

Odisha CM Majhi Listens to Public Grievances, Orders Speedy Solution

resignation and the ruling Awami League supporters in different parts of Bangladesh, forcing authorities to cut off mobile internet and enforce a nationwide curfew for an indefinite period.

At least 101 people, including 14 policemen, were killed in clashes Sunday, leading Bengali-language newspaper Prothom Alo reported.

The clashes Sunday erupted days after over 200 people were killed in violent clashes between the police and mostly student protesters demanding an end to the controversial quota system that reserved 30 per cent of government jobs for relatives of veterans who fought in Bangladesh's War of Independence in 1971. Since then, more than 11,000 people have been arrested.UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk asked the country's political leadership and the security forces to abide by their obligations to protect the right to life, and the freedom of peaceful assembly and expression.



youth from a poor family in Ganjam district. Bulu Biswal requested the CM to provide a scooter so that he can support his family by working. The Chief Minister also assured him that he would get a scooter soon.

An Octogenarian woman, Subhasini Dei (82) of the Siripur area in Bhubaneswar appealed to the Chief Minister to ensure she receives the old age allowance in Bhubaneswar. Immediately, the CM ordered the District Collector to take action. Scores of people from various walks of life thronged the CM's Grievance Cell to convey their problems and after getting the assurance from the Chief Minister and other Ministers, they returned home with positive hopes.

for his leadership and strategic acumen. Now, as he assumes the charge of IG of Odisha, Frontier, there is a palpable sense of déjà vu. His appointment is anticipated to usher in a new era of operational excellence and heightened security measures in the region.

Joda Azad Basti, his son Nikit Bhusal studying in Standard 1 and his son's classmate Ganesh Sharma were killed in a collision with an unknown vehicle on their way to Joda D.A.V school on a motorcycle this morning.

As per the CM's order, arrangements have been made for free schooling of deceased Bhushal's other son, Nishal Bhusal and Aditya Sharma, brother of deceased student Ganesh Sharma, in TATA D.A.V.

in the year 2023-24 being paid at 14% ad-valorem on the price of coal, which is commensurate with the production of coal over the past decade. The section 9(3) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act provides that the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, amend the Second Schedule to

expected to be in the region for the next few days.

A Delhi-based BSF

in illegal crossing and a step up in cross-border crimes in the wake of the emerging situation.” The BSF commanders are in contact with their counterparts from the Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB), he said.

All land custom stations (LCS) and integrated check posts (ICPs) along this front are on alert and civilian movement has been restricted, the officer said.

Till July 22, about 2,894 Indian students studying in Bangladesh had crossed over to India, while another about 3,000 students are expected to come now, another officer said.

The BSF guards the

Indian front on the eastern flank of the country that runs along five states and it has deployed as many as 87 battalions comprising about 90,000 troops. West Bengal shares a total of 2,217 kilometres of its border with Bangladesh, along with Tripura (856 km), Meghalaya (443 km), Assam (262 km) and Mizoram (318 km). Sheikh Hasina on Monday resigned as prime minister of Bangladesh and left the country, several news reports said, amid massive protests against her government that claimed more than 106 lives in the last two days.

IIM Sambalpur Hosts 62-Student Cohort Under Management Immersion Programme

Sambalpur(KCN): IIM Sambalpur, one of India's premier management institutions, concluded its Management Immersion Programme (MIP), a four-day residential program for IIM University students aimed at providing an immersive experience of management education and campus life at IIM Sambalpur. Scheduled from 30th July to 2nd August 2024, this immersive programme is designed to provide these 62 students from IIM University with an unparalleled experiential learning experience in flipped classrooms, practical management insights and hands-on experience through



various interactive sessions, workshops, and case studies conducted by IIM Sambalpur's distinguished faculty and industry experts. The event also marked a

Hindalco Industries industrial visit. In addition to that, they recently visited the weaving industries in Attabira as part of a societal outreach programme. This visit provided them with the opportunity to

engage with local weavers and understand their craft and IIM Sambalpur's contribution to giving the weaver community a platform. During the inauguration ceremony, Prof.

Mahadeo Jaiswal, Director, IIM Sambalpur, delivered a warm welcome address, expressing his enthusiasm for hosting the students. He said, "At IIM Sambalpur, our

core values are innovation, integrity, and inclusiveness. Embracing change and forward-thinking solutions, we blend tradition with modernity. Upholding high ethical standards,

inspired by Lord Vishnu's avatars, we ensure everyone feels valued, fostering leaders who understand the importance of inclusivity in innovation and ethics." Chief Guest Debasish Mallik, Joint President of Hindalco Industries Ltd., emphasized the importance of bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world applications and said, "True leadership transcends task management; it inspires and empowers. At Hindalco HiraKud, we foster an environment of learning and growth, enhancing managerial skills and encouraging experimentation. Embracing failure as a

learning opportunity, we drive improvement. Leaders support their teams through triumphs and setbacks, promoting continuous improvement and innovation." The four-day residential programme is divided into five transformative modules, each focusing on critical aspects of management and personal development. The Modules were led by Mr Samarendra Mishra, Co-Founder, of OVO Farm, Mr. Keshav Rao, Director Personnel, MCL, Dr K. Ganesh (Partner Global Lead, McKinsey & Company), Prof. Bharat Bhushan and various faculties of IIM Sambalpur.

Bike-Truck Collison Leaves Three Dead Including 2 Class-I Students in Keonjhar



Keonjhar(KCN): A father-son duo along with another child were killed after a speeding truck ran over them in Keonjhar district on Monday. The deceased have been identified as Krishna Bhusal, his son Nikit

Bhusal, and Santosh Sharma's son Ganesh, residents of Azad Basti in the Joda area. Nikit and Ganesh were studying in Class 1. As per sources, Bhusal, his son Nikit, and his friend Ganesh were en route to school on a

motorcycle when they were struck from behind by a speeding truck, which then fled the scene. The collision was so severe that all three died instantly. Subsequently, vehicular traffic on the route was

halted as angry locals blocked the road, demanding prompt action and proper compensation. Upon notification, police arrived at the scene and initiated an investigation into the incident.

Four Devotees of Odisha Stranded in Kedarnath Safe



Keonjhar(KCN): The four Odia individuals trapped in Kedarnath are safe. The Keonjhar District Magistrate and District Labor Officer are maintaining constant contact with them. The

government has mentioned that they will reach Haridwar railway station by taxi to continue their journey. Four Bolbam devotees from Keonjhar district were stranded for three days in

Kedarnath, Uttarakhand. Three of them are from the area under the Telkoi police station, and one is from the area of the Sadar police station. A landslide, caused by a cloudburst on the night of

the 31st, has destroyed the Kedarnath highway stretch between Sonprayag and Gaurikund in Uttarakhand. The four individuals were trapped in this incident.



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Redefining Kashmir's identity

Dr Firdous Baba



We are just three days away from the fifth anniversary of integration of Jammu and Kashmir with the rest of the country. It is a historic day that set the path for an inclusive 'Naya Kashmir' aimed at the overall development of the state.

Ranging from development to demand for restoration of support of statehood, the political landscape has underwent a tectonic shift. This in fact, is a positive change as political class irrespective of the parties have have abandoned falling for secessionist agenda in their rallies and activities.

This was evident in

the Lok Sabha elections wherein the issues revolved around development and restoration of statehood, a genuine and legitimate demand of the people in Jammu and Kashmir.

Gauging the pulse of the people, this duly echoed during the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's maiden Kashmir visit on Yoga Day after being elected as third time Prime Minister. He promised restoration of statehood as well as conduct of legislative assembly in Srinagar, sending a message to people in both Jammu as well as Kashmir that Modi government is considerate about the public demands. To remember the readers, the Home Minister Amit Shah promised these issues on the floor of the House multiple times.

But it is crucial that these demands are not reduced to mere



political maneuvers aimed at scoring points rather than achieving substantive progress. A critical step toward realizing the true potential of this region lies in redefining its identity, which can be significantly enhanced by renaming the Union Territory (UT) simply as Kashmir.

I am well aware it may not go well with many sections of the society in the country

including Jammu which is a vital arm of Kashmir. Historically, Jammu existed as a separate entity before it was merged into the larger identity of Kashmir. By naming the entire region Kashmir, we acknowledge and honor this historical continuity.

As an inclusive and democratic society, it is worth to study this proposal and its

broader implications before throwing bricks at me.

Kashmir doesn't merely represent a geographic region but it identifies an identity beyond its borders.

It encompasses Pakistan occupied Kashmir and adjacent territories. When, and if, these regions are reintegrated, a unified identity under the name Kashmir would be more fitting.

The kingdom of Kashmir extended its influence to Punjab, Afghanistan and parts of Central Asia during the reign of Lalit Aditya Muktapada. This period of expansion highlights Kashmir's historical significance and its role as a major cultural and political center in the region. Even the formidable armies of Alexander the Great could not

conquer this land.

The rich history should not be diluted by associating it with regions that do not share the same heritage. Recognizing the entire UT as Kashmir acknowledges its historical prominence and ensures that its legacy is preserved. Linguists note Kashmiri language among the oldest in the world. It

underscores the ancient civilization that flourished in the Kashmir valley. Renaming the UT as Kashmir would celebrate this linguistic and cultural heritage, reconnecting the region with its roots and providing a sense of pride to its inhabitants.

Additionally, the singular identity would bring economic and social benefits. It can elevate economic profile of the region through connectivity and communication.

The restoration of statehood is an ample time to redefine the identity of the region, based on its historical and cultural significance. Like the landmark August 5 decision, this too can make the BJP led government proud for restoring the dignity and identity of our region.

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New Avenues of Education opening up in Mother Tongue

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Unemployment has emerged as a big problem in recent years. Keeping this in mind, the Central Government is going to start a special internship scheme for one crore youth in the top 500 companies of the country. In this internship scheme, along with getting an allowance of five thousand rupees every month, the candidate will get an opportunity to know the real environment of business and come face to face with the challenges of different professions. This will give a big boost to the employment and skill development sector in the country. will get. Furthermore, increasing the grants to central universities by more than Rs 4,000 crore and allocating Rs 15,928 crore for the financial year 2024-25

is a welcome step. The government has increased the budget of the University Grants Commission (UGC) by nine percent. It has increased to Rs 19,024 crore as compared to Rs 17,473 crore in the last financial year. Under the new education policy, UGC is taking several steps to promote regional languages in higher education courses in the country. recently started E-Asmita Project is a major initiative to promote regional languages education. It is expected that this initiative will help in creating a strong ecosystem for translation and original book writing in Indian languages in various disciplines within higher education and help in preserving and promoting the language traditions of India. The initiative also seeks to create a comprehensive pool of educational resources in 22 scheduled languages, bridge the linguistic divide, promote social

cohesion and unity and equip our youth to become socially responsible global leaders. It will also help in transforming into citizens. If seen from the present perspective, the fact is that without local and mother tongue it will not be possible to strengthen the level of higher education. This is why UGC has given instructions to start courses in local or mother tongue in all higher educational institutions of the country including universities. Apart from this, All India Council for Technical Education i.e. AICTE has also taken the initiative to provide engineering education in eight Indian languages including Hindi along with English. intellectual development In our country, higher studies and teaching have been mainly done in foreign languages, whereas Indian languages have never received so much importance in this field. However, the National Education Policy, 2020 has emphasized the use of regional languages for instruction at primary

and higher education levels. Various studies have consistently confirmed that providing education to children in their mother tongue not only improves their intellectual development but also increases their ability to think and reflect. Students who speak their mother tongue or Students who receive instruction in the language prevalent at home perform better in school than students who are provided instruction in a foreign or unfamiliar language. This is because they can access curriculum materials more easily and confidently and can transfer their skills and knowledge to other languages. Research-based evidence suggests that children's primary education should be in the mother tongue. Due to this, their storage capacity increases manifold. When we number things in mother tongue They are primary for us, because for this our brain does not have to

go through the process of translation. On the contrary, when we adopt ideas in our secondary or tertiary language other than the mother tongue, we first convert it into our mother tongue and then adopt it. This is the reason why the mother tongue is most understandable to the brain. The shocking thing is that 40 percent of the global population is taught in a language other than their mother tongue. When this happens, the learning speed of children slows down. decreases and social inequalities arise. Starting with mother tongue as the primary medium of instruction and later adding English makes learning English easier. Learn another language later However, as a result of making the mother tongue the medium of instruction during the early years, the skills developed prove to be invaluable. The more developed the first language skills, the better the results in the second language. Increase in self-

confidence through receiving education in mother tongue This increases self-confidence in students. They feel comfortable asking questions, discussing and expressing ideas in their own language, which helps in their academic and personal development. One of the major benefits of education in the mother tongue is that it preserves the local culture, traditions and heritage. Through this, students remain connected to their roots and maintain their cultural identity. By receiving education in mother tongue, students can better understand local problems and needs. With this they can play an active role in the development and improvement of the society. Apart from this, due to proficiency in mother tongue they can get better employment opportunities in the local market. Presently the country is facing the problem that teaching and learning in primary classes is not getting better. The

education world makes new plans and strategies, but instead of solving the problems, they become more serious. Children and teachers are blamed for the problem, but the real problem was ignored for a long time. Since mother tongue or home The linguistic ability of children is developed only in the native language; by abandoning it and jumping to a second or third language, the expected learning and understanding cannot be achieved. The good thing is that after the arrival of the new education policy, mother tongue has started being accepted as the language of teaching-learning. Mother tongue plays an important role in achieving the objectives of education. Students studying in mother tongue should not be underestimated. Technical education should also be given in the mother tongue. Mother tongue should be expanded as the language of the Internet. mother tongue for all For students to accept it as

the language of learning, employment opportunities should also be created in the mother tongue. National policies regarding mother tongue in higher education should create a micro and macro environment that is conducive to better education and living conditions for youth through empowerment rather than dependence on handouts. Various countries have achieved success in providing education in their mother tongue instead of English and those countries produce world class scientists, researchers, technicians and The thinkers are spreading their fame. Language barrier exists as long as there is lack of proper encouragement in the respective language. The government should encourage publication of original scientific writings and books in regional languages so that awareness and curiosity about local languages increases among the people.

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Effect of climate change on agriculture is serious challenge



Climate change has become a challenge for the whole world. Climate change is having a wide impact on various sectors. Our agriculture is also being affected by it. Crores of farmers are being affected due to the adverse effect of climate change on agriculture. A recent survey report reveals the wide effects of climate change on agriculture. According to this report, 80 percent of marginal farmers in India have suffered crop losses due to adverse climate events in the last five years. Experts around the world have been warning about the dangers of climate change for a long time, but it has not been taken with the required seriousness. Climate change has started being discussed, but effective

measures to deal with it are not being worked upon seriously. We all know that due to climate change, the rainfall pattern is changing. Sometimes there is excessive rainfall and sometimes drought, which affects the production of crops. In the recent two-three years, the growth of crops has been affected by high temperatures. Many crops like wheat could not tolerate the extreme temperatures, which has reduced their yield. High temperatures and humidity conditions have increased the infestation of pests and diseases. In the cotton belt of northern India, pink bollworm has been eating away the cotton crop for the last several years. Dealing with the crop diseases that the agriculture department knows about is proving to be a difficult task. On top of that, there is also a fear that due to climate change, some new diseases may also attack the crops, for which

farmers do not have proper preparation. Experts say that many disadvantages of climate change are affecting agriculture. Climate change is causing drought conditions in different parts of the country, due to which groundwater is being exploited excessively, which is causing a drop in the water level. Wherever excessive rainfall is being observed, due to this, soil erosion is taking place, reducing its fertility. In drought conditions, salinity in the soil increases, which hinders the growth of crops. In recent years, farmers are facing uncertainty in crop yields due to changing climate patterns. In the last decade, there has been a situation of sometimes high yield and sometimes low yield. The extent to which the damage caused by climate change has become visible can be gauged from the results of a survey conducted by the Forum of Enterprises for Equitable Development (FEED) in

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collaboration with the Development Intelligence Unit (DIU). This report states that in the last five years, 80 percent of marginal farmers in India have suffered crop loss due to adverse climate events. This survey has not been conducted in a limited area, but the situation has been gauged by talking to 6,615 farmers in 21 states of the country. The results of the survey show that the primary causes of crop loss are drought (41 percent), irregular rainfall including excessive or unseasonal rains (32 percent) and early or late return of monsoon (24 percent). About 43 percent of the farmers included in the survey have lost at least half of the standing crops in the fields. Rice, vegetables and pulses have been particularly affected by uneven rainfall. The survey report highlights how farmers are suffering losses due

to excess and shortage of water in some parts of the country. This survey report shows that in the northern states of the country, paddy fields often remain submerged for more than a week, due to which newly planted plants are destroyed. On the other hand, sowing of various crops like rice, maize, cotton, soybean, groundnut and pulses has been delayed due to less rainfall in states like Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Bihar and West Bengal. In the last two-three years, high temperatures have affected the growth of crops in various states including Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh. Many crops like wheat could not bear the extreme temperature, due to which their yield has decreased. This is confirmed by the survey report. The early onslaught of summer heatwaves in 2022 affected the wheat crop in the country and production fell to 107.7 million tonnes from

109.59 million tonnes in 2021. This forced the world's second-largest wheat producer to ban exports. Heat again affected wheat production in 2023, reducing production by about 3 million tonnes against the government target. There is a need to be aware of the ill effects of climate change on agriculture. There is already discontent among farmers in the country due to continuously decreasing income. Farmers have been agitating for a long time. If the income of farmers falls further (even if climate change is responsible for this), then the sense of despair will increase among them. This despair will give rise to many problems. It is natural that food security is under threat due to a decrease. Necessary steps have to be taken to deal with climate change because problems are sure to increase in the future. Forum of Enterprises

for Equitable Development (FEED) has also warned that climate change is no longer a threat present on the horizon. This threat is imminent. The scorching heat of the year 2024 is confirming the looming danger of this warning. By constantly messing with nature, we have now reached a point where there is no other option but to develop climate-friendly strategies. If agriculture is to be saved and food shortages are to be avoided and conditions of starvation are to be avoided, then farmers will have to move towards adopting all sustainable agricultural practices in accordance with climate change, including cultivation of drought-resistant crops, mixed farming and conservation of natural resources. Efforts will have to be made to save water by adopting modern methods of irrigation like drip and sprinkler irrigation. Our

agricultural scientists have been advocating the promotion of crop diversity for decades. Now if the outbreak of pests and diseases is to be controlled, then crop diversity is the only solution. It is important that we do not do anything that increases the risk of climate change. Farmers will have to focus on sowing climate-friendly crops. Agricultural research institutes will have to take the important responsibility of studying the effects of climate change and giving proper advice to farmers. The adverse effect of climate change on agriculture is a serious challenge, which requires collective efforts to solve it. The challenge of climate change can be faced in a planned manner by adopting sustainable and favorable agricultural practices. Only if we do this, it is possible to ensure food security for future generations.

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Climate Change : Women battling to maintain their livelihood

- Social workers involved in such programs say that they are no longer just empowering women by breaking barriers, but are facing a new battle. This battle is to maintain their livelihood in the face of a changing climate. This is a much more difficult and challenging task.

Amit Bajinath Garg



An analysis of the National Health Survey shows that despite constituting nearly half of India's population (around 48 percent), women contribute only 18 per cent to the GDP. This gap can be attributed to various challenges faced by rural women, including cultural barriers, limited opportunities, lack of education and limited access to credit. A report says that bridging this gender gap could increase India's GDP by 18 per cent by 2025. This underlines the importance of creating an enabling environment that empowers women to reach their full potential. Recognising their critical role, several initiatives like the National Rural

Livelihoods Mission should be steered to bridge this gap and expand livelihood opportunities for rural women. We need to understand that climate change is also affecting rural women. In fact, rural women are often among the world's poorest and are more dependent on local natural resources for their livelihoods. Such changes affect household water, food and fuel security. Drought and erratic rainfall mean women spend more time collecting water and fuel. This also affects the crops and health of livestock, forcing women to work harder for less food. Social structures, discriminatory norms and institutions cause women to shoulder more household chores and childcare burdens than men, limiting their opportunities for education and employment. Rural women can be made leaders in

climate change adaptation by providing them with skills, capabilities, assets and resources, as well as gender-focused public policies. These policies can help reduce the gap that limits rural women's capabilities. Over the past decade, livelihood programs for rural women have made extraordinary contributions to their communities. Recognizing the tireless efforts of rural women inspires others. It creates a ripple effect, bringing about much-needed change towards a more sustainable livelihood future. Although governments are making efforts at their level, achieving the goals is not easy without the social concerns of the common man. Apart from empowering women for a more equitable society, we must also consider the impact of climate change on their livelihoods. Unpredictable weather

events, rising temperatures and changing rainfall patterns are rapidly changing the landscape, pointing to a major threat. Climate change issues have also been discussed in detail in the recent COP 28 conference. It has been said that climate change is not gender neutral. In fact, to see the impact of climate change on livelihoods, we have to turn to rural India. Livelihood programs are being discussed in states like Maharashtra and major changes are being seen there. Similarly, unexpected results of livelihood programs are being seen in other states as well. However, efforts still need to be accelerated, for which we have to take steps. Social workers involved in such programs say that they are no longer just empowering women by breaking barriers, but are facing a new battle. This battle is to maintain their livelihood in the face

of a changing climate. This is a much more difficult and challenging task. A report by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) says that female-headed rural households are disproportionately affected during climate change shocks. One degree of temperature increase means a massive 34 percent drop in their income compared to male-headed households. This raises an important question that why do national climate plans often lack concrete action to support these most at-risk communities in view of this global change? Why are women often underrepresented in climate change policy making? Climate change is only increasing inequality. These things are often discussed less, which should be more. The FAO report says failure to address the unequal impacts of climate change on rural people will exacerbate already large gaps between the rich and the poor, and between men

and women. In low- and middle-income countries, rural and female-headed households already face greater financial burdens than men when disasters strike. If these significant existing wage gaps are not addressed, these gaps will widen even further. Scientists estimate that current global temperatures are about 1.2 degrees Celsius higher overall than in the late 1800s, leading to an increase in destructive weather such as floods, storms and heat waves. The FAO said women are more vulnerable to climate change than men because social structures and discriminatory norms and institutions are deeply entrenched. These are not easy to combat. In fact, poor families in rural areas have limited access to resources, services and jobs, which may make it difficult for them to cope with climate change. On average, they lose five percent more income to heat

than the richest households and four percent more to floods. Households headed by women are even worse off. They lose about eight percent more income to extreme heat and three percent more to floods than households headed by men. This report forces us to think about how we can protect rural women from climate change? The big question is whether we will be able to protect them or not? If we are not able to do so, what will be the future of these women? What will be the impact of this on our society and country? The responsibility to tackle climate change lies with multilateral institutions, states, civil society and the business community. Each of these stakeholders should take the lead in their respective fields and work across sectors to build partnerships and promote cooperation through efforts sensitive to the needs and experiences of women and in

accordance with their capabilities and potential. Greater connectivity between the international, national and local levels is necessary, but it is also important to recognise that the mere presence of women does not guarantee that women's experience and leadership will be integrated into climate change policies. Greater inclusion of women at the highest levels of climate change decision-making is essential. Women must also be able to lead at the national and rural levels. The perspectives and initiatives of rural women need to be as prominent as those of urban women.

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Potato tension: Odisha to procure stock from Punjab if needed, says Minister

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Even though Odisha has turned to Uttar Pradesh to tide over the potato crisis following the deadlock situation with neighbouring West Bengal, the price fluctuation still remains a major concern for consumers in the state. When asked the reason behind the prices of potatoes not reducing, Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Minister Krushna Chandra Patra on Monday said that efforts are on to regulate the

prices. However, the only permanent solution is that we have to start our own production. CM has announced 58 cold storages in all sub-divisions and farmers will be encouraged to take up potato cultivation, he said. "Currently, the price rise of potatoes is a national phenomenon. Everybody usually gets potatoes at cheap rates during the production season," said Patra. While refuting reports that the potato stocks from Uttar Pradesh are

getting damaged early, the Minister stated that the quality of potatoes which are being imported from Uttar Pradesh are far better than those procured from West Bengal. As traders are used to procure potatoes from West Bengal, such statements are coming now. "We decided to bring potatoes from Uttar Pradesh as Odisha did not want to fall victim to the blackmailing by West Bengal and as a matter of self-respect," the minister asserted.

SOP prepared for inspection, repair of Puri Srimandir Ratna Bhandar: SJTA chief administrator

PURI, (KCN): A detailed Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has been prepared for the shifting of empty cupboards and chests, conduct of necessary scanning with the latest scientific tools and repair of Ratna Bhandar, informed Arabinda Padhee, chief administrator of the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) after a crucial meeting of the Managing Committee held at Puri on Monday. According to Padhee,



five to six proposals were discussed in the crucial meeting today. "Already all ornaments and valuables from the inner and outer chamber of the Ratna Bhandar have been shifted. The old articles like cupboards are still inside the inner chamber. Similarly,

discussion was held on the laser scanning and other scientific techniques to be used before the repair of the Ratna Bhandar," said Padhee. The SJTA chief administrator further informed that a detailed discussion on SOP,

including shifting of empty articles including cupboards and technical inspection for scanning, either by IIT or CBRI was done. The Odisha government will institute a technical expert committee and whatever technology or technique will be used by the ASI, it

will be made after taking the state government into confidence. The Managing Committee has approved the SOP and it will be submitted to the Odisha Government, he said. The SJTA chief administrator further informed that discussion was also held on the draft Shree Jagannath Temple Land Management Rules and has been approved by the Managing Committee. The Rules will be implemented after approval from the state government.

PM Modi Chairs Key Meet Over Bangladesh Unrest

New Delhi: The Cabinet Committee on Security met at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's official residence this evening amid the turmoil in neighbouring Bangladesh - where its Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina fled the country amid massive protests over job quotas. Separately, PM Modi was also briefed on the situation in Bangladesh by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. Congress MP Rahul Gandhi, who is the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok

Sabha, has also spoken to Mr Jaishankar. Ms Hasina, who first came to power in 2009, had sought to quell nationwide protests against her government since early July but she fled the country after brutal unrest on Sunday in which nearly 100 people were killed. Bangladesh's army chief General Waker-Uz-Zaman said in a broadcast to the nation on state television that Ms Hasina, 76, had resigned and the

military would form a caretaker government. Sheikh Hasina's plane - a Bangladesh Air Force C-130 military transport - landed at an airbase near Delhi on Monday evening. National Security Adviser Ajit Doval called on the former prime minister. She is expected to leave for London later, sources told NDTV, where she may seek political asylum. Ms Hasina, who won a fifth term as prime minister in January, may not return to politics, her

US-based son and former Chief Advisor Sajeeb Wajed Joy has told BBC's World Service's Newshour program. Disappointed by the strong public sentiment against her government despite her efforts to transform the country, she has decided to quit, he told BBC. Demonstrations began over the reintroduction of a quota scheme that reserved more than half of all government jobs for certain groups. The protests escalated

despite the scheme being scaled back by Bangladesh's top court. At least 94 people were killed on Sunday, the deadliest day of the unrest, with protesters and government supporters battling each other with sticks and knives, and security forces opening fire. The latest violence took the total number of people killed since protests began in early July to at least 356, according to news agency AFP count based on police, government officials and doctors at hospitals.

ER'S FREIGHT LOADING AND EARNINGS

Kolkata, (KCN): South Eastern Railway (SER) has loaded 70.32 million tonnes of originating freight in the April-July of the current financial year 2024-25 which is 5.32% higher than the corresponding period of the previous financial year. There has also been an increase of 8.41% in originating freight

revenue in April-July, 2024 in comparison to the same period of 2023. During April-June of 2024, the revenue generation from originating freight loading was Rs 6411.83 crore as against Rs. 5916.25 crore during the same period in the previous year. SER has loaded 35.79 million tonnes of iron ore during April-July, 2024,

which is 5.89% more than the corresponding month of the last fiscal. SER has also loaded 18.35 million tonnes of coal during this period, which is 11.89% more than the corresponding months of the last fiscal. The other major commodities of freight loading were Pig Iron & finished steel, cement, food grains, fertilizers etc.

RBI@90- All India Public Sector Football Tournament 2024

Kolkata, (KCN): Reserve Bank of India (RBI) entered the 90th year of its existence on April 01, 2024. To commemorate this milestone year, RBI is hosting the 'All India Public Sector Football Tournament - 2024' in collaboration with All India Public Sector Sports Control Board

(AIPSSCB) from August 3 to 10, 2024 at National Centre of Excellence, New Town, Kolkata. Eleven teams from various Public Sector Organisations, including RBI are participating in the tournament. The programme was flagged off by Shri T. Rabi Sankar, Deputy Governor, RBI.

An Exhibition Match between East Bengal and RBI was played on the inaugural day (August 3, 2023) in the august presence of dignitaries of Reserve Bank of India, various Public Sector Organisations and some eminent veteran football players of the country. East Bengal won the match 1-0.

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New Delhi (Ahsan): Assembly elections are to be held in Delhi next year. Chirag Paswan's party Lok Janshakti Ram Vilas Paswan Party is busy preparing for the Delhi Assembly elections. On Sunday, in the central office, under the chairmanship of Delhi State President Shankar Mishra, the party has assigned important responsibilities to many people. While expanding the Shalimar Assembly,



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State Vice President Shivendra Mishra, Delhi State Vice President Satunjay, Balram, Adarsh ??Nagar District President Anil Yadav were present.

Accused arrested for murdering a woman in Tilak Nagar

New Delhi (Ahsan): Police has arrested the accused of the deadly attack on mother and daughter on July 30 in Tilak Nagar area. According to the DCP of the district, the accused Rahul had started loving the deceased's daughter one-sidedly. When the accused opposed it, he attacked the mother and daughter. West district DCP Vichitra Veer informed that on July 30, Rahul had attacked the mother and daughter with a knife in his own house. The woman died in the attack while the daughter is admitted in the hospital. Police is investigating the case of murder and attempted murder against



the accused. Knife attack in mutual fight, one youth died, one injured, father-son accused of murder arrested. According to the information received

from the police, Rahul had started loving Tanya one-sidedly. But Tanya was not ready for this and was opposing this. Therefore, on the day of the incident, Tanya had come to Rahul's house

with her mother to convince him. According to the information, during this time they had an argument. On the instigation of his mother, Rahul took out a knife

kept in the house and attacked the girl's mother with it. After that he stabbed the girl too. However, despite being stabbed, she ran out of the house. Later Rahul also fled from there.

The police have also registered a case against Rahul's mother. According to the police, along with the Tilak Vihar Police Station, other agencies of the district were also engaged in arresting Rahul. The police raided different areas of Delhi as well as Mathura in UP to catch the accused. Finally, the police arrested the accused from Tilak Nagar area.

Haryana becomes the only state in the country to procure all crops at MSP

Chandigarh (JAG MOHAN THAKEN), August 5: In an historical decision in the interest of farming community, the Haryana Government has decided to procure all crops at Minimum Support Price (MSP). Now 10 crops namely Ragi, Soybean, Kalatil (Nigerseed), Safflower, Barley, Maize, Jowar, Jute, Khopra and Moong (Summer) will also be procured at MSP in the state.

A decision to this effect has been taken by State cabinet which met under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister, Nayab Singh Saini here on Monday. The Haryana Government will bear all the expenses of procuring these crops at MSP. In this regard, the Chief Minister had made the above announcement in a

public meeting held at Thanesar Vidhan Sabha of Kurukshetra district on August 4, 2024. The approval given by the Cabinet just 24 hours after the announcement shows the commitment of the state government. The objective of increasing the scope of MSP for these crops is to stabilize market prices, ensure constant income for farmers and promote the cultivation of diverse crops. The main objective of the Haryana government is to stabilize and increase the income of the farmer. This decision of the government will also promote crop diversification. In another move aimed at providing relief to the farming community, the Haryana Cabinet took a



landmark decision to discontinue the levy of Abiana from farmers, effective April 1, 2024. This decisive action will result in a substantial one-time waiver of approximately Rs. 133.55 crore, benefiting farmers across the state. Abiana, which is currently imposed on farmers for irrigation purposes, has been a significant financial burden. The discontinuation of Abiana will also provide annual

relief amounting to Rs 54 crore, positively impacting farmers in 4,299 villages throughout Haryana. It was also decided in the meeting that the notices sent to farmers for depositing Abiana after April 1, 2024, will also be withdrawn. Apart from this, if any farmer has deposited Abiana after April 1, 2024, then that amount will also be refunded to the farmer. A release of the state government claims that

this decision underscores the government's commitment to supporting the farming community and alleviating their financial pressures. By removing this levy, the state aims to ease the economic burden on farmers and enhance their overall well-being. Showing a hopeful future to the Agniveers, Haryana Cabinet has also approved the Haryana Agniveer Policy, 2024, which aims to provide comprehensive employment and entrepreneurship

opportunities to Agniveers after their completion of service in the Armed Forces. The Haryana Agniveer Policy, 2024, offers significant benefits in government recruitment, including a 10% horizontal reservation for Agniveers in direct recruitment for positions such as Constable, Mining Guard, Forest Guard, Prison Warder, and SPOs. The Agniveer shall be exempted from the written exam in case of these posts. Apart from this, there will be a 5% horizontal reservation for Group C civil posts and a 1% horizontal reservation for Group B posts related to the Agniveers' skill specializations. The policy also includes age relaxation of three years for Group B and C posts,

with a five-year age relaxation for the first batch of Agniveers. Furthermore, Agniveers will be exempted from the Common Eligibility Test requirement for Group C posts. They shall be exempt from both written test and skill test in case they have been awarded the requisite skill certificate. For self-employment and entrepreneurship, the policy provides a subsidy of Rs. 60,000 annually to industries employing Agniveers, provided they are paid a salary exceeding Rs. 30,000 per month, including the subsidy amount. Agniveers will receive priority for gun licenses provided they fulfil conditions set out in Arms Act, preference in deployment through the Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam Limited

(HKRNL), and interest-free loans for up to three years for principal amount up to Rs. 5 lakhs to start their own businesses. It is worth noting the fact that in the financial year 2022-23, a total of 1,830 Agniveers were selected from Haryana, and around 2,215 were recruited in 2023-24. After their four-year engagement, Agniveers will have the opportunity to apply for enrolment in the regular cadre of the Indian Army, with up to 25% of each batch being considered based on objective criteria, including performance during their service period. The policy will be implemented in 2026-27 when the first batch of Agniveers is relieved from the defence forces.

CM Majhi calls on BJP workers to win every ST-reserved seat in Odisha in next polls

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Sunday urged BJP workers to focus on winning all the 33 ST-reserved MLA and five Lok Sabha seats in the next elections. Majhi said this during a meeting organised here by the BJP's ST Morcha to felicitate newly elected tribal MLAs and MPs of the party. In the recent elections, the BJP secured 18 of the 33 ST-reserved MLA seats and four of the

five Lok Sabha seats reserved for tribals in Odisha. Speaking on this occasion, Majhi said, "On this day, we need to pledge towards winning all the 35 Vidhan Sabha and five Lok Sabha seats in coming elections so that the ST Morcha can take the lead of the party in Odisha." The CM reflected on his early days with the BJP and highlighted the efforts by both his government and the Modi administration to advance the welfare of tribals, including



Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). Union Tribal Affairs Minister Jual Oram advised senior BJP tribal leaders to each adopt one constituency where the party lost in the recent elections.

He said the BJP government will definitely be a people's government as "we are not a one-man show," while indicating towards the previous BJD government which was allegedly functioning under

the control of V K Pandian, a close aide of Naveen Patnaik. He also emphasised the importance of prioritising elected public representatives like MLAs and MPs, which he claimed was

overlooked by the previous BJD government led by V K Pandian, a close aide of Naveen Patnaik. "Priority should be given to the party's elected public representatives like MLAs and MPs, which did not happen during the previous BJD government. As the Patnaik government was functioning under the directions of Pandian, they faced dire consequences and the BJP formed

the government in Odisha," he said. Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water Minister Rabi Narayan Naik announced plans to implement the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA Act) in Odisha. "We have been fighting for implementation of the PESA Act in the state. I want to assure you all that the law will be implemented

in a year," Naik said. Naik assured that the Bill for PESA Act implementation would be presented in the upcoming Odisha Assembly session, after persistent advocacy for the law's enactment. Naik urged SC and ST MLAs and MPs to concentrate on improving conditions for tribal and dalit communities residing in remote and forest areas, acknowledging their established roles in society.

Inter-state dacoits' gang busted; 4 arrested



Patana(KCN): Police in Keonjhar district Sunday busted an inter-state dacoit gang by arresting four members and seizing gold and silver ornaments along with cash and four mobile phones from their possession. The three arrested accused, who

are from Majhigaon village in Jharkhand, were identified as Md Rahat, 23, Md Sahil, 21 and Md Nassiruddin, 21. The fourth accused Tapan Behera, 35, is from Jayantigarh village under Jagannathpur police limits in Keonjhar. According to Ghatagon

SDPO, Prabhat Kumar Tripathi and Patana IIC, Bibhas Pradhan, Tapan runs a jewellery shop and used to purchase stolen ornaments from these accused at throwaway prices. He then sold those items at higher prices to customers. Except for

Tapan, all the accused were involved in burglary from many houses in Patana, Turumunga, Ghatagaon, Jhumpura and Harichandarpur areas in Keonjhar district. The police forwarded them to court Sunday.

Drop in turtle numbers sparks concern


Kendrapara(KCN): The decline in the number of Olive Ridley turtles for mass nesting at Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary near Bhitarkanika National Park in this district for the last two years has sparked concern among the environmentalists, sources said Sunday. According to an official report, 5.11 lakh Olive Ridley turtles had laid eggs at Gahirmatha in 2022. The number decreased slightly, to around five lakh in 2023. However, this year the drop in the number of turtles visiting the sanctuary is alarming. According to official estimates, only three lakh turtles have arrived at Gahirmatha. This massive decline in numbers has sparked fears of drastic climate changes or some massive natural disaster in the offing. Hemant Kumar Rout, secretary of 'Gahirmatha Marine Turtles and Mangrove Protection Committee', environmentalists Kshitish Kumar Singh and Srikant Nayak said there are several reasons behind the decrease in numbers. They pointed out that erosion and loss of land mass is one of the main reasons behind the



decrease in several turtles visiting the sanctuary. As the land is being gobbled up by the sea, the nesting places of the turtles are also being reduced. Hence many turtles are staying away from the sanctuary, pointed out Nayak. Rout on the other hand, added that the only way to stop the erosion is through a plantation of mangroves. "However, awareness programmes about the importance of mangroves and the plantation drive have not been properly implemented," he pointed out. The three informed that the mushrooming prawn gheries in Bhitarkanika National Park have a role to play in soil erosion. They said that the chemical laced water released from these gheries acts as a 'killer'

for whatever little mangrove plantation is there. The toxic water also affects the turtles and hence it may be another reason why a lesser number of turtles are visible in Gahirmatha this year. Fishermen and changes in climate are the other main reasons why there is a decrease in the number of turtles. Despite bans, fishermen enter prohibited areas inside the sea. In the process, many turtles die after getting entangled in the nets, the three opined. They also pointed out that earlier the turtles used to lay eggs in March, but this year they have done so in April. This time shift is proof enough that some climatic change is affecting the visiting turtles, the environmentalists pointed out. They

warned that the turtles will stop visiting Gahirmatha for mass nesting like Harachandi coastline in Puri district if the natural environment is not restored at the earliest. When contacted, Gahirmatha ranger Pradosh Moharana said the Forest department is taking a number of measures for the protection of the turtles. He pointed out that mangrove forest plantations are being carried out to solve the erosion issues. Security has also been beefed up to prevent the unauthorised entry of fishermen in prohibited zones. "We will shortly conduct a review to find out why the number of turtles visiting Gahirmatha this year has declined. Accordingly, we will take steps," said Moharana.



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CFA Institute in India Expands Student Accessibility with a New Exam Center in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar : CFA Institute, the professional body for excellence and thought leadership in finance, has opened registrations for their upcoming February 2023 intake. Additionally, with the rising demand to increase candidate accessibility and convenience, the institute will have 4 new exam centers in Kochi, Chandigarh, Bhubaneswar and Guwahati for the CFA Program. These centers will take the total number of test center cities for the CFA exam to 16 across India and over 400 worldwide.

The recent CFA Institute Investor Trust survey showed that Indians place a high level of trust on the potential growth in job opportunities in the financial services sector. However, in the post-pandemic era, students as

well as professionals are prioritizing safety, accessibility and ease of travel while accomplishing their life and career goals. Ease of accessibility to exam centers is expected to improve a candidate journey through the program and reduce costs associated with travelling to take exams.

The CFA Charter continues to be the global gold standard for professionals aspiring to work in the investment management industry. We constantly work to make the CFA Program affordable, accessible, meritocratic and relevant. During the pandemic we moved our examinations to Computer Based Testing from Paper Based Exams and started offering examinations four times in a year. By expanding of our test

center network, we are taking one more step to bring the CFA Program within the reach of aspiring professionals and students in India.” Said Arati Porwal, Director Society Relations at CFA Institute in India.

India has a robust banking, insurance and investment industry. It has a diversified financial sector undergoing rapid expansion, both in terms of strong growth of existing financial services firms and new entities entering the market. With such rapid expansion, there is a growing demand for professionals with relevant competencies and high standards of ethics. The CFA Institute works closely with the industry and regulators to support an inclusive and secure financial services industry in India.

SBI CSR INITIATIVES AT BERHAMPUR

Bhubaneswar(KCN):CGM Shri Dinesh Pruthi visited ShradhaSanjeevani Child Care Home at Gopalpur on 04/08/2024. Under CSR initiative of SBI, support of Desktop with UPS, Projector set, Inverter with battery and clothing were provided for the inmates. The program was attended by Shri S K Sarangi, District Child Protection Officer along with Treasurer of the Child Care Home Shri Lokanath Mishra. General Manager Shri Ponnambalam M and other senior SBI

officials were also present in the event. Similarly, General Manager Shri Kaushal Kishore Singh and Deputy General Manager (B&O) Shri Sondeep Kumar Chowbey had visited Red Cross School for the Blind at Ambapua, Berhampur. Water Purifier, Freezer, Inverter and Dining seaters were provided for the Divyang students. District Social Security Officer Ms P Padma expressed her pleasure for SBI helping the students of the school at the time of their need.



Blenders Pride Fashion Nights arrives in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar : Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, a unique travelling experiential property, arrived in the City of Temples – Bhubaneswar – celebrating the authentic spirit of the city through fashion and style. A spirit that echoes with Pride and inspires the creators of today to become icons of tomorrow. Bhubaneswar’s ‘Made of Artistic Flair’ edition for Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, brought together an eclectic evening that blended fashion, culture and dance, celebrating a symbolic amalgamation of homegrown artistry and the unwavering spirit of local talent.

Exemplifying the region’s signature weave through a curated evening at the majestic Vivanta, Bhubaneswar, DC Square was Odia designer Sabyasachi Satpathy, whose intricately crafted ensembles drew inspiration from the multicultural city and its colourful history. In a true celebration of Odisha’s distinct and masterful craftsmanship, the show was elevated with a captivating performance by the Prince Dance Group – from the small Odisha town of Berhampur – widely lauded for their artistry. The show drew to a finale with none other than actor Diana Penty, who captivated the audience in a beautiful ensemble by the designer. The “Made of Artistic Flair” edition of Blenders Pride Fashion Nights was a beautiful embodiment of the rich craft and cultural heritage of the city in a modern and contemporary setting.

Taking us on a ‘Jatra’ – The Journey of a Young Woman – the show encapsulated the journey of a woman from post adolescence to her nuptials, navigating the various challenges, trials and significant moments that come her way. The enigmatic journey was captured through the array of colours and textiles that Odisha Bandha/Ikkat offers. Truly encapsulating the spirit of ‘Made of Pride’, the designer made use of Odisha weave, which is sustainable, hand-woven, organic and a homegrown initiative of design, painstakingly woven by the weavers of Odisha. The upbeat set was a composition designed to narrate the spirit of Bhubaneswar along with the flair of the designer. The evening was attended by the city’s A-listers & influencers. The fashion walk truly left the guests mesmerized and engaged.

Through this unique showcase of Pride encompassing diverse talent across creative fields, Blenders Pride Fashion Nights 2022, encourages everyone, especially youth at large to celebrate & take pride in their authentic and individual journeys. The evening spotlighted individuals who take Pride in their choices, are comfortable in their skin and, most importantly, embrace their authentic selves – truly living a life that is ‘Made of Pride’.

realme launches the Stylish realmenarzo 60 Series 5G and the revolutionary realme Buds Wireless 3

Bhubaneswar(KCN) : realme, the Most Reliable Smartphone Service Provider in India, unveiled its latest offerings today, the realmenarzo60 Series 5G and realme Buds Wireless 3. These newest additions to realme’s legacy of innovation are crafted to provide users with an unrivaled experience. The realmenarzo 60 Series 5G introduces two standout smartphones: the realmenarzo 60 Pro 5G and the realmenarzo 60 5G, accompanied by the cutting-edge realme Buds Wireless 3 for an immersive audio experience. The realmenarzo 60 Series 5G is the first and only smartphone in the segment to come with 1TB storage. The realmenarzo 60 Series 5G is a groundbreaking lineup that revolutionizes the smartphone industry with its cutting-edge features. realmenarzo 60 Pro 5G is equipped with up to 12GB + 12GB of dynamic RAM and is the only smartphone in the segment with 1TB of ROM storage. It runs on the Dimensity 7050 5G chipset and boasts a massive 5000mAh battery with 67W SUPERVOOC charging support.

The realmenarzo 60 Pro 5G comes in two stunning colors: Mars Orange, Cosmic Black and three

storage variants: 8GB + 128GB which will be priced at INR 23999, 12GB + 256GB priced at INR 26999 and 12GB + 1TB priced at INR 29999. realmenarzo 60 5G also showcases a Premium Vegan Leather and Martian Horizon design. The device offers a remarkable 90Hz Super AMOLED Display with 20,000-level auto brightness adjustment. The 64MP Street Photography Camera, equipped with 2X in-sensor zoom, DIS Snapshot, and 20X digital zoom, capturing stunning images with ease. Powered by the Dimensity 6020 5G Chipset, thenarzo 60 5G gives you a worthwhile experience. The narzo 60 5G comes in two stunning colors: Mars Orange, Cosmic Black and two storage variants: The 8GB + 128GB is priced at INR 17999 and the 8GB + 256GB is priced at INR 19999.

Buyers can avail bank offers of INR 1500 on the realmenarzo 60 Pro 5G with 6 months No Cost EMI and 18 month warranty on pre-booking starting from 6th July 1 PM on Amazon.in. and realme.com. Users can also avail bank offers of INR 1500 on therealmenarzo 60 Pro 5G with 6 months No Cost EMI on first sale

on Amazon.in and realme.com. For realmenarzo 60 5G, buyers can avail a coupon of INR 1000* and No Cost EMI for up to 6 months and 18 month warranty on pre-booking starting from 6th July 1 PM on realme.com and Amazon.in. Users can also avail coupons worth INR 1000 and No Cost EMI for up to 6 months on first sale on Amazon.in and realme.com. Introducing the realme Buds Wireless 3, designed to elevate your audio experience with a 13.6 mm Dynamic Bass driver. Enjoy uninterrupted music with its 40-hour long battery life. Immerse yourself in crystal-clear sound with active noise cancellation. Indulge in a captivating audio journey with the 360-degree spatial audio effect. The realme Buds Wireless 3 comes in three stunning colours: Bass Yellow, Vitality White and Pure Black and is priced at INR 1799. Users can avail a special first sale day offer on realme Buds Wireless 3 on 12th July, 12 noon onwards. Therealme Buds Wireless 3 will be available on realme.com, amazon.in, flipkart.in and offline stores near you.

Jindal Stainless signs MoU with SCTEVT, Odisha to train future-ready stainless steel professionals

Bhubaneswar: Odisha’s State Council for Technical Education & Vocational Training (SCTEVT) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jindal Stainless to promote technical education in the field of stainless steel and its various applications. Under this MoU, stainless steel courses will be introduced in all the Polytechnic colleges in Odisha from June 2022. The MoU was signed by Vice Chairman,

SCTE&VT, Shri Reghu G (IAS) and Unit Head, Jindal Stainless Limited (JSL), Shri Deepak Agrawal. Dignitaries present at the ceremony included Chairman, SCTE&VT and Principal Secretary to Government, Skill Development and Technical Education (SDTE) and Industries Departments, Shri Hemant Sharma (IAS); Additional Secretary, SDTE, Govt of Odisha, Shri Tapan Satpathy (OAS); Resident Director, JSL, Mr SS

Upadhyay, and General Manager, Sales & Distribution, Mr Ranit Rana. Commending the development, Chairman, SCTE&VT and Principal Secretary to Government, SDTE and Industries Departments, Shri Hemant Sharma (IAS) said, “This collaboration with Jindal Stainless will enhance the learning experience for students and faculty both, as it will give them insights about and practical exposure to the stainless steel industry.

Experience the best-in-class customer services at 11 new Alpha Service Centers across India

Bhubaneswar : Sony India is expanding its Alpha Service Network across 11 cities in India including Mumbai, Coimbatore, Jaipur, Pune, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Trivandrum, Chennai, Indore, Bhubaneswar and Guwahati. This is expansion for Alpha Camera body and lens repairs facilities is a testament to the brand's continued dedication to customer satisfaction. Sony now has the widest service network of after sales support for Digital Imaging products with 8 service centers for lens repairs, 18 service centers for Alpha Camera Body repair, 40+ service centers which can offer basic services like CCD Imager cleaning and

firmware updates and 220+ collection centers pan India.

The service centers are equipped with necessary jigs and tools to deliver best quality repair of Alpha camera body, Camera Lens, Professional Cameras and other digital imaging products like Digital Still Cameras and Camcorders. Customers can also avail instant services for basic supports like CCD Imager cleaning and getting the latest firmware update to enjoy best performance from their products. The friendly customer care staff at these service centers will help customers to register their in-warranty products on Sony Alpha Community portal to enable them avail

free of cost additional one year warranty on applicable products.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Mukesh Srivastava, Head of Digital Imaging Business at Sony India, said, “By supporting and assisting partners in local markets, Sony aims to ensure customers receive exceptional service and satisfaction along with quicker and faster turnaround at all outlets across the country. The new service centers will offer customers a seamless experience across multiple touch-points to provide a consistent brand experience that surpasses expectations.”

ATLAS OF AFFLUENCE - INDIA’S FIRST EVER WHITE PAPER ON LUXURY LAUNCHED AS A YEARLY FEATURE

Mumbai: Amidst leading luminaries of industries spanning across the business of luxury, the Atlas of Affluence (AOA) 2022 has been launched in Mumbai. Created by The Voice of Fashion (TVOF), a division of Reliance Brands Limited, the daily digital magazine that tracks and leads conversations on Indian fashion, design, crafts and retail, AOA 2022, is the

first such wide and deep white paper from India that dissects consumer behaviour studied through the prism of luxury.

A collective reflection on what affluence means in India spiked during the two years of the pandemic. Charting the post-pandemic market and the clearly altered consumer mindset through a specially commissioned study

across six cities and markets of India, AOA 2022 has been published as a book with exclusively commissioned artworks. This study uses the time graph of “pre-pandemic” and “post-pandemic” months to specify a comparative matrix. It also helps debunk long-held ideas about what affluence and luxury have meant to Indians.

NSDL launches “Market ka Eklavya- Express” in 75 cities to mark 75 years of Independence

Mumbai: India’s largest depository, National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) launched ‘Market ka Eklavya- Express’, an online investment awareness program for students that will be conducted in 8 different languages including Hindi. The program would serve as a beginner’s guide for investing for the youth.

To mark the significance of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, an

initiative of Government of India to celebrate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of our people, culture and achievements, NSDL has launched a new initiative towards investor awareness ‘Market Ka Eklavya - Express’ across 75 cities, especially aimed at the college students who would very soon be entering the phase where they would start earning and naturally,

look for avenues of investment.

Earlier this month, Market ka Eklavya (5-hours program) was launched by the hon’ble Finance Minister of India, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman at the silver jubilee event of NSDL.

On the launch of the initiative Ms. Padmaja Chunduru, MD & CEO, NSDL said, “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is a special initiative launched by our Prime Minister to

celebrate and commemorate 75 years of India’s Independence. Our program has been particularly aimed to create awareness about the financial markets to the young minds who will be the future of our country. In this Amrit Kaal, our digital education initiative focuses on building a path towards Financial Freedom for our youth, symbolizing the spirit of Atmanirbhar

Bharat.”

Students across India will benefit from this program as it does not restrict to just an area of the population. The program will be conducted for 1 hour and mainly educate the students on demystifying the jargons, 3I’s – types of Income; Inflation and its impact, types of Investment; 3S – Start early- Power of Compounding, Spread wide, Stay long etc.

