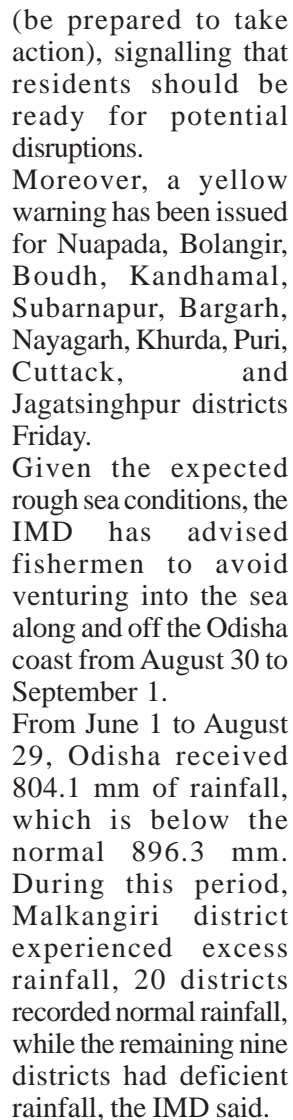


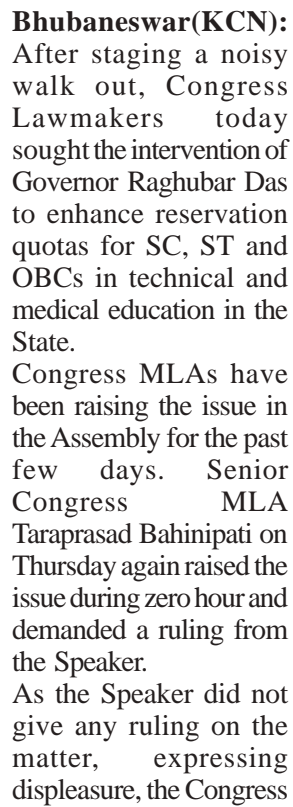
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intensify into a depression as it moves towards the northern coast of Andhra Pradesh and the southern coast of Odisha. In anticipation of heavy rainfall, the IMD has issued an orange warning (be prepared) for the districts of Malkangiri, Koraput, Rayagada, Gajapati, and Ganjam. Additionally, a yellow warning (be aware) has been issued for the districts of Nabarangpur, Kalahandi, Kandhamal,

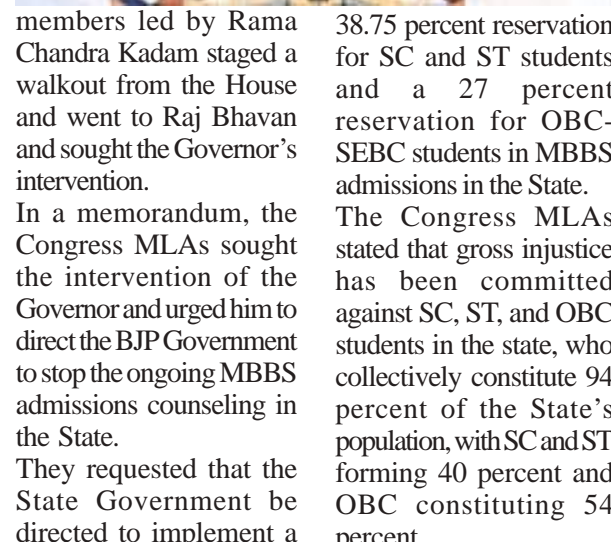
Nayagarh, Khurda, Puri, Nuapada, Bargarh, Boudh, and Subarnapur, indicating that residents should stay alert to changing weather conditions. For Friday, the IMD has escalated the alert to a red warning (take action) for Malkangiri, Koraput, and Gajapati districts due to the anticipated severe weather. Rayagada, Ganjam, Nabarangpur, and Kalahandi districts are under an orange warning

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across all tehsils in the state and the timeline for their recruitment. The minister responded that the state has secured authorization for a total of 3546 positions, of which 988 are currently vacant. He also noted that out of 3073 ARI positions, 1733 are vacant, and there are 1547 vacancies for Amin

posts out of 2767. Additionally, he highlighted that among the state's 317 tehsils, there are vacancies for 5 tehsildars and 217 additional tehsildar positions. The minister emphasized in the legislative house that the recruitment process for these positions will commence shortly.



It highlighted concerns over the disparity in the reservation policies for SC, ST, and OBC students in Odisha. In employment, the reservation stands at 22.5 percent for ST, 16.5 percent for SC, and 11.25 percent for OBC. However, in higher education, particularly in technical courses such as Engineering and Medical, ST students receive only 12 percent reservation, SC students receive 8 percent, and OBC students have no reservation at all. The lawmakers further mentioned that the Department of Higher Education, in its 2015 circular, mandated a 22.5

percent reservation for ST and 16.5 percent for SC students. However, this directive has not been fully implemented, as ST and SC students continue to receive only 12 percent and 8 percent reservations, respectively, in practice. They pointed out that while the State Government has implemented the central government's 2019 directive to reserve 10 percent of seats for economically weaker sections, benefiting just 6 percent of the population, it has remained silent on providing reservations for OBCs, who constitute 54 percent of the population.

New Delhi (KCN): “Do we pass orders after consultations with political parties?” an ostensibly provoked Supreme Court asked Thursday, voicing strong displeasure over Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy’s comments on the apex court granting bail to rival BRS leader K Kavitha in cases linked to the alleged Delhi excise policy scam.

Angry over Reddy’s statement about a ‘deal’ between the BJP and the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) for securing bail for Kavitha, the top court said such statements might create apprehensions in the minds of people.

“Have you read in the newspaper what he said? Just read what he has stated. What sort of

statement is this by a responsible chief minister? That might rightly create apprehension in the minds of people. Is this a kind of statement which should be made by a chief minister? A constitutional functionary is speaking in this manner.

“Why should they drag court in political rivalry? Do we pass orders after consultations with political parties? We are not bothered by politicians or if anybody criticises our orders. We do our duty as per conscience and oath,” a three-judge bench headed by Justice BR Gavai told senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Reddy.

In a media interaction Tuesday, Reddy said there are doubts about how Kavitha secured bail



top court came while hearing a petition seeking a transfer of the trial in the 2015 cash-for-vote case, in which Reddy is an accused, from Telangana to Madhya Pradesh capital Bhopal. In the morning, the top court had said it would appoint a special prosecutor to conduct the trial in the case to inspire confidence among the parties involved. When the matter was taken up in the afternoon, the apex court discussed the names of lawyers Surendra Rao and E Uma Maheshwar Rao as possible contenders. The counsel appearing for the petitioners in the case referred to the statements made by Reddy and said the bench should ask the police to report directly to the court and not the chief minister about the

progress in their investigation in the cash-for-vote case. Reddy also holds the home portfolio. It was then that Justice Gavai questioned Rohatgi about the statements made by Reddy. "See the manner of the statement you (Reddy) made. Such statements by a chief minister!" the bench observed and asked Rohatgi to go over the statement. Rohatgi apologised on behalf of Reddy and said, "Let me make amends and keep the matter on Monday." "Let the trial be (held) elsewhere then, if you do not have respect for the Supreme Court," a visibly annoyed bench told Rohatgi while posting the matter for the coming Monday. At the outset, senior

advocate C Aryama Sundaram, appearing for Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) MLA Guntakandla Jagadish Reddy and three others, sought transfer of the trial, saying the Telangana chief minister has been publicly making statements about the cash-for-vote case. “Only on apprehension, how can we entertain...If we entertain such petitions, we will be disbelieving our judicial officers,” the bench observed. Sundaram submitted that Reddy is now also the state’s home minister. “There is a rule of natural justice that no person should be a judge in his own cause,” he said. May 31, 2015, Revanth Reddy, then with the Telugu Desam Party, was apprehended by the

anti-corruption bureau (ACB) while allegedly paying a Rs 50 lakh bribe to Elvis Stephenson, a nominated MLA, for supporting TDP nominee Vem Narendar Reddy in the legislative council elections. Apart from Revanth Reddy, the ACB had arrested some others. All of them were later granted bail. The petitioners have claimed no fair trial in the case was possible in Telangana with Reddy at the helm. They have said if a criminal trial is not free and fair, the credibility of the criminal justice system would undoubtedly be at stake, eroding the confidence of the common people in the system which would not augur well for society at large.

KIIT and KISS Celebrate National Sports Day, Aiming for Olympic Glory

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): On the occasion of National Sports Day, celebrated in honour of hockey legend Dhyana Chand's birth anniversary, KIIT and KISS organised programmes reflecting on their longstanding commitment to sports and education. The Founder of KIIT and KISS Dr Achyuta Samanta, addressing the gathering, highlighted the pioneering efforts of KIIT and KISS in promoting sports, stating, "What the rest of India is doing today, we started 24 years ago." Emphasising his

commitment to fostering Olympic talent, he exuded hope that more than 15 students will qualify for the Los Angeles Olympics in 2028. He also assured that students performing well in sports would be provided with international-standard facilities along with their education. Dr. Samanta underscored that KIIT and KISS are not merely educational institutions but also hubs for sports excellence. Dr. Akhtar Badshah, Founder and Chief Catalyst of Catalytic Innovators Group, and



Distinguished Practitioner at the University of Washington, speaking at a parallel event in KISS, praised Dr. Samanta's remarkable achievements, stating, "What has been achieved by Dr. Achyuta Samanta is just extraordinary. He was accompanied by Dr. Alka Gupta Badshah. "In 30 years, one individual can create the eighth wonder of

the world." He emphasized the transformative power of education, describing it as "the third eye" that should be used to bring socio-economic prosperity to all. Dr. Badshah also commended the world-class academic facilities provided to the students of KISS. Prof. Saranjit Singh, the Vice-Chancellor of KIIT, praised Odisha's role in the resurgence of hockey over the last

decade. He noted, "There is no university in India that has an astro-turf hockey ground like ours. With the sports infrastructure available at KIIT and KISS, I hope the future Dhyana Chand will emerge from here." Director General of Sports KIIT, Gaganendu Dash, lauded the global recognition achieved by KIIT and KISS students, remarking, "KIIT and KISS students are recognized across the world. Our infrastructure is second to none in the country." In recognition of her achievements, mountaineer Bibharani Patra was honoured with a cash award of Rs 50,000. The event also marked the launch of the KIIT Sports Newsletter.

Jindal Steel & Power Chairman Naveen Jindal Meets Odisha CM



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Naveen Jindal, Chairman of Jindal Steel and Power on Thursday, made a courtesy visit to Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi at the Lok Seva Bhavan. The meeting focused on the company's ongoing and future projects in Odisha. The Chief Minister commended Jindal's contributions to industrial development

in the state and assured support for the company's forthcoming expansions. Highlighting Odisha's emergence as a frontrunner in sports, the Chief Minister noted

the abundance of athletic talent in rural areas. To nurture this talent, he suggested that Mr. Jindal consider constructing a world-class stadium in the Angul district.

56th Half Yearly Meeting of TOLIC (Bank), Bhubaneswar held



Bhubaneswar(KCN):Town Official Language Implementation Committee (Bank), Bhubaneswar has organized its 56th half yearly meeting on 29.08.2024 at State Bank of India, Local Head Office in the Chairmanship of Shri Dinesh Pruthi, Chairman, TOLIC (Bank) & Chief General Manager, State Bank of India, Bhubaneswar. Shri Nirmal Kumar Dubey, Assistant Director (Implementation), Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, Shri Sarada Prasanna Mohanty, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India, Dr. Sudhanshu K.K. Mishra, Chief General Manager, NABARD, Shri Manoj Kumar Singh,

Vice Chairman, TOLIC (Bank), Bhubaneswar & Circle Development Officer, State Bank of India have also graced the occasion. Regional and Zonal Heads of all Public Sector Banks and Insurance Companies situated at Bhubaneswar, senior executives and Rajbhasha Officers were also present in the meeting. The meeting was started with the welcome address by Sri Manoj Kumar Singh, Vice President, TOLIC (Bank), Bhubaneswar. In his welcome address Shri Singh appreciated all the members for their active cooperation and pro-active attitude in Official Language Implementation in their respective offices. Shri Nirmal Kumar Dubey, Assistant Director,

Ministry of Home Affairs in his review appreciated the performance of TOLIC (Bank) Bhubaneswar and said that this committee is one of the best committees in the country. It is a matter of pride that the Committee continuously receiving the 'Rajbhasha Kirti Award' at the national level for last few years. He also urged all new members to keep the enthusiasm intact and continue to work actively for furtherance of the cause. Chairman, TOLIC (Bank), Bhubaneswar Shri Dinesh Pruthi in his address said that we are all associated with the service sector and the role of Hindi and regional languages is immense in providing better customer service. He also stressed on finding ways to increase the use of Hindi

on digital platforms. RBI, Regional Director, Shri S. P. Mohanty said that this committee is doing commendable work in the promotion of official language. Chief General Manager, NABARD said that NABARD is using Hindi and regional language to increase financial literacy and awareness among customers. During the review meeting, winners of various Hindi competitions organized by the member offices are also felicitated. The program was conducted by Shri B.B. Gopal Reddy, Member Secretary and Assistant General Manager (Official Language), State Bank of India. The meeting was ended with a vote of thanks by Shri Vivek Kumar Yadav, Assistant General Manager (Official Language), RBI.

Odisha govt declares Sept 9 public holiday for Nuakhai festival

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Odisha government Thursday declared September 9 a public holiday for Nuakhai, a

major festival in the state's western region. The Chief Minister's Office announced that all government offices,

magisterial courts, and educational institutions will be closed on the day. Although Nuakhai will be celebrated September 8,

which is a Sunday, the holiday September 9 has been announced to give people a two-day break to fully celebrate the festival.



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Boney Kapoor shares pic with Sridevi, Anil from 'Mr India' shoot, fans demand part 2



Boney Kapoor shared a throwback picture from the set of the iconic film 'Mr India.' The film starring Anil Kapoor and Sridevi, released in 1987. The film starred Sridevi, Anil Kapoor and Satish Kaushik among others in key roles. Producer Boney Kapoor shared a nostalgic gem that will brighten your day—a throwback picture from the sets of 'Mr. India',

taken just a day before shooting began. The photo features Anil Kapoor, Sridevi, Boney Kapoor, and Shekhar Kapur. Boney captioned the beautiful memory and wrote, "January 5th, 1985, just before the first day of shooting Mr India." Fans were quick to share their thoughts about the film while praising it. One of the fans wrote, "My fav childhood film. Part

2 is needed. Anil Kapoor jiaand Ranveer Singh as villain (sic)," while another wrote, "The winning team of India's best children's film." A third user chimed in and wrote, "Fun movie after Bhramachari Shammi Kapoor (sic)." Last year, Shekhar Kapur posted a throwback picture of the cast of 'Mr India' on X. "The silver jubilee celebrations. Throwback pic of Mr

India" The iconic film stars Sridevi, Anil Kapoor, producer Boney Kapoor, and actor-director Satish Kaushik. Produced by Boney Kapoor and Surinder Kapoor under the former's banner, Narsimha Enterprises, 'Mr India' was a fantasy film in which Anil Kapoor, Sridevi, Amrith Puri, Annu Kapoor, Ashok Kumar played pivotal roles.

Salim-Javed's 'Sholay' to have a special screening in Mumbai. Details

'Sholay', co-written by Salim-Javed, will have a special screening in Mumbai on August 31 to celebrate their legacy 50 years later. The film starred Amitabh Bachchan, Dharmendra, Sanjeev Kumar and Amjad Khan in key roles.

Veteran actors Amitabh Bachchan and Dharmendra's 'Sholay', co-written by veteran screenwriters Salim-Javed, will have a special screening in Mumbai on August 31. The film's re-release will celebrate the magic of Salim-Javed after 50 years.

One of Salim-Javed's most iconic works, 'Sholay',



will have a 'one-time only screening' in Mumbai. The film will celebrate the legacy of 'Angry Young Men' Salim-Javed. The re-release will take place on August 31 from 5.30 pm at Regal Cinema in Mumbai. 'Sholay' will be screened via a 50-year-old vintage cinemascope print. Ramesh Sippy, who directed the film, will be present alongside Salim-Javed at the special screening.

"Celebrate the magic of Salim-Javed 50 years later. One time screening of Sholay in cinemas this Saturday 31st August! (sic)", mentioned Zoya Akhtar's Tiger Baby Productions' Instagram handle while making the announcement.

In a promotional video for the Prime Video documentary 'Angry Young Men' about Salim-Javed, Salman Khan was asked by host Farah Khan which Salim-Javed film he would want to remake. Without hesitation, Salman instantly replied, "Sholay."

"If I had to remake any of their films, I would want to remake Sholay. I can play Jai and Veeru both, I can also play Gabbar," he said.

Kabir Khan: Cannot underestimate Salman Khan's role in my career

Filmmaker Kabir Khan is currently basking in the success of Chandu Champion, which stars Kartik Aaryan in the lead role, spoke about Salman Khan's role in his career. The two came together for the successful films 'Ek Tha Tiger' and 'Bajrangi Bhaijaan'. While the Tiger franchise was handled well by other filmmakers, many fans have been awaiting to see 'Bajrangi Bhaijaan 2'.

In a recent chat with IndiaToday.in, Kabir acknowledged the desire and shared that he and Salman would only work



again if they cracked the right script. "If there's a script, I would love to seek Salman, and he too should be excited about it. We have had a fabulous collaboration.

The role he has in my career, I will never be able to underestimate that. We had a fruitful collaboration and created some iconic characters. I would love to do it

[again] but it has to be script-based. We cannot just get on any film, as it wouldn't make sense. I cannot just go to him with anything, it has to be something great. And if

we do find that, we would love to get back together," he said. Kabir Khan also discussed the love the team has been receiving for his latest film 'Chandu Champion'. Sharing that it's 'overwhelming', he admitted that they were anxious about the reception the film might get.

"I have had a few commercial blockbusters, but I never got this kind of love. It makes you emotional. The way people have picked up small nuances which Kartik and I pulled in, is amazing. People are even

appreciating the other teams, be it cinematography, sound design, or even Pritam's music, it really feels great. This kind of love carries for years, it's for posterity. Every time the film would come on OTT or a TV channel, there would be another wave of love, and that's what makes it special," he added.

Directed by Kabir Khan and produced by Sajid Nadiadwala, 'Chandu Champion' hit cinemas on June 14. The film is based on the life of Paralympic gold medalist Murlikant Petkar.

1 Years Of 'Lootera': Celebrating Ranveer Singh's Unforgettable Performance In This Cinematic Gem

Eleven years ago, 'Lootera' graced the silver screen, marking a significant departure from the mainstream Bollywood fare of its time. Directed by Vikramaditya Motwane and starring Ranveer Singh, 'Lootera' has since evolved into a cult classic, often hailed for its visual splendor but what stands out is Ranveer's win with the expressions in the ocean of silence that spoke more than one said.

Over the years, 'Lootera' has garnered a dedicated following, with audiences and critics alike revisiting the film to appreciate its art and narrative. As



audiences have evolved, so has their appreciation for the brilliance of 'Lootera'. It stands today not just as a film, but as an example of heartfelt storytelling. Before 'Lootera', Ranveer Singh had

established himself as a vibrant and energetic actor through roles in 'Band Baaja Baaraat' and 'Ladies Vs Ricky Bahl'. These films showcased his youthful charm and on-screen charisma, however, 'Lootera' marked a

bold shift in Ranveer's career trajectory. Taking on the role of Varun, required a nuanced performance that contrasted sharply with his previous performances. And his impressive performance introduced audiences to

the versatility and range the actor possessed as a performer. Now, a cult classic for its ahead of the time, nuanced characterisation, Ranveer still is fondly remembered for the path less taken and winning the love of the audience.

Ranveer effortlessly captured the essence of a complex man haunted by his past. The role demanded a deep understanding of subtle emotions and restraint, qualities that Ranveer brought to the fore with finesse.

Adapting a literary work for the big screen requires a delicate balance, and Ranveer's involvement in 'Lootera' at an early stage in his

career showcased his ambition to explore diverse narratives and the versatility that he brings on the table.

As we celebrate 11 years of 'Lootera', it is evident that the film's legacy continues to grow with Ranveer's character at its center and most importantly, how Varun stands out as a character still celebrated for the brilliance that he brought to the screen, with sincerity and commitment.

A marvel as we look at the many memo characters of Ranveer over the years, as we approach his birthday on 6th July, while marking 'Lootera's' anniversary!

Dr. Ravi Chaturvedi



Aziraphale, angel in the Abrahamic religion said, “There’s Right, and there’s Wrong. If you do Wrong when you’re told to do Right, you deserve to be punished.” Hope opposition parties are listening to the words of wisdom of Aziraphale. Recently there was a lot of shouting and shrieking by the opposition over the lateral entry of the specialist experts and technocrats in the govt. service. However, they conveniently forgot that the scheme has been in force since the dawn of independence. Jawahar Lal Nehru commissioned the services of KS Duleepsinhji, Ruler of Nawanagar, ex

England Test player as Indian High Commissioner to Australia and New Zealand. Physicist from University of Delhi Prof. DS Kothari as the founder of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Arcot Ramasamy Mudaliar and Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar to set up Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) and a prominent nationalist Muslim Delhiite Prof. MM Begg to head Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia but Begg politely declined the offer to rebuild Delhi College, University of Delhi from the ashes of partition, a typical case of phoenix arising out of ashes. "Between 1946 and 1968, the lateral entrant headed the Indian delegation to the United Nations. In 1953, she became the

first woman President of the United Nations General Assembly (she was inducted as an honorary member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority in 1978 for this accomplishment).The well-known economist Sanjeev Sanyal pointed out that following India's independence from British rule in 1947, the then Prime Minister's sister entered the diplomatic service and became India's ambassador to the Soviet Union from 1947 to 1949, the United States and Mexico from 1949 to 1951, Ireland & Britain from 1955 to 1961, and Spain from 1956 to 1961. That same year she was a candidate for Secretary General of the United Nations. What a distinguished career," he said in a tweet without naming Nehru's sister Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit The scheme was the

brainchild of the UPA Govt., headed by Dr. Man Mohan Singh to facilitate lateral entry into bureaucracy. The concept was supported by the 2005 Second Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC), headed by Veerapa Molly, Congress stalwart. The proposal was carried forward by the NITI Aayog and the Sectoral Group of Secretaries on Governance recommended the induction of personnel at middle and senior management levels in the central government in 2017. These lateral entrants would be part of the central secretariat which traditionally had only career bureaucrats. They would be given contracts for three years, extendable to a total of five years,

although Montek Singh Ahluwalia clung on to the post for a decade. There is a list of 10 technocrats and economists appointed through lateral entry before the Central Govt. came under the wings of Narendra Modi. In the present context, it will be worthwhile to point out 10 prominent lateral entry appointments during the Congress regime at the center. Sam Pitroda (Advisor, Prime Minister, Public Information Infrastructure & Innovations), Man Mohan Singh (Economic Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Trade), V. Krishna murthy (Chairman of the National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council), Bimal Jalan (Chief Economic Advisor & Governor of the Reserve Bank of India). Kaushik Basu (Chief Economic Advisor),

N.K. Singh (Member, Planning Commission), Arvind Virmani (Chief Economic Advisor), Raghuram Rajan (Chief Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance & later Governor, Reserve Bank of India), Montek Singh Ahluwalia (Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission), and Nandan Nilekani (Head, Unique Identification Authority of India to steer the Aadhar project). The Centre had recently advertised the recruitment of 45 joint secretaries, directors and deputy secretaries through lateral entry, referred to as the appointment of specialists (including those from the private sector) in government departments. Since the decision triggered criticism

from opposition parties, which claimed it undermined the reservation rights of OBCs, SCs, and STs. The government cancelled the lateral entry move as it was also facing opposition from its alliance partner, LJP. However, Union Minister Chirag Paswan said that the Congress governments in the past have done lateral entries. "The opposition is trying to create an atmosphere that this is being introduced for the first time. Today the advertisement for the lateral entry recruitment has been cancelled. I and LJP (Ram Vilas) thank PM Modi for it. He has again won the trust of society." However, in the wake of the opposition uproar, Jitendra Singh, Minister of State, Science and Technology and

Earth Sciences wrote to UPSC, “we withdraw this (advertisement) until the issue of social justice gets resolved”. The lateral entry cancellation was triggered by the opposition from its alliance partner, LJP. However, Union Minister Chirag Paswan said that the Congress governments in the past have done lateral entries. "The opposition is trying to create an atmosphere that this is being introduced for the first time. Today the advertisement for the lateral entry recruitment has been cancelled. I and LJP (Ram Vilas) thank PM Modi for it. He has again won the trust of society."

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Fragrance of Mind and Brain

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When the path of life is strange, unknown and incomprehensible, it does not follow personal rules and regulations. It is a common belief that an empty mind is the home of the devil. This happens only when we do not know how to fill the void. Due to a mind filled with sadness and lots of negativity, we ourselves become obstacles in the race of progress. The spiritual path emphasizes freeing oneself of garbage, in order to fill the void with divine energy. Natural laws have their impact on life. Generally the object or achievement we want it and don't get it, then we force ourselves to get it. In such a situation,

precious time as well as energy is wasted. A lot of negativity is rising in the mind. The cleaner our thinking is, the better our life will be. No one has controlled the aspect of nature and it is its wish that there should be some vacancy in our life and mind, so that it can be filled with some suitable material at the appropriate time. The effect of thinking on the mind, the effect of mind on the body, the effect of both body and mind leave an impact on the whole life. conquer the world Before doing anything, it is important to conquer your mind. There is a need to take care of those who enter the mind and be careful of those who enter the mind. An unhappy mind is like a glass full of water, which spills out at the slightest insult. The mind has to be tied with the rope of duty, otherwise its fickleness will wander to who knows where. This is an eternal mystery that a

person becomes as per his mind. Live to your heart's content, don't live to your heart's content! Everyone has the mind, but only a few have the morale. The mind should be such that someone Don't feel bad. The person who controls his mind always remains at the top in the heights of life. Being alone and away from society for a long time weakens a person's mind. One should keep doing good work to satisfy the mind. If the thoughts of the mind are beautiful then the world appears beautiful. No one becomes great with a small heart and no one stands tall with a broken heart. It is very important to bend the mind. God cannot be found just by bowing the head. No matter how good a person's financial condition is, his mental condition should be good to enjoy properly. A person can know what is in the mind of another. One should never sit idle, one must keep doing some

creative work. With this the mind will not get entangled in bad thoughts. There are many things to say, but when the mind is sad there is no one to ask. A man defeated in the field can win again, but a man defeated in his heart can never win. It has been observed that when we are unwell, we go to the doctor and if our mind is not healthy, we do not go anywhere for its treatment or cure. Nor do they take such measures to make the mind healthy. Move forward. This is the

sad tragedy of life. If the mind is sad then one should ask how much and for how long one should be sad. If the mind is satisfied then even a drop is rain. What is the status of even the ocean in front

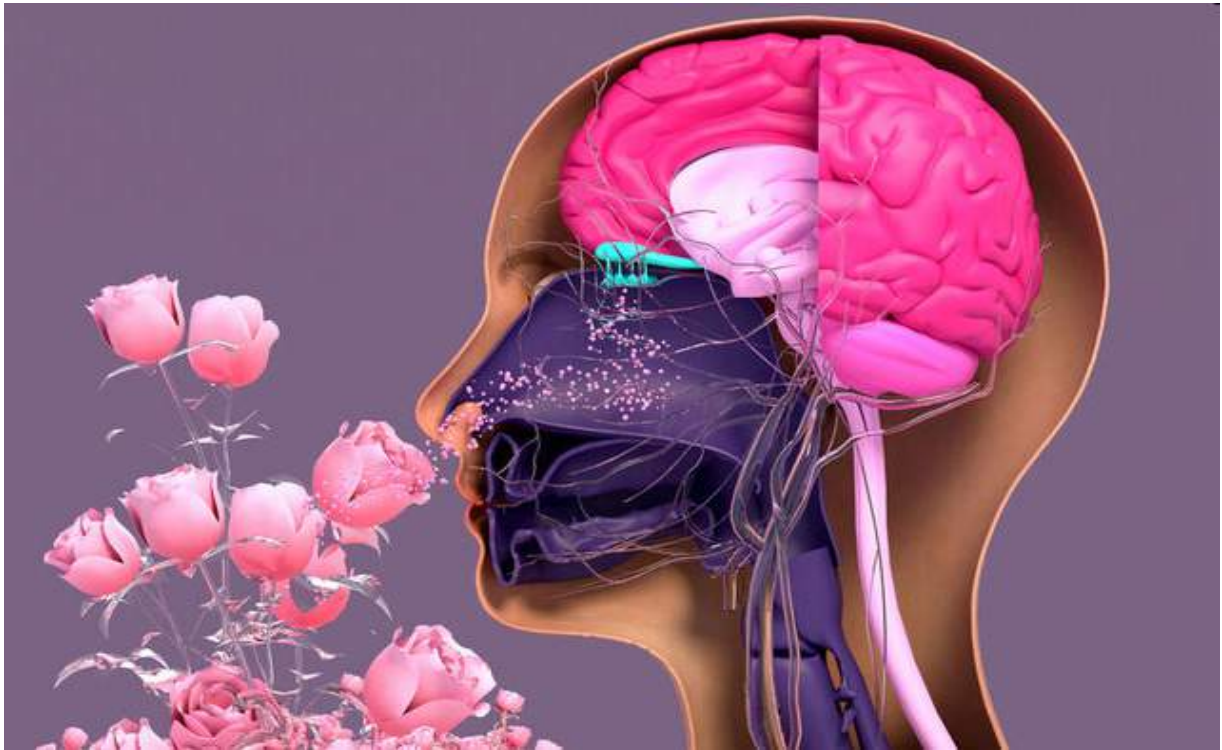
of an unsatisfied mind? It is important to clean the mind and the house from time to time, because the house gets filled with useless things and the mind gets filled with meaningless misconceptions. Happiness of mind keeps many mental and physical diseases away. There should not be

sadness in thoughts, because sadness is a big flaw. There is a simple mantra to be happy – who is doing what, how is he doing it The more you stay away from why you are doing it, the

hatred and the mind free from fear and worry. Actions arising from an unhealthy mind are unhealthy. After mental progress, the body becomes more strong and healthy. A person with a pure mind can understand the spiritual meaning correctly. as much as a person's own mind The more you celebrate, the happier you will be. One who is jealous of others does not get peace of mind. An intelligent person keeps his mind free from selfishness. So that

k n o w l e d g e , understanding and truth can reside in it. The mind and brain are the wish fulfillment tree. With this, whatever desire we nurture will be absorbed in its fulfillment. One should always ask for positive things from it and always fill it with good thoughts. Thoughts have no energy independently, but when we actively apply our attention to them, they begin to manifest into reality. fire If we do not try to control our mind, our unwanted thoughts can even make our thinking negative. In the garden of mind, more or less weeds should be removed from time to time and seeds of healthy thoughts should be sown in it, so that the world of life remains green. The powers of the brain are like the petals of a flower. When these powers are concentrated, fragrance arises.

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INDIAN ARMY NEUTRALIZES THREE TERRORISTS IN DISTT KUPWARA.

SRINAGAR (Aasif Malik): In a significant operation, the Indian Army successfully eliminated three terrorists attempting to infiltrate across the Line of Control (LoC) in Machhal and Tangdhar sector of Jammu and Kashmir.

On 28 August, credible inputs were received from intelligence agencies, which was further corroborated by J&K Police regarding likely infiltration attempts from these areas. Based on the inputs, troops of Indian Army, JKP and BSF laid ambushes on likely infiltration routes in both Machhal and Tangdhar sector.

At approx 2000h, the ambush teams in Machhal sector observed movement of terrorists through thick foliage,



approx 600 meters on own side of LoC. The infiltrating terrorists were challenged and immediately an intense exchange of fire ensued. Meanwhile, in Tangdhar sector also, at approx 2100h, there was exchange of fire between security forces and infiltrating terrorists approx 100 meters on own side of LoC. Both the sectors witnessed heavy exchange of fire. In this firefight, two

terrorists were eliminated in Machhal sector and one in Tangdhar sector. This successful intelligence-based operation is yet another example of the close synergy between Indian Army, JKP & BSF and also underscores the Indian Army's unwavering commitment to ensure the sanctity of the LoC and the robust counter infiltration posture towards maintaining peace in Kashmir Valley.

Rajdhani College Orients the First Year Students in a Grand Ceremony

New Delhi, (KCN): The new session for the first year undergraduate students at the University of Delhi started on 29th August. To welcome and familiarize the first year students in various courses with the university, the college, course structures, policies and extra-curricular activities, Rajdhani College, University of Delhi, organized the orientation programme spreading across two days. On the 28th of August, the college organized a common Orientation Programme in online mode with the objective of disseminating information regarding course structures and other provisions under NEP 2020.

Prof. Rajesh Giri, the Principal of Rajdhani College, while welcoming the students in the new phase of their life highlighted the role of youth in nation building. Prof. Giri



emphasized on the importance of critical thinking and analytical skills rather than rote learning and encouraged the students to participate in various extra-curricular activities along with their regular academic endeavours for their multifaceted development. Dr. Anand Prakash, the coordinator of the Students Advisory Committee, in his address emphasized on the fact that as Rajdhani College celebrates its Diamond Jubilee, it is of paramount importance for the students to participate in

the various extra-curricular activities and excel themselves in different fields. Prof. Barun Kumar Mishra, the coordinator of the Admission Committee for the academic year 2024-25 laid bare in detail the course structures and overall credit system. Dr. Dheeraj Kumar, Chief Proctor, made the students aware about the rules and regulations and the disciplinary policies of the college and the university. Dr. Sanjeev Sharma, Librarian, shared information about all the facilities provided by the

fully-automated library, including open access to DELNET, NLIST, UGC-INFONET, foreign language learning apps through subscription. He also informed the students about the availability of braille books, audio books and thousands books in the collection and subscription of various contemporary newspapers and magazines. The teachers-in-charge of all the departments informed about departmental orientation programmes to be held

on the 29th of August in offline mode. The conveners of various committees and societies familiarized the students about the extra-curricular activities organized by the college through various platforms like the Cultural Committee, Debating Society, NCC, NSS, Photography Society and many others. On the 29th of August, individual departmental orientation programmes were organized separately for the students of various courses and programmes to inform them about the courses and other related information. On the first day of the college, the campus vibrated with fresh energy of the first year students as they embark on a new academic journey. Dr. Arun Lal along with the other members and faculty of the Students Advisory Committee, ensured the successful organization of the programme.

Tata Steel Organises 'Snakes are Friends' Programme at Sukinda Chromite Mine



Bhubaneswar/Sukinda, (KCN): Ever thought of making friendship with snakes? Oh no, that sounds quite thrill-seeking. But you would surely love to know the friendly aspects of these often-misunderstood creatures. So, to make people aware about the ecological significance of snakes and the vital role they play in maintaining a balanced ecosystem, Tata Steel's Ferro Alloys and Minerals Division (FAMD) organised "Snakes are Friends" programme at its Sukinda Chromite Mine campus in Jajpur district of Odisha.

As part of the campaign that began in 2016, the company had roped in Bhubaneswar-based voluntary organisation "Snake Helpline" to educate employees, their family members, frontline workers from sanitation, horticulture and security departments and community health workers like ASHA and Anganwadi workers, farmers from the region, Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members, school students and media persons at the program. Around 100 participants

had joined the sensitisation session. Subhendu Mallik, popularly known as the Snake Man of Odisha and founder of the snake rescue and rehabilitation organisation, debunked common myths and misconceptions surrounding snakes while shedding light on their important contributions to our natural environment. The programme also focused on practical aspects of snake conservation, including measures to be taken when encountering a snake in the wild or near residential areas. He also educated the attendees on the appropriate methods of handling snake encounters, the importance of seeking professional help, and the benefits of promptly reporting snake sightings to relevant authorities. Highlighting the company's commitment to biodiversity conservation, Pankaj Satija, Executive-In-Charge, FAMD said "We have always believed in nurturing a

harmonious relationship with nature. The 'Snakes are Friends' programme is part of our broader effort to conserve the rich biodiversity of the Sukinda region and foster a better understanding of the vital role that all creatures, including snakes, play in our ecosystem." The event underscores Tata Steel's commitment towards promoting environmental stewardship and served as a platform to address the concerns and questions of attendees regarding snakes and their habitats, further fostering a sense of responsibility and empathy towards these creatures. Shambhu Nath Jha, Chief, Mines (FAMD), Devraj Tiwari, Head Mining (Sukinda), Pramod Kumar, Head Administration (FAMD), Sanjib Kumar Sahu, Senior Area Manager, Community engagement and Administration, Anjna Tiwari, Senior Area Manager (Security), Nishan Mohanty, Assistant Manager, Administration and other senior officials of the company were present at the do.



Eminent Journalist and Chairman of World Odisha Society Kishore Dwibedi receiving Lev Live Award from Senior Leader Dr Prasanna Patasani in presence of Language Movement's President Janakish Badapanda and Founder of Lev Live TV Channel Tivan Sahoo during the Annual Foundation Day Celebration of Lev Live at Jaydev Bhawan in Bhubaneswar.

SMP Kolkata sets sail for global trade: Bengal Middle East Express connects Haldia Dock Complex to Jebel Ali Port, UAE

Kolkata (AMBAR MUKHERJEE): Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMPK) announced on Thursday the launch of the Bengal Middle East Express (BMEx), a new container vessel service connecting the Haldia Dock Complex (HDC) with the Jebel Ali Port in the UAE. This service, initiated by Ocean Salute Line of Singapore in partnership with MBK Logistix Pvt Ltd. This new initiative will enhance global connectivity for the port. The inaugural vessel,

Yong Yue 11, is set to arrive at HDC on September 6, 2024. The BMEx service will follow a Haldia-Chittagong-Jebel Ali-Haldia route, linking Bengal as well as Eastern-Indian industrial hub with one of the key ports in the Middle East. Congratulating the team of HDC in this regard, Shri Rathendra Raman, Chairperson of Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata said, "In today's rapidly evolving global trade environment, efficiency and flexibility are essential. We are proud to introduce the Bengal Middle East



Express service, which not only establishes a direct connection between Haldia and Jebel Ali but also opens new avenues for trade and economic growth in the region.

"To support this initiative, the Port has

offered substantial discounts on vessel-related charges for container vessels calling directly from South East Asia, Far East, and Middle East Ports. This service is a testament to our commitment to enhancing our port's

competitiveness on the global stage and supporting the region's EXIM trade", Shri Raman further added. The BMEx service will revolutionize cargo movement by cutting transit times and costs for regional exporters and importers. By bypassing traditional transshipment ports, it reduces delays, lowers operational costs, and avoids congestion. This direct route enhances supply chain efficiency, reliability, and competitiveness, giving businesses better access to global markets.

PM Modi Formally Invited By Pakistan For Regional SCO Meet In October

Islamabad (KCN): Pakistan today formally announced that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been invited to the upcoming Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meeting being held in Islamabad in mid-October. Pakistan Foreign Office spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch, at her weekly press briefing, said Islamabad had sent invitations to the heads of countries to participate in the meeting, Pakistani media reported.

"An invitation has also been sent to the Prime Minister of India,



Narendra Modi," she said, adding that some countries had already confirmed their participation in the meeting. Pakistan is set to host the SCO heads of government meeting on October 15-16. The event will be preceded by a

ministerial meeting and several rounds of senior officials' meetings focused on financial, economic, socio-cultural, and humanitarian cooperation among the SCO member states. Analysts see the invitation as a "protocol" as PM Modi is unlikely to

accept the invitation as relations between the two neighbouring countries have been tense. It is possible that PM Modi may depute a ministerial delegation to represent India as the SCO meeting does not require heads of state to participate. In the past as well, SCO CHG meetings have seen India represented by ministers and the same pattern is this time as well. PM Modi had not attended the SCO's 24th annual summit of heads of state held in Kazakhstan on July 3-4 this year and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar had

represented India in Astana. Pakistani analysts say they do not expect that PM Modi will come to Pakistan for the meeting. "Extending invitations to PM Modi and all other member states is a compulsive protocol any host country follows. Pakistan has done the same. I do not see this as a political stunt. However, I do not see PM Modi landing in Islamabad," political analyst Kamran Yousaf said. Last year, Pakistan's then-Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari visited India for the SCO Foreign Ministers' meeting.

Assam Assembly Passes Compulsory Muslim Marriage, Divorce Registration Bill

Guwahati (KCN): The Assam Assembly on Thursday passed a bill for compulsory government registration of marriage and divorce of Muslim people. The Assam Compulsory Registration of Muslim Marriages and Divorces

Bill, 2024 was introduced by Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Jogen Mohan on Tuesday. While replying to queries, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said all earlier registrations of marriages conducted by

Kazis will remain valid and only new ones will come under the purview of the legislation. "We are not interfering with the marriages solemnised by Islamic rituals under Muslim Personnel Law at all. Our only condition is that

Islam prohibited marriages will not be registered," he added. Mr Sarma said with the enactment of this new law, child marriage registration will be completely banned. In the Statement of Object and Reason, it has

been said that the bill has been proposed for prevention of child marriages and marriages without consent of both parties. Assam To Introduce Compulsory Muslim Marriage, Divorce Registration Bill.

Speed guns to curb jumbo deaths on tracks

Dhenkanal(KCN): Even as trains running at a high speed in elephant corridors are proving to be a menace to the jumbo population, the state Forest department is taking a slew of measures, including the use of speed guns, to curb elephant deaths on railway tracks in this district, according to a report. Sources said Forest Department personnel are using speed testing guns or speed guns to measure the speed of express, passenger as well as freight trains passing through elephant corridors in this district. These guns

measure the speed of express trains and goods trains and alert the Forest personnel to take preventive measures to save the mammals. Speed guns are being used in elephant-infested areas under Sadar forest range like Sadashivpur railway station, Hindol Road railway station, Meramundali railway station, its adjoining areas and the railway level crossings. Forest personnel trained for the purpose stand by the railway tracks pointing the guns towards the moving trains, facing the same direction. This helps in measuring the speed of



the train and taking preventive steps against any casualties. Elephants, in herds, frequently cross the

railway tracks under Sadar forest range during day and night. However, trains moving at great speed

result in the death of the trunked animals on the railway tracks. Reports said three elephants were run over by

speeding trains during the last five years. However, use of speed guns has resulted in a change in the situation as

the speed of the trains has been brought under control. Trains are often seen stopping on the railway tracks and waiting till the herd crosses the track. The Forest department serves a caution notice to the railway department every evening urging them to slow down the speed of the trains moving on the railway tracks in elephant corridors. The speed of the trains is kept within 30-50 km per hour. In case of any aberration, the matter is taken up in a coordination committee meeting with the railway department.

When contacted, Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Sumit Kumar Kar of Dhenkanal Wildlife Division said that the speed guns have been used during the movement of elephants by the rail tracks for the last few days. This helps the forest personnel to send a caution notice to the railway department urging them to slow down the speed of the trains, he said. However, if the train moves more than the prescribed speed limit, then the matter is taken up with the railway authorities during the coordination committee meeting of the two departments, the DFO added.

Rs 23 crore DMF boost to RGH in 5 years



Rourkela(KCN): Rourkela Government Hospital (RGH) has received more than Rs 23 crore from the District Mineral Foundation (DMF) fund for various developmental projects during the last five years, according to sources. The district administration has utilised the fund under several heads for salaries of paramedical staffers and doctors, and purchase of equipment and machines. Sources said Rs 5.23 crore of DMF fund was provided for the benefit of hemoglobinopathy

patients in 2018-19. Similarly, Rs 32.24 lakh was provided for installation of an ultrasound machine at RGH during the same period. In 2019-20, Rs 6.20 lakh was spent on two battery-operated vehicles while Rs 2.37 lakh was drawn from DMF to meet the salary expenses of those working under Nirmala Yojana. In the same year, RGH got a pair of DG sets for Rs 25.89 lakh and Rs 27.74 lakh for installation of high mast lights at the healthcare facility. In

2020-21, RGH received Rs 2.63 crore for operationalisation of dialysis and city scan units on PPP mode. At the same time, Rs 45.50 lakh was provided from the mineral fund for laying the oxygen pipeline. Ophthalmology department received Rs 3.94 crore while Rs 63.60 lakh was allocated for medicine and orthopaedic implants during 2021-22. Likewise, Rs 17.75 lakh was granted for procurement of DG sets for OPD and IPD.

In 2022-23, Rs 48 lakh was sanctioned for payment to a private hospital where critically ill paediatric patients were being referred. Similarly, Rs 1.20 crore DMF fund was spent on OT modernisation and purchase of machines. In 2023-24, Rs 4.64 crore was spent on city scan. The latest data shows, between August 23 and March 24, Rs 2.87 lakh was paid towards salaries of doctors and Rs 1.62 lakh towards the remuneration of paramedical staffers.

Green hero Swarit plants 130 saplings on 13th birthday




Sundargarh(KCN): In a heartwarming celebration of nature and community, the “Green Memory” campaign, a unique initiative started by veteran Social Worker Digambar Upadhyay and promoted by NGO-SEWAK, reached a new milestone with the creation of a Memory Garden in Gambharidihi-Badbahalpada, under Tangarpali block. The campaign that started last year has been rapidly gaining popularity, to commemorate significant days in a person's life by planting saplings and ensuring their lifelong care. On his 13th birthday, Swarit Upadhyay, a deserving student from Sundargarh and an India Book of Records achiever, took a significant step towards environmental

conservation by planting 130 trees. His actions sent a powerful message of environmental awareness from Jhurimal village in Lephripada block, inspiring many to follow his footsteps. Swarit, who has shown a deep interest in forests and the environment since childhood, has won numerous state and national-level competitions. His father, veteran social worker Digambar Upadhyay, initiated the “Green Memory” or “Sabuja Smriti” campaign last year, beginning with Swarit's birthday. The campaign has since blossomed into a movement, encouraging people to plant trees on various memorable occasions. Today, a new Memory Garden was inaugurated on three acres of land in

Gambharidihi-Badbahalpada as part of this campaign. Ujalpur Forest Division Officer Debadutta Nanda, who inaugurated the garden, emphasised the enduring friendship between humans and trees, urging everyone to actively participate in tree plantation activities. Attending the event as the guest of honour, Forest Guard Dolagobinda Panigrahi encouraged people to plant trees during festivals, birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, and other significant moments in life. He highlighted the importance of treating plantation as a lifelong commitment. On this special occasion, Swarit, with the support of his family and members of the Gambharidihi-Badbahalpada Van Surakhya Samiti

(VSS), planted 130 trees, including species like peepal, agasti, neem, simakayyan, aamda, mango, harida, elephant apple, blackberries, bahada, arjuna, wood apple, wild mango and gulmohar. Swarit pledged to protect these trees for life, setting an inspiring example for the community. Senior member Niranjana Majhi of Badbahalpada VSS announced that this Memory Garden, developed with the support of SEWAK, is open to all local residents who wish to commemorate their family's special days by planting saplings. The VSS will ensure the protection and care of these trees, making the garden a lasting legacy for future generations. Since its inception, the “Green Memory” campaign has successfully planted 12,312 saplings, with plans to plant over 50,000 trees this year. According to Upadhyay, “This initiative continues to grow, fostering a deep connection between the community and the environment, and ensuring that each sapling planted stands as a living memory of life's most significant moments.”



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Empowered Women are doning role of Priests & performing rituals in evolving Hindu society

Kolkata(PARTHA ROY): Rituals play important roles in any religion. Rituals are performed & guided by priests of the religion and priests are mostly male. However, in continuously evolving Bengali Hindu traditions & cultural space, empowered women with in depth knowledge of Sanskrit, Hindu rituals & practices are taking up role & profession of priest and performing rituals of marriage, 'shraddha', 'annoprasan', 'uponoyon', Durga Puja, Kali Puja in fact all forms of pujas as enshrined in scriptures of Hindu religion.

Bharat Chamber of Commerce and Bharat Chamber Ladies Forum organised a special Talk on 'SPIRITUALISM AND WOMEN' by Dr. Nandini Bhowmick Indologist, Thespian, Professor Priestess and Founding Member, Shubhamastu on 29th August, 2024 at Bharat Chamber premises in Kolkata. Spiritualism is a continuously evolving process in evolving human civilization development pathways. In traditional Indian socio-cultural space, women played important role in creating understanding



of wider role of various facets of spiritualism. Women played important role in bringing innovation in various rituals & practice of Hindu religion

over a long period of time for centuries. Dr. Nandini Bhowmick highlighted the fact Indian/Hindu spiritualism

calls for gender equality. Dr. Bhowmick demystified the myths based on Hindu

scriptures. She mentioned Hindu spiritualism calls for equality of human beings irrespective of caste,

creed, gender etc. She stressed on need to create balance between traditional practice and adopting modernity so cultural heritage are preserved by youths and future generations. Dr. Nandini Bhowmick stressed that rituals of Hindu religion are gender as well as caste neutral and can be performed by both men & women. However, one has to study the scriptures in depth & in details and use knowledge and apply the knowledge while performing any

ritualistic ceremony. Shri Naresh Pachisia senior Vice President BCC welcome the guest highlighting importance of Spiritualism in Indian tradition and its positive impact in every day life. Smt. Renuka Shah Chairperson Bharat Chamber Ladies Forum introduced the speaker Dr. Nandini Bhowmick. Smt. Sujata Sett Co - Chairperson Bharat Chamber Ladies Forum delivered vote of thanks and mentioned practice of spiritualism creates positive impact not only in individual's life but also creates positive ripple effect in the society.

RELIANCE BRANDS LIMITED INKS A JV WITH PLASTIC LEGNO SPA

Mumbai: RELIANCE BRANDS LIMITED (RBL) and Plastic Legno SPA have signed a joint venture arrangement through which RBL will acquire a 40% stake in Plastic Legno SPA's toy manufacturing business in India. This investment by RBL serves a dual purpose, bringing in vertical integration for RBL's toy business and helping diversify the supply chain with a long-term strategic interest in building toy manufacturing in India.

Plastic Legno SPA is owned by the Sunino group that boasts of more than 25 years of toy production experience in Europe. The group started its India business in 2009 out of a need to develop a strong production hub that would cater to global markets, but more importantly to the fast evolving and growing Indian market.

"Keeping with our

honourable Prime Minister's vision of Atmanirbhar India, this collaboration with Plastic Legno's deep experience in world-class toy manufacturing coupled with our strong footing in the global toy retail industry would open new doors and unparalleled opportunities for toys manufactured in India. It is imperative for RBL to build design to shelf capability for a strategic advantage over the competition and to be an accelerator in building a robust toy manufacturing ecosystem in India not only for domestic consumption but also for global markets," said the spokesperson of Reliance Brands Limited.

RBL has a strong play in the Toy industry with its portfolio of Hamleys, the British toy retailer and homegrown toy brand – Rowan, making RBL one of the leading toy distributors. Hamleys currently has a global

footprint across 15 countries with 213 doors and is India's largest chain of toy stores.

"We are very privileged to have RBL as a partner in this Joint Venture. We are confident that Plastic Legno's experience in Toys production and Hamley's commercial outreach, will complement one another to enable the JV Company to achieve greater heights and successes. We have important development plans to implement, always in the spirit of creating a cultural background in this specific sector in India. We are ready for the challenges of the future, but when there is a group like RBL alongside, we are sure that together we can do a great development," said Paolo Sunino, Co-owner, Sunino Group.

Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India registers 3, 53,188 unit sales

Gurugram: Noting a positive upward movement during the month, Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India today announced its sales numbers for May 2022.

The company's total sales for the month stood at 3,53,188 with 3,20,844 domestic sales and 32,344 exports compared to the subdued market performance for same period last year amidst multiple lockdowns owing to impact from second wave of pandemic.

Commenting on the sales performance in May'22, Mr. Atsushi Ogata, Managing Director, President & CEO, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India said, "The market is gaining back strength as disturbances in terms of supply side are subsiding coupled with rise in physical presence at office and educational institutions. The sales figures this month remain incomparable from May'21 as frequent lockdowns in wake of second wave marred the performance during this period last year. Growth in domestic as well as international trade continues to complement each other as we approach an early monsoon."

TVS Motor Company registers sales of 302,982 units

Hosur: TVS Motor Company sales was at 302,982 units in May 2022. The year-on-year growth is not comparable due to the low base of sales in May 2021 because of the localised lockdown imposed by the Government of India during that period.

Two-Wheeler
Total two-wheelers sales grew from 154,416 units in May 2021 to 287,058 units in May 2022. Domestic two-wheeler sales grew from 52,084 units in May 2021 to 191,482 units in May 2022.

Motorcycle sales grew from 125,188 units in May 2021 to 148,560 units in May 2022. Scooter sales of the Company grew from 19,627 units in May 2021 to 100,665 units in May 2022.

The shortage in the supply of semiconductors has impacted the production and sales of

premium two-wheelers. We are working aggressively with alternate sources and taking every effort to improve supplies at the earliest. Some improvement has been seen this month. We are optimistic that volumes will revive to normal levels once the semiconductor supplies improve.

The Company's total exports registered sales of 110,245 units in May 2022 as against 114,674 units in May 2021. Two-wheeler exports recorded sales of 95,576 units in May 2022 as against 102,332 units in May 2021.

Three-wheeler of the Company grew by 28% from 12,473 units in May 2021 to 15,924 units in May 2022.

The domestic two-wheeler sales include TVS iQube Electric sales of 2,637 units in May 2022.

Spice Money to enable farmers to withdraw PM-KISAN subsidy through its 1 million Adhikari Network

New Delhi: The Government of India has disbursed PM KISAN subsidy, directly to the farmers' bank accounts benefiting over 10 crore farmers and families who have received a grant of Rs 2,000 each. Spice Money, India's leading rural fintech with 1 million strong Adhikari network covering 18,500 plus pincodes, is assisting the farmers and farmer families residing in the heartlands of the country, to withdraw this subsidy through AePS at their doorstep Adhikari

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

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

Under the MoU, Union Bank of India would consider Joint financing/Co-Financing with SIDBI to Projects/Units in the MSME. This MoU would help the Banks to increase their

customer base, while helping the MSMEs to meet their funding requirements. The key highlights of the arrangement include joint identification of viable projects and term loan and working capital financing to MSMEs. Initially the arrangement would be at specific centers and once the arrangement stabilizes at these centers, more locations would be covered.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Lal Singh, CGM (MSME), Union Bank of India, said "MSME is one of the key sectors of our Indian Economy contributing to GDP, Exports, Manufacturing Output, Employment, Women Empowerment etc. MSME is one of the focused areas of the Bank and at Union Bank

of India, we aim to become Bank of 1st choice for MSMEs. This tie-up with SIDBI aids in realizing the Bank's vision to have increased credit flow to the MSME sector and extend operational convenience to the MSME clientele. Under partnership, Union Bank of India through its Pan India branch network can provide general Banking products like Current Accounts, Savings Accounts, Working Capital facilities and other related services to the MSME Customers of SIDBI."

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

Himalayan College of Nursing, Jolly Grant conducts an awareness campaign on 'Safe Motherhood Day'



New delhi (KCN Bureau) :The Himalayan College of Nursing, Jolly Grant, organized an awareness campaign at the CHC Doiwala on 'National Safe Motherhood Day'. During this event, a quiz competition was held for women to provide them with health-related information. The Obstetrics and Gynecology Department of Swami Rama Himalayan University (SRHU), Jolly Grant, hosted this awareness program. During this time, Dr. KS Bhandari, the Chief Medical Superintendent at CHC Doiwala, mentioned that the objective of celebrating Safe Motherhood Day is to

spread awareness about maternal health and care, provide high-quality health services to mothers, and promote safe childbirth.

Dr. Kamlesh Bharti from the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department unveiled the program's theme, "Together, Let's Play Our Role for Respectful Motherhood Care."

On this occasion, students from the Nursing College informed the visiting women about safe motherhood through plays and a poster exhibition. Upma George, Dr. Kanchan Bala, Lakshmi Kumar, Poonam Yadav also provided information to the women present.

Meanwhile, in Thano village, the Community Health Department of Himalayan College of Nursing conducted an awareness campaign on the occasion of World Health Day. MSC students informed people about a healthy lifestyle through plays and house-to-house visits. Additionally, a poster exhibition was organized in the college auditorium, displaying topics like healthy lifestyles, the importance of cleanliness, etc. Present on the occasion were Principal Dr. Sanchita Pugazandi, Dr. Kamli Prakash, Atul Kumar, Shobha Masih, Chandan Kumar, John Davidson apart from many others.

