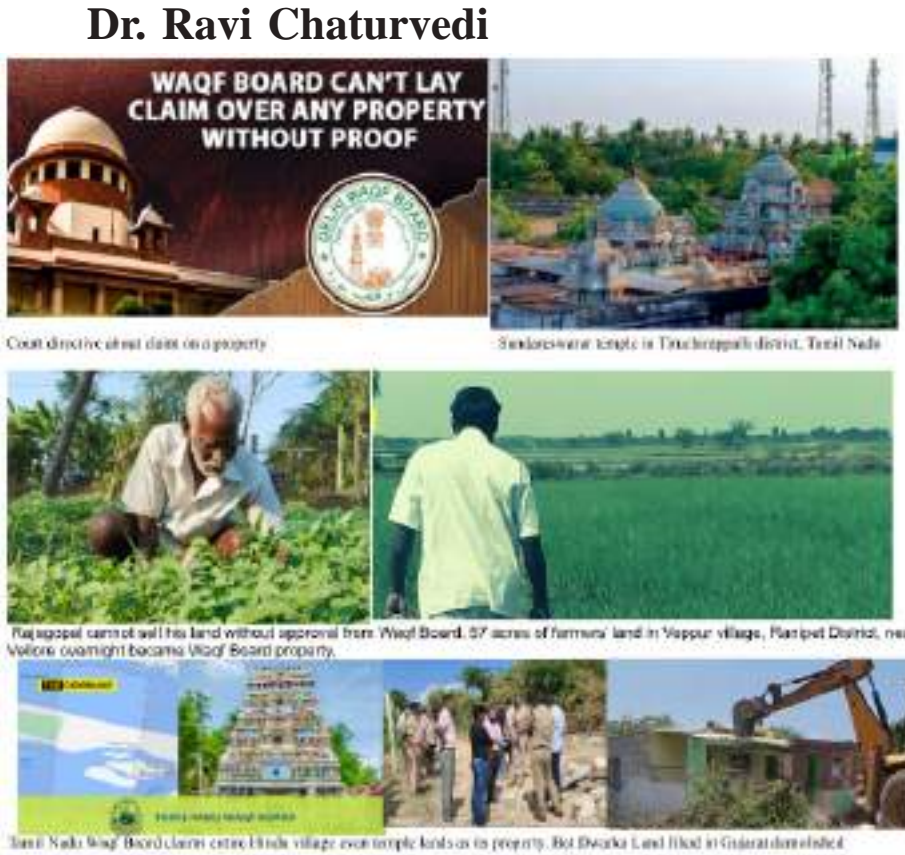
Latest - Waqf Board& Christian Benevolent Institutions overstepping its Jurisdiction



Islam is the world's second-largest religious group, with growing global presence. According to a projection by the Pew Research Center, American think tank, the Muslim population was approximately 172.2 million in 2011. Islam is the fastest-growing major religion in the world. In India, Islam is the second-largest religion, comprising 14.2% of the population, comprising of 172.2 million people according to 2011 census. To manage and oversee the assets and properties dedicated to religious, pious, or charitable purposes, the Government of India established the Central Waqf Council, a statutory body under the Waqf Act of 1995. The Waqf Act governs the permanent dedication of movable or immovable properties for these purposes. Currently, there are thirty Waqf Boards across the country, operating in twenty-eight states and Union Territories. However, Goa, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and the Union Territory of Daman and Diu do not have Waqf Boards while the Waqf Act of 1995 does not apply to Jammu & Kashmir. Justice Shashvat Kumar's status report on Muslims in India in 2011 revealed that Waqf properties across the country represent a land bank valued at about ₹1.2 lakh crore. These properties had the

potential to generate annual returns of ₹12,000 crore but instead yielded only ₹163 crore. The report also highlighted a significant deficiency in senior qualified Muslim government officers for effective management of Waqf affairs. Waqf Boards, which oversee more than 610,000 immovable properties in various states are the third-largest landowners in India after the Indian Army owns 18 lakh acres of land and the Indian Railways possesses 12 lakh acres. The Waqf Board controls 8.7 lakh properties across 30 States and Union Territories in India. The absence of a comprehensive monetary assessment complicates the understanding of the actual value of these Waqf properties. The current situation, where state governments control the lands of Hindu temples in the name of secularism, while minorities independently enjoy the benefits of their lands, echoes a system reminiscent of feudalism in medieval Europe. This scenario has raised concerns about the potential implications for India's future land requirements. estimated to need between 4 and 8 million hectares of land for residential use by 2030. Balancing development, social equity, and environmental sustainability requires strategic land governance and comprehensive regulatory measures. The challenges of managing a population of 1.353 billion people in India are immense, with land availability being of paramount importance. In this context, the large-scale appropriation of land by Waqf Boards must be addressed

seriously by revenue and municipal authorities. Instances of illegal land occupation by Waqf Boards have garnered significant attention from both the public and the press. One such case, reported in a leading Tamil Nadu daily, involves the sudden reclassification of 57 acres of farmers' land in Veppur village, Ranipet District, near Vellore, as Waqf Board property. The issue surfaced when Rajagopal, a farmer attempting to sell his land, was astonished to discover that the registration department refused to process the transaction, asserting that the land did not belong to him. Upon further inquiry, it was revealed that in the early 1900s, the land, originally owned by a man named Wahab, was divided among his four wives. After Wahab's death, the land was mortgaged to Hindus, but the family failed to repay the borrowed amount. The Chengalpeta court eventually ruled in favor of the Hindu creditors, and pattas (land titles) were issued to them. These Hindu families have been farming the land for the past five decades, and the 57-acre parcel is now owned by nearly 30 families. The villagers pleaded with the authorities and ministers to reconsider their decision, as the land is their sole source of income. Some even questioned the legality of the action and requested a meeting with higher authorities to submit their documents. However, their appeals were disregarded, seemingly due to the government's policy of minority appeasement. Another notable incident that attracted media attention was when the



Waqf Board asserted ownership over the entire Tiruchendurai village in Tiruchirappalli. Another case of the 1,500-year-old Sundareswarar Temple in Tiruchendurai village, Tiruchirappalli district, Tamil Nadu, is part of the area claimed by the Waqf Board, implying that the temple is part of Waqf property. According to Hindu Munnani State President K a a d e s w a r a Subramaniam, "In Tamil Nadu, there are 53,834 properties owned by 7,452 Waqf Boards, the majority of which are encroached properties using forged documents. The people are demanding that the registration department release complete data on these transactions to provide clarity on the issue. In Gujarat, Bet Dwarka Island in the Kutch District has become a hub for illegal activities, including the construction of unauthorized mosques/mazars, forced conversions, and smuggling. Recently, drugs worth ₹1,600

crore were seized at Narayan Koteswar in Kutch District, leading to the arrest of Ramzan Palani and Talab Jadeja from Bet Dwarka, along with six Pakistani nationals for smuggling charas and marijuana. Recently, nearly 35 illegal structures on Beyt Dwarka Island in Devbhoomi Dwarka district of Gujarat were demolished after Gujarat High Court ruling that thwarted the Board's attempts to take possession of these islands illegally and converted it like Syria. The Waqf Board has claimed ownership of the Surat Municipal Corporation building, asserting that it was originally intended to serve as a sarai (resting place) for Hajj pilgrims during the Mughal era. In Karnataka, nearly half of the 54,000 acres, valued at an estimated ₹2 lakh crore under the custody of the Waqf Board has have been illegally transferred to private institutions and individual with the collusion between middlemen, politicians,

and Waqf Board officials between 2001 and 2012. Similarly, the Bengaluru Eidgah ground has been claimed as Waqf property since the 1850s. The capital city of the country harbors numerous properties under questionable ownership in highly valuable areas like Connaught Place, Mathura Road, Lodhi Road, Mansingh Road, Pandara Road, Ashoka Road, Janpath, Parliament House, Karol Bagh, Sadar Bazar, Daryaganj, and Jangpura, included not only mosques but also shops and residences, which were involved in commercial activities. Reports indicate that 61 of these properties were owned by the Land and Development Authority and the Delhi Development Authority (DDA). According to the Central Waqf Board, there are approximately 354,913 estates and 866,035 properties spread over 802,000 acres of land governed by various state and

Union territory Waqf Boards. Ironically, of the 871,292 immovable properties officially listed as Waqf assets, nearly 58,898 are reportedly encroached upon, and for 437,974 properties, there is little or no available information. Recent figures suggest that the Waqf Boards currently control 870,000 properties across 940,000 acres in India, with an estimated value of a staggering ₹1.2 lakh crore. The WAMSI Registration Module lists an extensive number of immovable Waqf properties registered across various States and Union Territories, including Andaman & Nicobar (150), Andhra Pradesh (10,708), Assam (1,616), Bihar - Shia (1,672), Sunni (6,480), Chandigarh (34), Chhattisgarh (2,665), Dadra & Nagar Haveli (32), Delhi (1,047), Gujarat (30,881), Haryana (23,117), Himachal Pradesh (4,494), Jharkhand (435), Jammu & Kashmir (32,506), Karnataka (58,578), Kerala (49,019), Lakshadweep (896), Madhya Pradesh (31,342), Maharashtra (31,716), Manipur (966), Meghalaya (58), Odisha (8,510), Puducherry (693), Punjab (58,608), Rajasthan (24,774), Tamil Nadu (60,223), Tripura (2,643), Telangana (41,567), Uttar Pradesh - Sunni (199,701), Shia (15,006), Uttarakhand (5,317), and West Bengal (80,480), amounting to a total of 785,934 properties. The bench of Justices V. Ramasubramanian and Pankaj Mishra emphasized the necessity of conducting a survey as a fundamental requirement for land

claims. The apex body asserted that merely declaring a property as Waqf without a proper survey is insufficient. Supreme Court lawyer Ashwini Upadhyay highlighted that the land held by the Waqf Board exceeds the total area of some 50 countries and pointed out the unique legal framework for Waqf land disputes, which are adjudicated by a separate tribunal, unlike other land disputes that are resolved in regular courts. Coming to the Christian population in India is approximately 28 million, accounting for 2.3% of the total population. Christianity is particularly prominent in states such as Kerala, Goa, and the northeastern regions. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) administers 2,457 hospital dispensaries, 240 medical or nursing colleges, 28 general colleges, five engineering colleges, 3,765 secondary schools, 7,319 primary schools, and 3,187 nursery schools. Despite governmental directives issued in 1965 for the official recognition of British-era land grants, numerous land disputes involving Christian institutions remain unresolved. There is a pressing need to reform and regulate both the Waqf Boards and the Christian Benevolent Societies in India to ensure that they serve the interests of the poor and needy within their respective communities, rather than catering primarily to elites or vested interests.

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Students of Central University of Odisha Excel in Japanese Language Proficiency Test



Koraput, (KCN): Six students from the Central University of Odisha have successfully passed the N5 level of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), a notable achievement that underscores the university's commitment to linguistic excellence. The successful students are Rituparna Bala and Abhipsa Patra from the Department of Agriculture, and Priyam Kumar Dhal, Stuti Mahima Khora, Subham Dash, and Jagadish Sahu from the Department of

Mathematics. Their accomplishment was recognized by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, who extended his congratulations to the students, their course coordinator, and faculty members for their outstanding performance. The JLPT, administered annually by the Government of Japan, assesses proficiency in Japanese language skills. Central

University of Odisha has been offering a one-year Japanese Language Certificate Course (JLCC) from October 1, 2023, to October 1, 2024. Out of ten students who took the N5 level examination, six achieved passing marks, demonstrating the effectiveness of the JLCC program.

Special commendations go to Stuti Mahima Khora and Abhipsa Patra, who excelled with scores of 120 and 112, respectively. This success highlights the dedication and support of the Course Coordinator, Dr. Nirjharini Tripathy (Head of the Department of English Language and Literature); Prof. Nabin Panda, faculty Bithika Das and all the JLCC students.

This achievement reflects the university's ongoing efforts to promote global languages and enrich the academic experiences of its students.

"TO CONTROL THE ANIMALISTIC INSTINCTS IN A HUMAN, WE HAVE TO START SENSITIZING FROM CHILDHOOD"-BOBBY CHAKRABORTY



Kolkata, (KCN): A protest meet was held by The West Bengal Motion Picture Artists' Forum on 24th August, against the heinous rape and murder of a young lady doctor at the R. G. Kar Medical College and Hospital, Kolkata recently. We spoke with actor/activist/teacher of method acting, Bobby Chakraborty, who was present among other actors, about this gruesome crime and asked his opinion about the way he thinks we can counter this menace of rape and barbarism in our society. Here's what he had to say from the point of view of a social activist, who has been fighting a sole battle to guide the youth against all sorts of addiction and harmful social trends, globally, for nearly 15 years:-

"I have been fighting against every negative aspect of this incident, for years now... whether it's alcoholism, addiction by and large, disrespecting others, pornography, men/women/children turning into animals, without any kindness, self-respect or shame, existing only with carnal instincts...etc etc...! What I mean to say is I have been fighting and I will keep fighting from the GRASSROOT where all these vices start from...as a child...instead of suddenly waking up from slumber and going in for a protest march, when the damage has already been done!! These protests, these revolts, these candle light

vigil, these slogans...much of which is sadly politically coloured, lacking the true purpose of the protest...will do nothing but to fill up the trp space of the channels, newspapers and some viewership of these gimmick thirsty faces, whom you see suddenly pop up in the crowd, when there's a chance to be noticed.

Tell me...how many will gather if I call a protest march against, smoking/ alcoholism/ pornography/ being shameless online to gain viewership...against being disrespectful or abusive to others in the name of expressing yourself...against cheating in exams...against corruption etc. ? How many? I ask every member of the youth...will your parents send you to fight with me from the grassroot where it all starts from? Will you voluntarily join in to fight these evils and stop such monsters like that/those rapists, corrupted politicians/ educators right from the grassroot level as your social responsibility with me?? The answer is A BIG 'NO'! My 15 years of experience in fighting social trends says that!! A BIG 'NO'!

I face these features of LIVING IN DENIAL, in a hunky dory world, bypassing these evils of the society, turning a blind eye and a deaf ear to the evils

that have gone deep in a human psyche as a child, on a regular basis. I face this non-cooperation from educators, politicians, press fraternity, media personalities, students, their parents etc. on a regular basis...for years...over a decade now...and I am not surprised!

I keep shouting in my awareness sessions to the children, to wake up from their sleep before it's too late...before that boy or girl, who is the victim/perpetrator, is you or someone near you...WAKE UP!

To summarise ...all the prevention and awareness should and must start with sensitising that CHILD...to live without the evils inside him/her...to bring him/her up as a human and not a street dog living with only basic instincts/carnal desires... to empower the child to fight against the dark forces which are hell bent to turn the child/the youth into vegetables...into addicts...into animals...before it's too late...as we can see here in the tragic R. G. Kar incident and many other, over the years! To change the society and its evils, WE HAVE TO START FROM THE GRASSROOT.

May Justice Prevail. May Her Soul Rest In Peace. P. S. How many of us remember the name of the J. U. student

Late. Swapnadeep, who was ragged to death last year? Leave alone his name...how many of us remember the incident at all?? My social experiments in MY ANTI A D D I C T I O N CAMPAIGNS in various educational institutions and at my acting/modelling classroom proves...hardly any!! SIMILARLY THIS TRAGEDY WILL BE FORGOTTEN SOON AS WE WILL LATCH ON TO SOMETHING MORE SENSATIONAL A N D ENTERTAINING...!

G.G.S. College of Management and Technology Principal R.K. Uppal received the Asian Excellence Award in Education

Kolkata, (KCN): The evaluation board of Dawn Research and Development Council, on the recommendation of the Board Directors and Council Administrators. The most prestigious "Asian Excellence Award in Education" has been awarded to Professor emeritus R.K. Uppal in the specialist genre of Education by Dawn Research and Development Council. It is recognized by the government of India and an International ISO and

Quality Control Certified Organization from India and UK. This organization is promoting entrepreneurship, research and development worldwide and working across more than 50 countries. Asian Excellence Award in Education is a gesture of respect given to an individual for their outstanding contribution in the field of literature. Dr. Rajinder Kumar Uppal, a prolific writer, a Man of Letters, a distinguished Professor of Emeritus, an acclaimed academician,



research stalwart, and the more ingenious guide has won accolades not only in the academic field but also in the genre of research. Presently, he is serving in the most

exalted institution, Guru Gobind College of Management and Technology, Gidderbaha (Punjab), as a Professor-cum-Principal. He is also MTC Global Chair Professor: Banking and Finance. Dr. Uppal is also Research Professor in the Area of Finance at Indian Institute of Finance, New Delhi. Professor Uppal's influence extends beyond the hallowed halls of academia, shaping the discourse on banking and

finance at both national and international levels. His leadership acumen, scholarly eminence, and unwavering commitment to excellence have earned him accolades, admiration, and reverence from peers, colleagues, and students alike. Professor Rajinder Kumar Uppal emerges as a towering figure in the annals of academia, whose multifaceted contributions transcend disciplinary boundaries, inspire generations, and chart the course for a brighter future.

ABRSM hails Unified Pension Scheme as a step towards Financial Security for Govt. Teachers

K o l k a t a / Delhi (PARTHA ROY): Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh (ABRSM), a premier teachers' organization in Bharat, has welcomed Union government's approval of the Unified Pension Scheme for government employees. Professor J.P. Singhal, National President of ABRSM, emphasized that this landmark decision will ensure a dignified and secure future for lakhs of government teachers after their dedicated service. Professor Singhal highlighted that the

Unified Pension Scheme addresses the uncertainties faced by teachers and other employees under the National Pension Scheme (NPS). The scheme guarantees a pension to employees who have completed a minimum of 25 years of service, ensuring they receive 50% of their average basic salary from the last 12 months before retirement. For those with service tenure between 10 and 25 years, a proportionate pension will be provided. In addition to this, the scheme ensures financial security for families. If an employee passes away

during service, their family will receive 60% of their pension as a family pension. Moreover, the government will contribute 18.5% of the employees' basic salary towards their pension. Shri Shivanand Sindhankera, National General Secretary of ABRSM, stated that the scheme provides an assured minimum pension of ₹10,000 per month for retirees with at least 10 years of service. Furthermore, the assured pension, family pension, and minimum pension will be adjusted according to inflation, ensuring

protection for pensioners against the rising cost of living. Shri Sindhankera praised this scheme as a significant move towards securing the economic well-being and dignity of government employees. ABRSM extended its gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his administration for this crucial decision. Professor Singhal added that ABRSM has long advocated for removing the uncertainties of the NPS and restoring the guaranteed pension model for teachers. The organization has consistently pushed for

this through m e m o r a n d u m s , meetings, and demonstrations. The introduction of the Unified Pension Scheme is a positive step towards providing financial security for employees and their families. However, Professor Singhal also pointed out that teachers from various parts of the country have raised concerns, as the detailed notification for the scheme is yet to be issued. ABRSM intends to study the notification thoroughly once it is released and will present its position to the government to safeguard the interests of teachers.

The Heritage School Kolkata won The Telegraph School of the Year Award for Overall Excellence

Kolkata, (KCN): It is a matter of pride to share that The Heritage School won The Telegraph School of the Year Award 2024 for overall excellence in School Education on 24th August. The Award ceremony was organized by The Telegraph foundation to celebrate the success of those Schools who had contributed towards overall excellence at the Science City Auditorium. It was the 29th edition of the Telegraph School Awards and this is for the fourth time the School is winning such an award making the entire Heritage Family proud.

"I congratulate the entire team of teachers guided by our Principal Ms. Seema Sapru for winning this prestigious award. Such an achievement really motivates us to continue to work hard



and contribute towards the success of each and every student. I also thank the Trustees, parents, students, alumni and well-wishers who had been a part of this journey making Heritage a centre of excellence not only in School education but also in Higher Education," said Mr. Pradip Kumar Agarwal, Chief Executive Officer, Heritage Group of Institutions, Kolkata. "This award is a

testament of our hard work and dedication contributing towards School education making a School with a difference not only in Academics but also in extra-curricular activities. I thank all the trustees, parents, teachers and students who have supported us throughout the journey," said Ms. Seema Sapru, Principal, The Heritage School, Kolkata. The Telegraph School Awards 2024 also

witnessed the presentation of the Kalyan Bharti Trust Award supported by the Kalyan Bharti Trust, the parent body behind the establishment of Heritage Group of Institutions for All Round Excellence which was duly handed over to Kritika Sinha from La Martiniere School for Girls and Prisha Bahety from Mahadevi Birla World Academy. Apart from the School of the Year Award, The

Heritage School received the Honour certificate for Excellence in Maintenance and Eco-Friendly Initiatives, the Honour certificate for Excellence in Academics (ICSE & ISC), the Honour certificate for Social Service, the Honour certificate for Excellence in Extra Curricular Activities and Certificate of appreciation for School That Cares.

In the individual category, the 6 students were felicitated for academic excellence as well as excellence in extra-curricular activities. Special individual honour (The Eveready Shining Star Honour) was given to Mr. Manoj Das, an employee working for 20 years in the School and was actively involved in delivering text books and stationeries to the school students in their homes during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Central University of Odisha to celebrate its 16th Foundation Day on 29 August

Koraput, (KCN): The Central University of Odisha (CUO) is celebrating its 16th Foundation Day on 29th August 2024 at its main Campus, Sunabeda. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, will unfurl the University Flag and address the gathering in the morning. Further, the VC will preside over the Foundation Day programme. Prof.

B.N.Ramesh, IPS (Retd.), former DGP of West Bengal and Professor, Maharashtra Law University will deliver the Foundation Day Lecture. Er. Sudhir Samal, Executive Director, NALCO, Damanjodi will attend the programme as the Chief Guest. Established by the Government of India in 2009, CUO has grown significantly and now offers a wide range of academic programs,



including 14 Post Graduate programmes, one integrated programme, one B.Ed. programme, three 4-year B.Sc. programmes, a

Japanese language course, one Hindi certificate course and nine Ph.D. programs under nine different schools of study. In last one year, around 50 new faculty members have joined the University. The University is committed to continue its growth, both academically and infrastructurally, to make itself a leading institution that meets the aspirations of the people of this region and the State. In line with

the National Education Policy 2020, the University has recently launched two new programs this month: M.Sc. in Botany and Zoology. The University completed fifteen years of its journey and the students, faculty members, staff and stakeholders are enthusiastic in conducting the Foundation Day successfully and helping the progress of the University.

Silt chokes Bhatrajore dam in Kalahandi

Bhawanipatna(KCN): The famed Bhatrajore dam in Junagadh block of Kalahandi district that ensures the livelihood of thousands of farmers and supports habitat for hundreds of species of flora and fauna is getting choked. According to reports, the landmark dam that irrigates farmlands in both Kharif and Rabi seasons is getting buried in the absence of any efforts to unclog it. The garden adjoining the dam is home to many rare butterfly and bird species, reports said. Sources said the Forest department has identified the dam for

eco-tourism and has spent lakhs of rupees in improving the surroundings. However, no effort has so far been made to desilt the dam which is creating resentment among the locals. According to information, the construction of the dam began in 1958 and it was completed in June 1963. Initially, this dam was under the jurisdiction of the Minor Irrigation Department. However, from June 12, 2001, it was handed over to the Upper Indravati Project. Since then its upkeep has been envisaged under the



Upper Indravati Project. The 671-meter-long dam irrigates around 1713.37 hectares of land in both Kharif and Rabi seasons. Water from the dam reaches up to 10.2 km by the south channel, while its left channel carries

water up to 4.2 km. The minimum water level in the dam has been recorded at 223.113 meters, while the maximum is at 225.552 meters. Generations of fishermen from many villages have benefited

from the 61-year-old dam. However, no de-siltation has been carried out in the reservoir since its inception. As a result, not only has the dam been getting filled by slush every year, but its water

retention capacity is also decreasing gradually. At many places inside the dam, plants and shrubs have appeared and islands are showing up above water level. It is said that if remedial steps were not taken urgently, the

irrigation system, fish population and natural beauty around the dam would be severely affected in the coming days. It is worth mentioning here that the people of Baxitulasipali, Meriabandhali, Charbhati, Dedar, Junagarh NACs and Kaleigaon panchayat of Junagarh block depend on this dam for their daily drinking water needs and irrigation purposes. It is alleged that while both the Forest Department and the Indravati authorities are trying to improve the dam's surroundings, they are silent on the contentious

issue of de-silting the dam. Indravati South Canal Assistant Executive Engineer, Nelson Tadingi said a DPR of Rs 4.11 crores has been prepared and sent to the government for the 'environmental improvement' of Bhatrajore dam. "Once approved, the work will begin," he said. However, he made it clear that right now there are no proposals for the de-silting of the dam. Locals meanwhile, demanded that the government should focus more on removing silt from the dam than beautifying its surroundings

No announcement made for giving 300 units of free electricity in Odisha: Dy CM

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha's Deputy Chief Minister K V Singh Deo Tuesday said there has been no announcement of giving free electricity up to 300 units in the state. The clarification of Deo, who is also the energy minister, came amid demand for free electricity up to 300 units, which was one of the election promises of the BJP. The deputy chief minister said that it is noticed that in some parts of the Bargarh district, deliberate "misinformation" is being spread and electricity consumer meters are being removed. "It is not only illegal, but also highly unsafe for public at large. Only trained and qualified technical people are authorized to handle installation or removal of electricity meters. If any untoward incident takes



place in such areas due to unauthorized removal of the meter, the distribution company will be responsible," the DCM said. Singh Deo said in the assembly: "The correct position is that availing up to 300 units of electricity by way of installing Rooftop Solar under PM Suryaghar Muft Bijlee

Yojna is a part of a new Government of India scheme." Under the scheme, the central government gives a subsidy of Rs 78,000 on installation of a 3 KW Solar Plant on the rooftop. It is capable of producing more than 300 units per month which is highly beneficial to electricity consumers as they can significantly

reduce the electricity bill by such self-generation of solar power, he said. He urged the electricity consumers to participate in the PM Suryaghar Muft Bijlee Yojna and benefit from the same. He also sought help of the MLAs in assisting the people to take benefits of the central scheme.

People protest botched drain work in Keonjhar





Keonjhar(KCN): The lack of a proper drainage system is making the lives of residents miserable in this town. The faulty mechanism to clear water during the monsoons is putting the lives of people under a lot of stress. Locals alleged that not only are government funds being wasted, but at the same time they are being forced to face torrid times. Locals pointed out that the construction of drains has been carried out in a faulty manner. Hence efforts to rectify those mistakes are not giving any results. On the other hand, funds allotted for the rectification are going to waste, they added. Meanwhile, with

Rath Yatra being celebrated Sunday, the drain work has hampered the smooth movement of traffic in the town. One such example is evident from the drain under construction near Gandhi Street in this city. The Public Works Department (PWD) had allotted the responsibility to a private company to construct the drain and a fund of `10 crore had been allocated. However, unnecessary delays in the construction of the drain are adding to the woes of the people, locals said. Sources pointed out that initially the drain was given a 'V' shape. Later the construction company realised that it would be better if the drain was

straight. By the time, the fault was detected a lot of money had already been spent. And by the time the rectification process started, the rains had arrived. Locals stated that the entire area has now turned into a slush-filled zone with vehicles regularly getting stuck in the mud. They pointed out that the area has become accident prone and police are struggling to control the traffic. "If the drain had been straight, water could have flown out easily. As it was 'V' shaped, the water stagnated inside the drain and overflowed. We have repeatedly pointed this issue to the engineers involved in construction work. However, no one

listened to us," alleged locals Pintu Sharma and Anil Shankar. They added that if the work is done in such an arbitrary manner it will just be a waste of a large amount of money and the main problem of draining out of water will never be solved. Other locals pointed out that the fault lies with the engineers as they decided to construct a 'V' shaped drain. "Now after so many months, they have realised that they had gone wrong and have decided to rebuild the drain. But it is the people who are suffering," the locals added. "We have laid special emphasis on a proper drainage system. The present problem has arisen because of delay in work. The contractor has been asked to complete the road within 15 days. We are hopeful that the problems will soon be resolved," said Bikram Murmu, assistant engineer of the PWD department.

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Veteran Kathak danseuse and dance guru Professor Amita Dutt honoured with Banga Shreshtho Samman

Kolkata(Saikat Kumar Basu):In a glittering ceremony at the Science City Seminar hall, Kolkata on Sunday, August 25, 2024 True

Banga Shreshtho Samman. Amita Dutt has been serving the arena of dance for more than four decades.



Brand Multiplex supported by Aranya Bangla Foundation, honoured and felicitated the veteran Kathak danseuse and dance guru Professor Amita Dutt. Professor Amita Dutt was honoured with the

Besides having served the Rabindra Bharati University as Dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts, Head of the Department of Dance and Uday Shankar Chair Professor, she has been associated with

innumerable Universities as Expert, Examiner and Resource Person. Over the years in her own institution Ananda Chandrika she has trained more than 500 students, many of whom are National and State Scholarship Awardees and University Gold Medalists. Amita has performed extensively across the globe and has carried the message of her dance also through oration and published work and online classes. Amita's unique contribution is her focus on the contribution of Bengal to the Kathak dance form. She has been incessantly absorbed in establishing the Bengal Gharana of Kathak.

Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port launches vigilance awareness campaign

Kolkata (AMBAR MUKHERJEE) : Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMP, Kolkata) marked the beginning of a three-month-long campaign in the lead-up to Vigilance Awareness Week 2024, that is to be observed from 28th October to 3rd of November. The campaign was inaugurated by Chairperson, Shri Rathendra Raman in presence of Shri Samrat Rahi, Deputy Chairman, Dr. Preeti Mahto, Chief Vigilance Officer and other Heads of



Department on 23rd of August, 2024. During the inauguration, Shri Rathendra Raman emphasized the importance of vigilance and ethical conduct in all spheres of operation by

stating, "At Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, we are committed to fostering a culture of transparency and integrity. This campaign is not just about raising awareness but also about instilling a deep

Aeron Composite Ltd planning to raise up to Rs. 56.10 crore from public issue; IPO opens August 28

Ahmedabad, (KCN): Ahmedabad based Aeron Composite Ltd, leading company engaged in manufacturing and supply of fibre glass reinforced polymer products is planning to raise up to Rs. 56.10 crore from its SME public issue. The company has received approval to launch its public issue on NSE Emerge Platform of National Stock Exchange. The public issue opens for subscription on August 28 and closes on August 30. Out of the proceeds of the public issue, Rs. 39 crore will be utilized to fund the capital expenditure requirements towards setting up of a manufacturing unit at Mehsana, Gujarat and general corporate purpose. Hem Securities Ltd is the book running lead manager of the issue.

The initial public offering of Rs. 56.10 crore, comprises of a fresh issue of 44.88 lakh equity shares of face value Rs. 10 each. Company has finalized price band of Rs. 121-125 per equity share for the public issue. The minimum lot size for retail investors is 1,000 shares amounting to minimum investment of Rs 1,25,000 at the upper price band of Rs. 125 per share. Retail investor quota for the IPO is kept at not less than 35% of the net offer, HNI quota is kept at not less than 15% of the offer and QIB portion is kept at not more than 50% of the offer. Incorporated in the year 2011, Aeron Composite Ltd is engaged in the business of manufacturing and supplying of Fiber Glass Reinforce Polymer Products i.e. FRP products including FRP Pultruded Products, FRP Moulded Gratings & FRP

Rods tailored for various industrial applications. FRP product is a composite material consisting of a polymer matrix (resins) reinforced with fibers such as fiberglass, carbon or aramid. This combination offers benefits, including corrosion resistance, chemical resistance, high strength, lightweight properties, electrical and thermal non-conductivity, and ease of fabrication. Company provides comprehensive solution which includes conceptual design, prototype development, testing, manufacturing, logistic support, installation and after sales service.

The company's manufacturing facility certified by ISO 9001:2015 is located in Saket Industrial Estate at Changodar, Ahmedabad and is spread

over 26,320 square metres. The manufacturing facility is certified for the design, manufacture and supply of FRP pultruded products, FRP Handrails, FRP cable trays, FRP fencing, FRP moulded gratings, FRP Cross arm, FRP poles, FRP rods and module mounting structures for solar panels (MMS). Company exports to more than 30 countries. Company has reported excellent operational and financial performance over years. The Company has witnessed a multi-fold growth in revenue and profitability over the years. For FY23-24 (till February, 2024), company has reported net profit of Rs. 9.42 crore (PAT Margin 5.26%), EBITDA of Rs. 14.27 crore (EBITDA margin 7.97%) and revenue

179.14 crore. For Full year of FY2022-23, company had reported net profit of Rs. 6.61 crore (PAT Margin 3.69%), EBITDA of Rs. 9.82 crore (EBITDA margin 5.48%) and revenue from operations of Rs. 179.38 crore. As on February 2024, Net Worth of the company was reported at Rs. 34.78 crore, Reserves & Surplus at Rs. 33.21 crore and Asset base of Rs. 99.79 crore. As on Feb 2024, ROE of the company was 31.33%, ROCE at 29.67% and RONW at 27.09% with a healthy debt/equity ratio of 0.35 times. Promoter Group shareholding in the company will be 73.63% post the public issue. Shares of the company will be listed on NSE's Emerge platform.



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NTPC Bongaigaon Signs MoA with Assam Cancer Care Foundation to Launch Cancer Care Project in Kokrajhar



Kokrajhar(KCN):In a significant step towards enhancing healthcare in the region, NTPC Bongaigaon as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the Assam Cancer Care Foundation (ACCF) to launch a comprehensive cancer care project in Kokrajhar district. This initiative, valued at ₹32.7 lakhs, is designed to address the growing cancer burden in Assam by providing last-mile outreach of preventive and diagnostic care to approximately 42,000 people across various villages. The MoA signing ceremony, held on 27th August 2024, was led by Shri Akhilesh Singh,

Head of Project, NTPC Bongaigaon. The MoA was signed by Shri Onkar Nath, AGM (HR), NTPC Bongaigaon on behalf of NTPC Bongaigaon and Dr. Major General J P Prasad, CEO, Assam Cancer Care Foundation (ACCF) on behalf of Assam Cancer Care Foundation. Speaking at the event, Shri Akhilesh Singh praised the Assam Cancer Care Foundation for their remarkable efforts in cancer detection, treatment, and prevention. He expressed confidence that this project will bring significant benefits to the people of Kokrajhar, providing

healthcare services and support. The signing ceremony was attended by Dr. Subrata Chanda, Head of Cancer Care and Research, Assam Cancer Care Foundation, Dr. Nirmal Singha, Medical Superintendent, Assam Cancer Care Foundation, Shri Asutosh Biswas, GM (Operation), Shri Deepayan Paul, CMO, NTPC Bongaigaon, Shri Roshan Dungdung, DGM (HR), Shri Madhurjya Singha Lahkar, Sr. Manager (HR-Corporate Communication), Smt Aduity Thakuri, Executive (CSR) along with officials from NTPC Team. The cancer care project spearheaded by NTPC Bongaigaon and ACCF for the first time will encompass four Block

Primary Health Centers (BPHCs) and approximately 80 Health and Wellness Centers (HCWs) in Kokrajhar District. The project will focus on several key areas, including the early detection of cancer, particularly oral, breast, and cervical cancers, through door-to-door preliminary screenings conducted by ASHAs. The initiative also includes awareness and sensitization sessions aimed at healthcare workers and the general public to educate them about cancer, its risk factors, and the availability of government schemes. Additionally, home-based palliative care will be provided to cancer patients, ensuring that they receive the

necessary support within the comfort of their homes. A vital aspect of the project is ensuring that confirmed cancer patients are linked to existing government schemes, providing them access to cashless treatment and reimbursement facilities. This approach is designed to significantly reduce the financial burden on patients and their families, easing the strain of out-of-pocket expenses. Moreover, the project will strengthen the public healthcare system by extending the reach of government healthcare schemes to the most remote areas, ensuring that all patients receive the care they need.

