

Odisha weather forecast: Heavy rainfall likely in these districts over next three days BJD Creates Din In Assembly



Bhubaneswar(KCN): The India Meteorological Department (IMD) Thursday said a new low-pressure area has formed over the Bay of Bengal which is likely to trigger heavy to very heavy rainfall in several parts of Odisha over the next three days.

According to the IMD's Bhubaneswar centre, the low-pressure area formed over central and adjoining northern regions of the Bay of Bengal due to a cyclonic circulation is likely to

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

(be prepared to take action), signalling that residents should be ready for potential disruptions.

Moreover, a yellow warning has been issued for Nuapada, Bolangir, Boudh, Kandhamal, Subarnapur, Bargarh, Nayagarh, Khurda, Puri, Cuttack, and Jagatsinghpur districts Friday.

Given the expected rough sea conditions, the IMD has advised fishermen to avoid venturing into the sea along and off the Odisha coast from August 30 to September 1.

From June 1 to August 29, Odisha received 804.1 mm of rainfall, which is below the normal 896.3 mm. During this period, Malkangiri district experienced excess rainfall, 20 districts recorded normal rainfall, while the remaining nine districts had deficient rainfall, the IMD said.

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Opposition BJD MLAs today created a ruckus in the State Legislative Assembly forcing the Speaker to adjourn the proceedings till 4 PM. The Question Hour of the Assembly passed smoothly with active participation from the members of both Opposition and Treasury benches.

However, BJD members rushed to the well of the House and created a noisy scene during the Zero Hour as the Speaker did not allow discussion on their adjournment motion on alleged stoppage of developmental works in all 314 blocks.

On the other hand, Congress Legislators staged a walk out from the Assembly before BJD members created ruckus in the House. The Congress MLAs were demanding ruling from the chair for enchantment of quota



for SC, ST and OBC in medical and other higher studies.

As the Speaker did not pay any heed to their plea, the Congress MLAs staged a walk out and moved to Raj Bhavan to meet the Governor.

Speaking to media persons outside the House, BJD MLA Arun Sahoo alleged

that people of over 50,000 villages are aggrieved as the government is showing no interest in taking up the development works.

"An unwritten notification has been issued, asking the authorities concerned not to take up the works started by the previous government.

Vacant RI, ARI, Amin Posts to be Filled Soon: Suresh Pujari

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The process to fill the vacant positions of 789 Revenue Inspectors, 1385 Assistant Revenue Inspectors, and 1169 Amin posts in the state has begun, following the approval from the Empowered Committee. Revenue Minister Suresh Pujari, addressing a specific query in the Assembly, mentioned that a request has been made to the Odisha Subordinate Staff Selection Commission for filling these posts through a direct selection process. MLA Amarendra Das inquired about the number of vacant RIA, ARI, and Amin positions



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.

Bhubaneswar(KCN): After staging a noisy walk out, Congress Lawmakers today sought the intervention of Governor Raghbir Das to enhance reservation quotas for SC, ST and OBCs in technical and medical education in the State.

Congress MLAs have been raising the issue in the Assembly for the past few days. Senior Congress MLA Taraprasad Bahinipati on Thursday again raised the issue during zero hour and demanded a ruling from the Speaker.

As the Speaker did not give any ruling on the matter, expressing displeasure, the Congress

members led by Rama Chandra Kadam staged a walkout from the House and went to Raj Bhavan and sought the Governor's intervention. In a memorandum, the Congress MLAs sought the intervention of the Governor and urged him to direct the BJP Government to stop the ongoing MBBS admissions counseling in the State. They requested that the State Government be directed to implement a

38.75 percent reservation for SC and ST students and a 27 percent reservation for OBC-SEBC students in MBBS admissions in the State.

The Congress MLAs stated that gross injustice has been committed against SC, ST, and OBC students in the state, who collectively constitute 94 percent of the State's population, with SC and ST forming 40 percent and OBC constituting 54 percent.

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.

Supreme Court raps Telangana CM over comments that Kavitha got bail because of 'deal' with BJP



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 Rashtra 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

within five months when Manish Sisodia, a former deputy chief minister of Delhi, got it after remaining behind bars for 15 months and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is yet to get the relief. "It is a fact that BRS worked for the victory of the BJP in the 2024 LS polls. There is also talk that Kavitha got bail because of the deal between BRS and BJP," he had alleged.

The apex court said it is a fundamental duty of political parties to show respect to institutions.

"We always say we will not interfere in the legislature, then that is expected from them also. Do we pass orders on political considerations?" the bench, also comprising Justices PK Mishra and KV Viswanathan, said. The observations by the

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 Rashtra 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 Dhyan 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 Dhyan

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 Bhawan.

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 proactive 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



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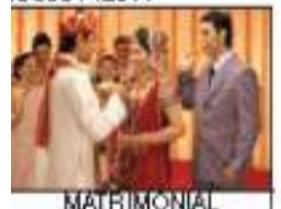
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Boney Kapoor shares pic with Sridevi, Anil from 'Mr India' shoot, fans demand part 2



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 jiand 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, Amrish 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



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



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.

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!

Lateral Entry- Congress Concept

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

The scheme was 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 Veerappa 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. Krishnamurthy (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."

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Fragrance of Mind and Brain

Vijay Garg



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 If 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. 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 doesn'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

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

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



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

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

closer you will be to peace of mind. If it is not difficult to change the situation, then the state of mind should be changed. Everything will change automatically. A good life is lived only with a good mentality. The way to avoid mental illnesses is to keep the heart free from

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

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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 infiltrating terrorists approx 100 meters on own side of LoC. Both the sectors witnessed heavy exchange of fire. In this firefight, two

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

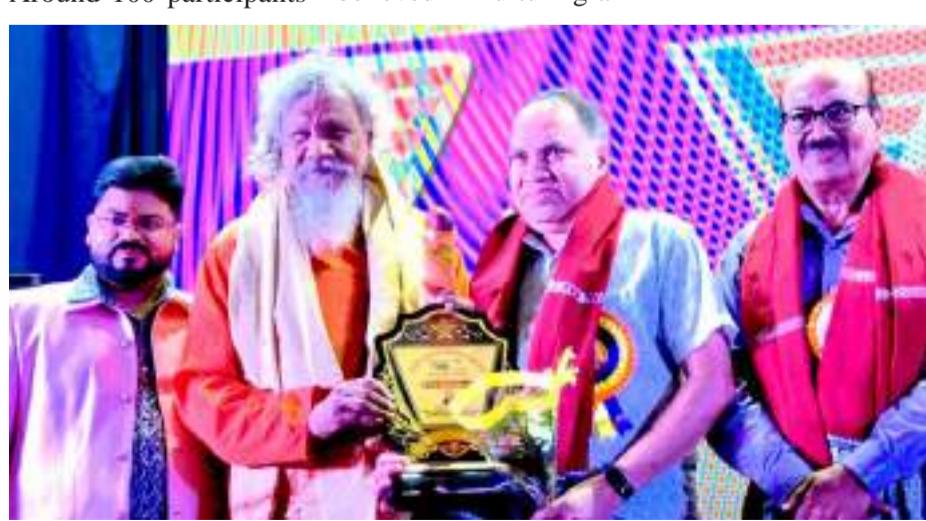
had joined the sensitisation session. Subhendu Mallik, popularly known as the Snake Man of Odisha and founder of the snake rescue and rehabilitation organisation, debunked common myths and misconceptions surrounding snakes while shedding light on their important contributions to our natural environment. 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.

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



Eminent Journalist and Chairman of World Odisha Society Kishore Dwivedi 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 Titan Sahoo during the Annual Foundation Day Celebration of Lev Live at Jaydev Bhawan in Bhubaneswar.

Rajdhani College Oriented 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 multi-faceted 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 of 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

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 (BME), 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 BME 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

competitiveness on the global stage and supporting the region's EXIM trade", Shri Raman further added. The BME service will revolutionize cargo movement by cutting transit times and costs for regional exporters and importers. By bypassing traditional transhipment 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,

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 compulsory 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, Meramundai 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 trunks 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 GambaridhiBadbahalpada, 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 Lephrupara 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 Smruti" 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

GambaridhiBadbahalpada 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 GambaridhiBadbahalpada Van Suraksha Samiti



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

Kolkata (PAPTA 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, 'shradhha', '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.

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-wheeler 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-wheeler. 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 AcPS 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 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.

Mantra from Sri Lanka 2021 tour has worked in Pakistan: Sohel Islam

Dhaka: Bangladeshi spinners are earning success in the ongoing Test series against Pakistan by following the blueprint of their last Sri Lanka tour in 2021.

Mehidy Hasan Miraz and Shakib al Hasan shared seven wickets between them, on the fifth day in the two-match Test series opener against Pakistan at Rawalpindi, to help the tourists earn their maiden Test win against their Asian neighbours.

Bangladeshi spinners have always been a force to reckon with at their own den in the slow and low wickets at home. But, it hardly remained the same when they played abroad, where the wicket is relatively more suitable for batting with even bounce and turn.

The spinners of the touring side were often left puzzled, after not

prizing out wickets within their first couple of overs, being habituated to get on top of the opposing batsmen sooner rather than later, and it turned out to be the same case when they travelled to Sri Lanka in 2021. Sohel Islam, who is currently the head coach of Bangladesh Tigers programme - an initiative taken by BCB to keep players ready for the national team, was travelling with the touring squad as the spin coach and at that point they decided to focus on remaining patient more than anything else. According to the spin guru of the country, all the leading spin bowlers under his charges followed the template in Pakistan, that they designed during the Sri Lanka tour.

"I think the spinners are

bowling with a different mind-set now when they are playing abroad compared to how we bowled before in foreign conditions and now you will notice that our spinners can bowl for extended periods even when the pitch doesn't offer much support," said Sohel on Wednesday. "When we last toured Sri Lanka (2021), I was the spin bowling coach. As you know, their wickets aren't very spin-friendly. If you play regularly on pitches that are suitable for a spinner which is the case in our country you'll naturally adopt an aggressive mindset considering you are picking a wicket by bowling 5-7 overs," he said.

"In the past, when we took that aggressive mindset abroad - whether it was South Africa,



Australia, or Sri Lanka - we would often become mentally unsettled after bowling 5-6 overs without taking a wicket and get puzzled and suddenly a sense of urgency grows as we start questioning ourselves why the wickets weren't coming," he continued. "During that series (against Sri Lanka) we

had to shift away from that aggressive mindset and we decided that even if we didn't get any wickets we would keep bowling throughout the day in the right areas without trying to force anything.

"Look at the last Test (against Pakistan), you saw that in the first innings when the pitch wasn't offering much assistance,

we focused on maintaining accuracy rather than rushing," he said.

"Despite the intense heat we knew that by the fourth or fifth day the pitch would begin to crack and opportunities would arise. The key is to be patient and wait for the game to turn in your favor. As a spin bowling unit you need to wait for that moment when you can start exploiting the condition.

"Bowlers must understand how to bowl when the advantage isn't with them and wait for the right moment to bring the tricks out of their sleeves and I am happy that we did exactly that against Pakistan in the opening Test."

Sohel added that he was not surprised to see Shakib al Hasan excel with the ball despite not

playing red-ball cricket quite regularly in the recent past, coupled by the fact he was surrounded with lot of controversies that was resolved only recently, for the time being at least.

"I don't think he is affected by outside noise and it has been the case for a long time now if you closely follow his career and so his performance was not surprising at all (despite being surrounded by recent controversy)."

"I believe his bowling is very natural. He can bowl effortlessly if he wants to. If you ask him to bowl all day, he can do it. But it depends on whether he wants to or not. He has an extraordinary ability to read batters. He can quickly figure out what type of delivery to bowl to a particular batsman or what approach to take

based on the pitch conditions. "In the recent past Bangladesh Tigers camp came into discussion as national skipper Najmul Hasan credited the long term training for earning success in the opening game against Pakistan. Bangladesh had a long preparation camp ahead of the Pakistan series as BCB launched the Bangladesh Tigers camp, with new sets of goals from May 25 that worked extensively with red-ball cricketers. BCB also opted to send six Test cricketers in Bangladesh A squad for the opening four-day game of the two-match series against Pakistan Shaheens as a part of the preparation. Bangladesh travelled to Pakistan earlier than scheduled as their practice was hampered due to the political unrest in the country.

Oram appointed New Zealand bowling coach

New Delhi: Former New Zealand allrounder Jacob Oram has been appointed as the bowling coach of the men's cricket team. He has filled in the position which was previously left vacant by Shane Jurgensen in November 2023. Oram will officially take over from October 7.

Oram has been given the role permanently after supporting the team in the 1-1 series draw during the Test tour to Bangladesh in late 2023, the 3-0 T20I series defeat against Australia in February 2024 and the Men's T20 World Cup earlier this June where New Zealand crashed out in the group stages. The 46-year old began his coaching career in 2014 when appointed the bowling coach of New Zealand A. He took over in the same capacity for the New Zealand Women's cricket team from 2018 until the Women's ODI World Cup held at home, in March 2022.



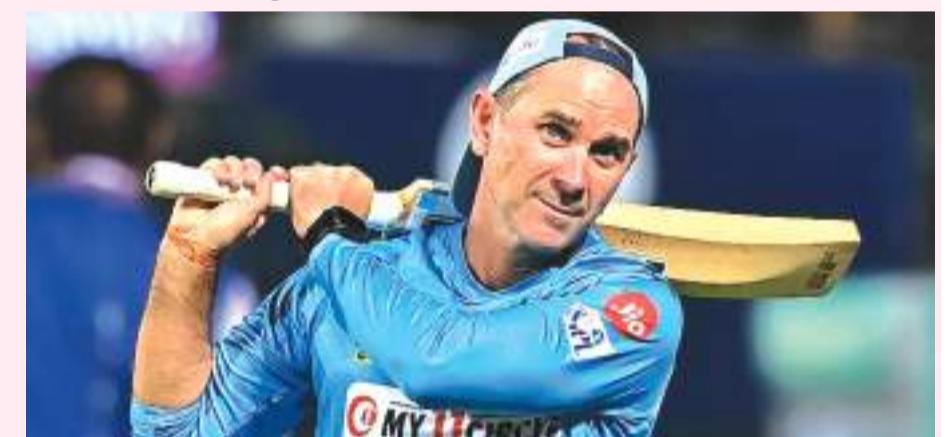
Oram has also coached in the different franchises across various tournaments. He was the head coach of the Central Hinds in the Super Smash, the assistant coach of the Northern Warriors in the T10 league and the bowling coach of MI Cape Town in the SA20. Having represented New Zealand across 33 Tests, 160 ODIs and 36 T20Is during his 11-year playing career, Oram said he hopes he can pass on his knowledge to the fresh faces of bowlers coming through the ranks to prepare them for the

international level. "I'm really excited to have the opportunity to be involved with the Black Caps again," he said. "To be back involved with a team that means so much to me and has been a big part of my life is a real honour. The recent opportunities I've had have been a great insight into where this team is going and I'm excited to continue that work in the coming seasons. "There's a fresh new wave of talent coming through the ranks to having him join the group full-time."

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Head coach Gary Stead too was delighted with Oram joining the ranks of the New Zealand coaching staff. He said that the allrounder's experience of coaching in the franchise game, and his own stellar career, will bring out the best in the players. "Jake's a great operator," said Stead. "His career as a player and his experiences as a coach speak for themselves. He brings a deep understanding of the international game, but also experience in franchise cricket which will be worthwhile in understanding the modern player and the changing landscape of the modern game. It's a really exciting opportunity for him and we're looking forward to having him join the group full-time."

Justin Langer will continue as LSG coach: Owner Sanjeev Goenka confirms



New Delhi: LSG owner Sanjeev Goenka has ended the long-term speculations by confirming that Justin Langer is all set to continue as the franchise's head coach along with others like Jonty Rhodes and Lance Kluesener. Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise, LSG owner Sanjeev Goenka has washed off all the rumours after confirming that former Australia coach Justin Langer is all set to continue his role as his team's head coach in the upcoming edition of the tournament. After what had been a tumultuous IPL 2024 for LSG, there has been increased speculation about whether Langer would hold his role at the franchise next year. However, Goenka's recent words have only ruled out the chances of Langer being relieved of his duties at LSG.

After some increased speculation on LSG

retention probables, including that of their skipper KL Rahul, Goenka has finally come out to clear the air. During the revelation of former India pacer Zaheer Khan as the franchise's new mentor, Goenka revealed that the top names in the LSG coaching staff are all set to continue with the team in the upcoming season of IPL. "One doesn't know which way what goes. Certainly the coach (Justin Langer) continues, Lance Kluesener (assistant coach), Jonty Rhodes, (fielding coach) also continue. We are delighted for Morne Morkel and Gautam Gambhir, very pleased they have joined the national team," Goenka said.

Since its introduction to the franchise league in 2022, LSG has gone on to qualify for the IPL play-offs stages of that year and IPL 2023, and only missed out on a final four place in 2024. However, the team's star mentor, Gautam Gambhir left for KKR, only to get a promotion

There's three months to decide - Goenka on retaining KL Rahul

New Delhi: Sanjeev Goenka regards KL Rahul as family but would not reveal whether the India wicketkeeper-batter will be retained for the next three seasons. "As far as I am concerned, I treat him as part of my family. He knows that too," Goenka told Cricbuzz on Wednesday in an exclusive interaction.

Rahul captained his Lucknow Super Giants for three years but their equation has been a subject of immense debate since their public discussion after a game against Sunrisers Hyderabad last season when LSG were mauled by 10 wickets. "He (Rahul) has been there since the inception

of Lucknow Super Giants. He's led us for three years. I have gone on record before and I have no hesitation in saying this again that he wanted to win. KL is an important part of the Super Giants family. As far as retention is concerned, I don't know. We don't even know what is going to be the retention policy of the BCCI. Let the BCCI announce the policy. Then we will have three months to decide. It's too early to take a call on anything like that."

There has been intense speculation whether Rahul would be continued as captain. "What is your opinion," Goenka quipped in a quick riposte declining a direct reply. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI),



having recently spoken to the owners of the Indian Premier League (IPL) franchises, is expected to come out with a policy on retention. Does LSG have a position on the subject? Goenka refused to spell out the franchise's stand.

"We don't even know what is going to be the retention policy of the BCCI. Let the BCCI announce the policy. Then we will have three months to decide. It's too early to take a call on anything like that." He, however, made it clear that he is for the continuation of the mega-auction. "Yes, it should be there."

With Zaheer Khan by his side, Goenka outlined what are the

expectations from the new mentor. "We are looking to get into a winning habit, making winning a habit. For Zaheer, right through his playing career and then in his non-playing career, winning has been a way of life for him. That is what we want and that is what we hope to get. So when I realized he's no longer with Mumbai Indians, I approached him. It is as simple as that."

Zaheer has taken the place of Gautam Gambhir, who was the team's mentor in the first two seasons, when LSG made the play-offs. But they failed to make the last-four stage in the third season. Goenka attributed the

poor result to the absence of a mentor. "We all learn from the mistakes. I think it's not only about strategic guidance and advice (from a mentor) but also inputs. It's about making players feel comfortable in their skin. They go out and express themselves, and do so with freedom and clarity. I think that is where we felt that we missed something last year. "We lost that game to Hyderabad badly, then we lost to Delhi in a game which we could have won. In the game against Gujarat, we should have won with a better margin. We took it to the 20th over. Those are the situations