

High drama unfolds on Parliament premises as Oppn, BJP MPs jostle; Rahul accused of pushing Sarangi

New Delhi(KCN): Plumbing new depths of political animosity, rival MPs screamed and shoved in the forecourt of Parliament Thursday in unprecedented scenes of unruliness, capping three days of acrimonious debate inside the House over preserving the dignity of B R Ambedkar.

Two BJP MPs were hospitalised with injuries as Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi became the centre of the ruling party's accusations, including one by a woman MP who said he misbehaved with her.

NDA leaders filed a police complaint against him for "attempt to murder, physical assault and incitement".

The sordid incident perhaps without parallel started in the morning as BJP and opposition MPs marched towards each other over Union Home Minister Amit Shah's comments on Ambedkar.

As the two groups came closer, tempers and voices rose, soon

resulting in a melee. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said he was pushed so violently that he lost his balance and sat down. "Now they are the ones who are accusing us of shoving them," the 82-year-old said. However, the more apparent injuries were sustained by BJP's Balasore MP Pratap Sarangi, 69, who had to get stitches in the temple. His colleague Mukesh Rajput was also injured in the head. The Congress vehemently denied the charges. Party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said Rahul Gandhi and the others were protesting peacefully, but were prevented from entering Parliament by BJP MPs carrying "sticks", it said. The BJP MPs were seen carrying placards pinned to sticks. "BJP MPs stopped, threatened and intimidated me," Rahul Gandhi said. The Congress also filed a complaint against the

BJP in the Parliament House police station. Both sides also complained to the respective Chairs in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha against each other. The scuffles and the controversy served to unite the opposition in defending Rahul Gandhi. National Conference leader Omar Abdullah said he knew Rahul Gandhi and he would not push anyone. The trouble broke out minutes before both Houses were to convene at 11 am. A number of MPs of the ruling BJP-led National Democratic Alliance were protesting at the steps of Parliament's 'Makar Dwar', an entrance and exit reserved for lawmakers, against the Congress' alleged insult of Ambedkar, while MPs from the Congress and its allies were demonstrating over Union Minister Home Amit Shah's remarks on Ambedkar and accused the BJP of slighting the



architect of the Constitution. BJP MPs claimed that Gandhi tried to push his way inside Parliament through the middle of the stairs where they were standing, ignoring a side passage, and caused injuries in the ensuing jostling. However, some opposition MPs claimed that the BJP members refused to give way to Gandhi who was heading to the Lok Sabha to attend the House proceedings. BJP member Nishikant Dubey accused Gandhi of pushing Sarangi. "Are you not ashamed Rahul, you are resorting to



rowdy behaviour ('gundagardi'). You pushed an old man," a furious Dubey told Gandhi.

"He pushed me," Gandhi countered Dubey, walking off after having a cursory look at Sarangi, who was being attended to by fellow BJP members. Sarangi was later wheeled off to an ambulance.

"Rahul Gandhi pushed an MP, who fell on me and I got injured," he told reporters as BJP members squatted at the Makar Dwar raising slogans against the Congress.

Hitting out at Gandhi,

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said appropriate action would be taken in the matter. "Parliament is not a place to show physical strength. It is not a wrestling ring," he said. Dubey told reporters, "I am a four-time MP, I have seen something like this for the first time. I have never seen Congress leaders barging into the BJP's protest or BJP members doing the same when Congress protests. Why did the Congress disrupt the BJP's protest today? This shows that their only aim is hooliganism." A number of ruling

alliance MPs, including Union ministers, met their injured colleagues in the hospital as the incident blew up into a major row. Both Houses witnessed massive uproar amid 'Jai Bhim' chants from both sides and were adjourned without witnessing any transaction. Congress MPs met Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and submitted a complaint against the alleged unruly conduct of BJP MPs against Rahul Gandhi and attempts to stop him from entering Parliament House. Phangnon Konyak, a woman BJP MP from Nagaland, said in the Rajya Sabha that Gandhi came in "very close proximity of me" during a "peaceful" protest and shouted at her. He made her uncomfortable, she said, accusing him of conduct unbecoming of his position as the Leader of Opposition. Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankar said that he has received a communication from

Konyak on the incident and she also met him in his chamber. "I am looking into it. She was literally in tears," he said in the House.

The Congress and other opposition parties have seized on a part of Home Minister Amit Shah's reference to Ambedkar in his Rajya Sabha speech Tuesday to target the BJP and demand his resignation.

Shah, defended by Modi and other senior members of the BJP and its allies, has accused the Congress of distorting his speech. The BJP has instead cited the alleged insults to Ambedkar and neglect of his legacy during the long years of the Congress' rule to launch its counter-protest.

In a letter to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Kharge claimed he was pushed by BJP MPs, lost his balance and was forced to sit on the ground, injuring his knees that have already undergone surgery. He has demanded an inquiry into the "attack".

This type of violence has no place in democracy': Odisha CM on Sarangi's injury in Parliament



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Thursday said he was praying for the speedy recovery of BJP's Balasore MP Pratap Sarangi, claiming that he got injured because of the 'irresponsible and objectionable' behaviour of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in Parliament. Majhi said "such actions" of Gandhi were not only "unacceptable" but also an insult to the "sacred house of democracy".

“Due to irresponsible and objectionable behaviour of Rahul Gandhi in Parliament, our senior party leader and Lok Sabha MP from Balasore Shri @pcsarangi ji got injured. Such actions of Rahul Gandhi are not only unacceptable but it is also an insult to the sacred house of democracy,” he said in a post on X.

“I pray for the speedy recovery of Shri @pcsarangi ji and strongly condemn such

acts in Parliament. This type of violence has no place in a democracy,” he added.

A face-off between the opposition and NDA MPs in Parliament premises over the alleged insult to BR Ambedkar left former Union minister Sarangi injured. The BJP accused Gandhi of pushing the senior member, a charge rejected by the Congress leader.

State BJP president Manmohan Samal said, “This is not an act of a person with a sound mind. It is unfortunate that the leader of the opposition in Lok Sabha indulged in such kind of action. I wish for the speedy recovery of the Balasore MP.”

Body of class 11 girl student found hanging in hostel bathroom

Bhawaniapatna(KCN): The body of a class 11 girl student was found hanging in her hostel bathroom in Odisha's Bhawaniapatna town Thursday, police said.

The deceased has been identified as Tofali Naik, a native of Birikote village under Thuamul Rampur block of Kalahandi district, the police said. 'This type of violence has no place in democracy': Odisha CM on Sarangi's injury in Parliament

When her hostel inmates found the bathroom locked from inside in the morning and no one was responding, they informed the local authority. Later, with the help of local police, the door was broken open and Tofali's body was found hanging from the shower pipe tied with a towel, a police officer said.

Odisha sets up dedicated armed force unit for wildlife protection in Similipal Tiger Reserve



Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Odisha government has set up a dedicated company of Armed Police Reserve (APR) force to strengthen wildlife protection in Similipal Tiger Reserve, a notification by the home department said. The APR force with 131 personnel of different categories will form a joint task force, said another notification issued by the Forest, Environment & Climate Change department. Administrative control of the force will be under Mayurbhanj SP, while operational control will be managed in consultation



with the field director of Similipal Tiger Reserve and the joint task force. The purpose of this force is to bolster anti-poaching efforts, protect wildlife and forest resources, and maintain law and order within the reserve, the home department notification said. The new force includes a commandant, an inspector, three sub-inspectors, three



assistant sub-inspectors, 30 havildars, three driver havildars, 87 constables, and three drivers. “Government of Odisha has created one dedicated Company of Armed Police Constabulary for strengthening of protection measures in Similipal Tiger Reserve, Mayurbhanj. One of its kind in the entire country,” former

principal chief conservator of forests (PCCF) Susanta Nanda posted on X

While there is a Special Rhino Protection Force (SRPF) for protection of one-horned rhinoceroses in Kaziranga National Park in Assam, this unit in Odisha is considered the first of its kind where an armed police company is specifically created for the protection of a wildlife sanctuary.

The decision to create a dedicated armed force was taken after a series of meetings chaired by the chief secretary and the additional chief secretary.

None should play politics over melee in Parliament: BJD



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha's main opposition party Biju Janata Dal (BJD) Thursday said there should be no politics over the alleged physical altercation between MPs of the Congress and BJP in Parliament earlier in the day. The BJD, headed by former chief minister Naveen Patnaik, said that the incident has belittled the glory of Parliament. Stating that it is the duty and responsibility of all to upkeep the dignity of Parliament, BJD

spokesperson Lelin Mohanty said that there is no place for violence in democracy. “Realising the importance of non-violence, BJD president Naveen Patnaik has proposed that the word – “Ahimsa” should be included in the Preamble of the Constitution,” Mohanty said. The regional party demanded that action be taken against the persons responsible for Thursday’s incident in

Parliament. "There should be no politics over this incident. No one is above the law, be him/her an MLA, MP or son of a governor," the BJD said. The words 'son of a governor' alluded to Odisha Governor Raghubar Das's son Lalit Kumar who allegedly assaulted a Raj Bhavan official in Puri July 7. A face-off between the opposition and NDA MPs in Parliament premises over the alleged insult to BR Ambedkar left former Union minister and Balasore MP Pratap Chandra Sarangi injured. The BJP accused Rahul Gandhi of pushing the senior member, a charge rejected by the Congress leader.

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Minister for Food Supply and Consumer Welfare Shri Krushna Chandra Patra reviewed the various activities of the Department today at Conference Hall at Lokseva Bhawan. The meeting was held in the presence of Principal Secretary Shri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Managing Director, State Civil Supply Corporation Shri Shubham Saxena, and other senior officials. At the outset, Principal Secretary of Food Supply and Consumer Welfare Shri Sanjay Kumar Singh, briefed the minister about various activities undertaken by

Minister thrusts on Farmers' Stake in Paddy Procurement

Insists on delivering PDS ration every month



the department.

The process of paddy procurement should be conducted smoothly in the current kharif season, Sri Patra said adding that the officials to give priority to the interests of the farmers and take immediate steps to

address their grievances. He directed them to ensure that no registered farmer is deprived of paddy procurement. Similarly, under the public distribution system, eligible beneficiaries will now be given monthly ration from January next.

year. He also stressed that if the ration of each month is provided by the last week of the previous month. On requirement basis, it will be provided for two months. For this, lifting should be on time to expedite the distribution process. He

also emphasised to complete the process of e-KYC verification. So far, 84 per cent of the e-KYC process has been completed in the state. He also directed to keep a close watch on price rise and to expediate enforce squad against hoarders. Creating massive awareness among public and filling up the vacancies in the districts were also discussed in the meeting. Among others, senior officials of both the Food Supply and Consumer Welfare Department and the State civilSupply Corporation were also present.

KIIT Knowledge Tree Lecture

Students should maintain Moral along with Education: Eduard Heger

Bhubaneswar, 19th December (KCN): Former Slovakia Prime Minister Eduard Hague delivered a speech at the KIIT Knowledge Tree Lecture today, advising KIIT students to be committed to education, morality, and society. He said, "Education is very important now." Education can bring peace; education can transform a country; and education brings prosperity to a life. Students should not only think about how to establish themselves by getting an education but also invest their knowledge and skills in maintaining peace, harmony, and brotherhood in their environment, society, state, and country. Peace in life cannot be achieved through fame



and money alone. True peace is found in giving back to society. Dr. Achyuta Samanta, founder, KIIT & KISS is a prime example of commitment and giving back to society, he said. He said a person of good character can be

a good leader. He said leaders with ethics and values can be role models for others. Advising the students, he said, "You should always be humble and kind to others." Citing the example of Dr. Samanta, he said that

those who have courage and dedication can bring about a positive change in society. Dr. Achyuta Samant delivered the welcome speech, while Professor Sharanjit Singh, Vice Chancellor, KIIT

Deemed to be University, proposed the vote of thanks. This morning, Eduard visited KIIT and KISS and spent a long time with the KISS students. He highly appreciated the work of Dr. Samanta while visiting KISS.

ED, conducts simultaneous Raids at Properties, Linked to Late Khirod Malik, Proprietor of BISWA

Sambalpur, (KCN): NGO, Bharat Integrated Social Welfare Agency (BISWA), is under scrutiny for allegedly

central agency is allegedly linked to a bank loan fraud case. It is Reported that Khirod Mallik may have banking

nationalised banks across Odisha and other states. Malik is accused of securing loans from various national and



misusing a significant amount of funds, it allegedly mis-utilised loans obtained for the purpose of lending to self-help groups (SHGs) by furnishing the fabricated utilisation certificates. The money laundering investigation of the

channels to secure loans. Khirod passed away of heart attack on September 18, 2024. The ED action is part of an inquiry into alleged financial fraud amounting to ₹231 crore in 2010. BISWA allegedly defrauding several

private banks under questionable pretenses. The Enforcement Directorate carried out raids at the residence and offices of Khirod Mallik, executed search operations at three separate locations in Sambalpur and one in New Delhi.

24th Inter-Collegiate Annual Athletic Meet Held at Fakir Mohan University

Balasure, 19/12 (Krishna Kumar Mohanty): The 24th Annual Athletic Meet 2024-25 at Fakir Mohan University has been inaugurated. The Vice-Chancellor of the university, Professor Santosh Kumar Tripathy, graced the occasion as the chief guest and formally inaugurated the two-day athletic meet while encouraging the athletes through his address. The university's sports ground was well-prepared, and athletes from 25 colleges participated in the event. The ceremony included the lighting of the sports torch, hoisting the university and athletic meet flags, and a formal start to the sports festival in the presence of all dignitaries, athletes, 17 referees, and appointed officials. As per reports, 250 athletes from 24 colleges affiliated with the university and the university's postgraduate



council team are participating in the two-day sports meet, which features 20 events. These include running, shot put, high jump, long jump, discus throw, javelin throw, triple jump, hurdle race, and relay race, among others. Athletes from colleges like Agarpara College, B.P. Degree College, Baliapal College of Physical Education, Bhadrak Self-Financing College, Chandabali

College, Khaira College, and others are enthusiastically participating in both men's and women's events. At the inauguration ceremony, dignitaries like Professor Bhaskar Behera (Chairperson of the Postgraduate Council), Dr. Pavitra Mohan Nayak (Director of the Sports Council), Dr. Amit Kumar Sharma (Deputy Director), Sangram Bisoi (PEO), and Dr. Nihar

Ranjan Rout (Director of Student Welfare) were present. They extended their congratulations to the participating athletes and advised them to play with discipline. A collective oath was also taken to ensure organized and disciplined conduct during the events. The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Amit Kumar Sharma, Deputy Director of the Sports Council.

District-Level Children's Science Project Exhibition 2024-25 Held: 84 Projects Presented on 7 Themes



Balasure, 19/12 (Krushna Kumar Mohanty): The district-level children's science project exhibition for the year 2024-25 has been successfully organized at the Balasure Zilla School. The exhibition presided over by District Education Officer

(DEO) Mrs. Prachi Tanaya Giri and was graced by the MLA of Balasure Sadar, Mr. Manas Dutta, as the chief guest. Mr. Narayan Pradhan, President of the Zilla Parishad, served as the keynote speaker, while notable guests included Chandipur ITR

scientist Mr. Priyanath Panda, Additional District Education Officer Mr. Dharanidhar Patra, Sadar Cluster Education Officer Mrs. Rasamani Nayak, Bahanaga Cluster Education Officer Mrs. Somarani Sethi, Headmistress of the Zilla

School Mrs. Suryasikha Mohanty, District Physical Education Officer Mr. Ashok Kumar Nayak, and District Science Supervisor Mr. Harendra Mohanty. The exhibition showcased 84 projects from 12 blocks of the district, covering 7 themes: Food, Health, and Hygiene; Transportation and Communication; Natural Farming; Disaster Management; Mathematics; Waste Management; and Resource Management. Out of these, 7 projects were selected for the state-level exhibition. At the conclusion of the event, students who achieved outstanding accomplishments were awarded by the chief guest.

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Guneet Monga Kapoor all set to marvel at the Oscars for third time with 'Anuja'

While Laapataa Ladies is out of the Oscars race, India's hopes are very much alive with the film Anuja produced by Guneet Monga Kapoor. The live-action short film has been shortlisted in the Best Live Action Short Film category. Guneet boasts of an excellent track record at the Oscars as her earlier production 'Period. End of Sentence' won the Oscar for Best Documentary Short Subject at the 91st Academy Awards in 2019. She followed it



up with The Elephant Whisperers which clinched the Oscar for Best Documentary Short Film in 2023. Anuja tells the story of a 9-year-old girl, who works alongside her

older sister, Palak, in a garment factory in New Delhi. When a teacher shows up at the factory, promising Anuja a rare chance to attend an elite boarding school, Anuja finds herself faced with

a decision that will determine her fate and that of her sister. Reacting to the news, Guneet Monga Kapoor said in a statement, "Being shortlisted for the Oscars is a moment

of immense pride. Anuja is a deeply personal story of two sisters navigating through life, celebrating the unwavering hope and resilience of the human spirit. It's been an honour to contribute to the campaign as an executive producer, and to be part of its incredible journey with the brilliant filmmakers Adam J. Graves and Suchitra Mattai and powerful performances by Sajda Pathan and Ananya Shanbhag. This is a humbling recognition of the team's dedication and

to the strength of this moving story". Director Adam J Graves said, "It's a tremendous honour to be included among such wonderful films. Anuja is the result of a collaboration with so many talented and passionate people, above all our two stars, Sajda and Ananya. We knew their performances were truly special. But there is nothing more gratifying than knowing that the film moves audiences emotionally, while also drawing attention to the issue of child labour".

Sonam Kapoor shares a glimpse of her 'breakfast of champions'

Hindi film actress and fashionista Sonam Kapoor Saturday shared a peek into what her "breakfast of champions" looks like. Sonam took to her Instagram stories, where she shared a picture of her hand filled with pills. A pill box can be seen placed next to her. She did not reveal what the pills are for but going by the doctor's bio on the photo-sharing website, it suggests that she is taking pills for detox for "gut and skin". The doctor's bio reads as "LA Naturopathic Doc/ CEO... Gut, skin, hormones."

Last month, Sonam expressed her affinity for roles that originate from literary works, highlighting her passion for stories that transition from page to screen. Sonam, who is the brand ambassador for Word to Screen at MAMI Mumbai Film Festival (Mumbai Academy of Moving Image) in partnership with Soho House Mumbai. "As an actor, I have always believed that a film is only as good as its script. It is imperative to encourage writers and publishers through an ecosystem like Word to Screen where they can ideate and collaborate with filmmakers who can bring their vision to screen in the most authentic and

dynamic manner," she had said. The actress had added: "As an avid reader, I am often drawn to roles that have been adapted from books. Such characters also bring a depth that is important to their evolution from paper to screen." On September 2, the actress revealed that she is set to start shooting her first project post-pregnancy early next year and said that she loves living so many interesting characters through her profession. Sonam confirmed: "I'm super excited to face the camera again post my pregnancy. I love being an actor and I love living so many interesting characters through my profession. Human beings fascinate me and I love playing varied roles. I'm looking forward to my next." The actress' next will be a streaming project on a global platform. Details related to the project are still under wraps.



India's Best Dancer Returns With Season 4: 'Jab Dil Kare Dancer Kar!'

Dancing stirs diverse emotions, offering a dynamic way to express feelings. Sony Entertainment Television urges viewers to experience this emotional spectrum with the upcoming season of its homegrown dance reality show, 'India's Best Dancer - Season 4.' Heightening the glamour quotient of the show will be Bollywood's dancing diva, Karisma Kapoor who takes on the role as a judge. And, joining her in this journey will be Terence Lewis, and Geeta Kapur, as they reprise their role as judges this season. Produced by Frames Production Company Promising a captivating journey of extraordinary talent and electrifying dance moves the fourth season of the much-cherished dance reality show urges viewers, 'Jab Dil Kare Dance Kar!'

In all of 90 seconds on the clock during the auditions, the contestants must showcase three power moves to impress the judges, also known as E.N.T specialists to go ahead in the show. Evaluated based on the criteria of



Judges share their excitement, promising a spectacular season filled with extraordinary talent and captivating performances. Karisma Kapoor said, 'As a judge this season, I am thrilled to witness the evolution of dance styles and the boundless creativity of our contestants. This platform not only celebrates talent but also fosters a spirit of innovation and perseverance among participants. I am eager to embark on this

journey alongside Terence and Geeta, where we aim to inspire, empower, and elevate each dancer's performance to new heights.' Celebrating talent, diversity, and sheer entertainment, India's Best Dancer Season 4 promises a dynamic fusion of dance, expression, and emotion. Terence Lewis said, 'As we embark on another exhilarating journey with India's Best Dancer Season 4, I am thrilled

to return to the judges' panel. This show is a beacon for dance enthusiasts nationwide, offering a platform for raw talent to shine. It's truly gratifying to witness the evolution of dance forms and witness fresh, innovative performances that redefine creativity.' Hosted by Jay Bhanushali and ex-contestant Aniket Chauhan, India's Best Dancer Season 4 starts 13th July. Sharing her excitement for this season, Geeta Kapur said, 'Being part

of India's Best Dancer Season 4 fills me with immense joy and anticipation. Each season brings forth a new wave of talent that redefines the boundaries of dance. I am eager to witness the passion and dedication of our contestants as they showcase their unique styles and stories on stage. This platform continues to inspire and uplift, celebrating dance in its myriad forms.' India's Best Dancer Season 4 airs every Saturday and Sunday at 8 pm only on Sony Entertainment Television.

Accomplishments outplay tall promises

Dr. Ravi Chaturvedi



The dust has finally settled over foggy and hazy Ferozshah Kotla after hectic canvassing for nearly three weeks. It is a crucial and critical issue for the politicians to provide clean air to the inhabitants of the capital city. However, the visibility within the corridors of the Willingdon Pavilion is crystal clear that Rohan Jaitley has been crowned as the President to preside over the destiny of cricket in the capital city. Rohan Jaitley, Dr. CK Khanna & Gopi Manchanda panel have romped home triumphant in the recent DDCA election. Nevertheless, hopefully the new office bearers will take a popular adage seriously from William Shakespeare's

King Henry, "Uneasy lies the head wears a crown". The path ahead is strewn with insurmountable challenges with difficult cliffs to climb. Jaitley-Khanna-Manchanda faction had complete sway in the election. Kirti Azad might have heaved many balls out of the park but not Rohan Jaitley who left him high and dry with his appeal to the electorate, trouncing him by a big margin to romp home victorious by 800 votes. Similarly, Vice Presidential candidate Shikha Kumar, daughter of Khanna Chanakya of the DDCA politics was way ahead of her rivals with 1246 votes in her kitty, leaving Rakesh Bansal and Sudhir Agarwal, trailing far behind with 536 and 498 votes respectively. The most eagerly followed election was for the post of the secretary where the outcome was anxiously watched bated breath till the end. Finally, Ashok Sharma (899) outplayed heavy weight



DDCA triumphant team, L-R-Front row-Harish Singla, Ashok Sharma, Rohan Jaitley (Team Commander), Shikha Kumar, Amit Grover

Back row, L-R- Anand Verma, Tushar Saigal, Manjit Singh, Shyam Sharma, Navdeep Malhotra, Vikas Katiyal, Vikram Kohli

Vinod Tihara (744) and ex Ranji cricketer Sanjay Bhardwaj (512) convincingly. Harish Singla (1328) had smooth sailing past Gurpreet Sarin (594) and Rajan Goel (340) for the post of treasurer. Amit Grover (1189) hardly faced any challenge from Karnail Singh (619) and Kamal Chopra (461). Jaitle-Khanna group had easy going even for post

of Directors with Shyam Sundar Sharma (1165), Vikas Katiyal (1054), Manjit Singh (1050), Navdeep Malhotra (1034), Vikram Kohli (939), Tushar Saigal (926) and Navin Jindal (641) getting more votes than other claimants. The national campaign of empowerment of women was translated into reality with the election of young law

graduate Shikha Kumar with experience in HR and management. It is hoped that Shikha will look after the interest of the lady members or the spouses of the members. Elated on getting the key to the Willingdon Pavilion, Jaitley took no time to outline his priorities to improve cricket in Delhi. The major areas of immediate attention are going to be the establishment of high

performance centre to enable budding cricketers to hone their skills under the watchful eyes of competent coaches. To augment the supply line of cricketers for Delhi teams, strengthening of college and school cricket is going to be another area of his focus. The opposition led by a man with plenty of foray in different realms of cricket (Test cricketer,

member of 1983 World Cup winning team & MP) Kirti Azad went all out dishing out numerous acts of commission and omission of the outgoing team and promised plethora of facilities but it did not cut any ice with the electorate. Rohan Jaitley, Dr. CK Khanna & Gopi Manchanda conglomerate did a commendable job by not allowing ant-incumbency factor to emerge in the election. The group was all focused on retaining their hold in the DDCA. It must be said to the credit of Jaitley that he followed every word of French poet Pierre Corneille in letter and spirit, "To win without risk is to triumph without glory." All the same, Rohan Jaitley, a legal luminary and a capable leader is a man of steely resolve conversant with the crests and troughs of cricket administration has clear vision about much needed improvements in the functioning of the DDCA.

Rohan Jaitley, a visionary leader has already charted out a plan to improve cricket at all levels and augment the infrastructure within the Ferozshah Kotla. One of his top priorities is to have a cricket academy of the DDCA. Among the upgrading of the facilities on the card is a swimming pool; indoor nets, card and carom rooms, indoor games facility, and a banquet hall. The Jaitley team is going to pay lot of attention to cater to the comforts of the senior members of the club a separate block and provision of lift in general stand. As a finale, All is well that ends well and look ahead with hope and fulfillment of dreams!

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It is well known that all banks baring private ones always insist for capital infusion by Government which passes negative results on public as Government always conveys banks to raise capital on their own. For your information in August this year, the RBI governor expressed concern over the decline in bank deposits and stated that deposits have been lagging behind credit growth for some time, which could lead to structural liquidity problems in the system. After RBI governor's concern Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman also expressed concern over sluggish deposit growth of banks after holding a meeting with the Central Bank Board of Directors. She said that banks should think of bringing some innovative and attractive financial instruments so that more and more people deposit money in the banks. Considering all above don't you think that in other words, banks convey that their management is not

Goverdhan Das Binani "Raja Babu"

competitive enough to garner sufficient profit to run the bank under their management effectively? Now when government is giving the mantra to everyone to be self-reliant, it will be appropriate for the country's economy that the banks should also make efforts to become self-reliant with transparency from now on. In view of all this I opine that first banks should design innovative products and thereafter market aggressively using all forums to lure customers. As all of you will believe that nowadays unless banks make attractive offers, no customer will turn up as the saying goes, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained". Hence to lure customers from the ongoing competition, banks will also have to plan in such a way which can force all prospective customers to participate in their products. To make them self-reliant, the government should also relax the restrictions imposed on its behalf so that the dependence of banks on the government can be reduced. One more fact has been observed that fixed deposits are decreasing in banks, so it is necessary that banks provide additional facilities to lure the

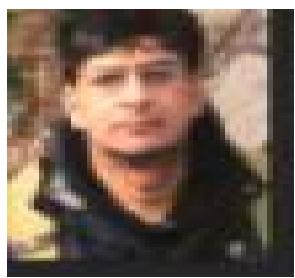
customers. After considering all discussed above, it is also a fact that banks will have to bear additional expenses for providing additional facilities. That's why there is a need for such a product which can provide a win win feeling to both i.e. to customers as well as to the bank after absorbing the burden of increased expenses. Now I suggest one product which is not new but can be introduced by making it attractive from all angles. I strongly believe that if this product is promoted and implemented properly, then it is possible to garner thousands crores as long term fixed deposits. Now my suggestion about the product is as follows –

1) Fixed deposit of 10000/- should be mandatory for this product and deposit facility in multiples of 1000/- can be given.
2) A zero balance savings account and a loan account will be opened as soon as the term deposit account starts.
3) At the time of fixed deposit, complete KYC will cover all these three accounts.
4) The mortgage over the loan account will be automatically get generated against fixed deposit and its limit will vary from minimum

90% to 95% maximum of the fixed deposit amount which in turn provide an upper hand to bank management.
5) Now zero balance savings account will have to be offered under this facility to the depositor who in turn use it like his ordinary savings account. That means any type of dividend, pension, salary, etc. can be deposited directly in the savings account and withdrawal from this should be similar to general SB a/c.
6) Arrange to issue savings account cheque Book as per RBI rules.
7) Similarly, Debit ATM card should not only be issued free of cost, but also keep it free from annual fees. The rest conditions will remain same as in ordinary SB a/c i.e. as per RBI rules.
8) SMS facility will be provided free of cost
9) Whenever a customer issues a cheque for payment which is excess than SB balance then that will absorb first SB balance and thereafter remaining amount will be utilised out of overdraft limit
10) Whenever any amount gets deposited in a savings account then after utilising OD balance rest will appear as SB balance
11) As regards interest, SB a/c gets credit of same as per savings account rules and FD will be dealt as per agreed terms subject to

CISF Launches High-Tech Quality Control Unit to Boost Airport Security

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December 16: The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), responsible for safeguarding India's civil aviation infrastructure, has introduced a specialized "quality control" unit. This initiative aims to enhance airport security by addressing evolving threats while also improving passenger convenience. Currently securing 66 airports across the country, the CISF's move reflects the need for advanced systems to cope with the rapidly increasing demands of civil aviation. Addressing Emerging Challenges in Aviation Security India's aviation sector has seen exponential growth over the years, with passenger numbers increasing and air travel becoming more accessible. This rise has also brought heightened security risks, including terror threats, smuggling, and cyber vulnerabilities. The establishment of a quality control unit is part of the CISF's broader strategy to tackle these challenges while streamlining operations. The CISF's new unit is dedicated to monitoring, analyzing, and responding to threats in real time. By integrating cutting-edge technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, and data analytics, the unit will optimize existing systems to enhance efficiency and passenger experience. Key Features of the Quality Control Unit Real-Time Monitoring and Data Analysis: The quality control unit will focus on real-time monitoring to ensure rapid detection and resolution of security issues. Data analytics tools will help identify trends, assess potential risks, and predict vulnerabilities, enabling proactive measures against potential threats. Technology Integration: The unit will incorporate AI-

powered tools for facial recognition, baggage scanning, and behavioral analysis to ensure seamless screening processes. These innovations aim to improve accuracy, reduce manual interventions, and minimize passenger wait times at security checkpoints. Crisis Management Protocols: Specialized protocols for handling emergencies, such as bomb threats or VIP movements, are a key part of the unit's mandate. Advanced communication systems will enable immediate responses to high-risk scenarios. Research Lab for Security Innovation: The unit includes a dedicated research lab to assess and adapt global best practices in aviation security. The lab will focus on testing and implementing next-generation equipment, such as advanced X-ray machines and drone-detection systems, tailored to India's specific requirements. Improving Coordination and Communication The CISF has emphasized the importance of seamless communication in ensuring effective airport security. The quality control unit will establish robust coordination mechanisms between security teams at individual airports, external agencies, and government bodies. A centralized control room will serve as the hub for incident monitoring and resource allocation. This will facilitate real-time communication during crises, ensuring swift resolution of incidents and enhancing operational efficiency. Additionally, periodic audits and feedback mechanisms will help maintain high security standards while addressing any lapses promptly. Enhancing Passenger Experience While security is paramount, the CISF also aims to improve the overall passenger experience. One of the main goals of the quality control unit is to minimize congestion at security checkpoints without compromising safety. AI-powered queue management systems will monitor passenger flow, ensuring smoother movement through airports. By reducing delays and

simplifying screening procedures, the CISF hopes to strike a balance between robust security measures and passenger comfort. National and Global Implications The establishment of this unit is a significant step in aligning India's aviation security with global standards. Airports worldwide face similar challenges, and India's focus on technological innovation positions it as a leader in adopting future-ready solutions. On a national level, the move underscores India's commitment to securing its critical infrastructure amidst evolving threats. It also reflects the government's broader push toward digital transformation and the use of AI in public safety. Challenges and Future Directions While the quality control unit marks a progressive step, its success depends on effective implementation. Adequate training for CISF personnel, regular technological upgrades, and consistent funding will be critical to sustaining the initiative. The CISF must also address concerns related to data privacy and cybersecurity, especially with the increased reliance on AI and digital tools. Transparent policies and robust safeguards will be essential to building public trust. The launch of the CISF's quality control unit represents a pivotal development in enhancing India's aviation security. By leveraging advanced technologies, streamlining coordination, and focusing on passenger convenience, the CISF is setting a new benchmark for airport safety. As India's aviation sector continues to grow, such initiatives are vital to ensuring secure, efficient, and world-class airport operations.

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Second year engineering students create projects to solve human problems



Kolkata,(KCN):B.Tech-ECE, second year students of Heritage Institute of Technology organized 'Tech Knights 2.0' today which is an internal competition to showcase projects that can solve human problems faced by mankind in various sectors. All the projects were prepared mapping the sustainable development goals. Around 9 projects were showcased that focussed

on Solar Tracking Systems, Drone Monitoring for Forest Protection, Smart Water Management Systems, Industry & Home Automation, IoT enabled Smart Composite, Speech Management System for disabled people and many more. The inaugural session of the event was addressed by Prof. Basab Chaudhuri, Principal, Heritage Institute of Technology along with

Prof. Prabir Banerjee, head of the Department, the department of ECE, Heritage Institute of Technology. "The competition gave the students the right platform to showcase their innovative projects which can really address the problems currently faced by the Industry in various sectors," said Mr. P.K.Agarwal, CEO, Heritage Group of Institutions, Kolkata.

Socio-cultural organization Pashchimanchal Ekta Manch honored on the occasion of the centenary celebration of IYCA



Sambalpur,(KCN):On the occasion of Centenary (Diamond Jubilee) of the Indian Youth Cultural Association (IYCA) founded by Shaheed Bhagat Singh was celebrated at the Marwadi Panchayat Dharmashala in Barpali, Bargarh district. The brave Shaheed Bhagat Singh, who was hanging himself for the motherland, and his followers, founded the Indian Youth Cultural Association in Sialkot, Punjab, exactly 100 years ago on 17 December 1924. In it, he organized various programs for the society with the youth and

created awareness among the youth to be dedicated to the motherland and work. After his martyrdom, his descendants have been running the institution. This institution has been working for the cultural awakening for a hundred years. Today, in collaboration with MyFinHub, on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of the Bharatiya Naujawan Sanskriti Sangh or IYCA, Shaheed Bhagat Singh's descendants Dr. Debendar Singh Sandhu joined as the chief guest. Other distinguished personalities of the region joined as guests of honor and remembered the

sacrifice of Shaheed Bhagat Singh and his comrades. In this program, the leading socio-cultural voluntary organization of the Western Odisha Region, Pashchimanchal Ekta Manch, was honored for its promotion of Sambalpuri Asmita and Sambalpuri culture. In the program, Dr. Debendar Singh Sandhu honored the convener of Pashchimanchal Ekta Manch, Bhavanish Bhoi and the chief coordinator, Manas Ranjan Bakshi, with Uttariya and Certificates. Along with this, prominent social worker Sudhir Pujari in the field of social service, Saubhagya vanta Maharana in the field of language and literature, and Dr. Bassa, founder of Ashirbad Nursing Home in the field of medical treatment, were honored posthumously. Along with this, various individuals and organizations were also honored for their outstanding contribution in various fields of society.

CRPF's 162 Battalion Organizes Free Medical Camp in Handwara, Kupwara

Handwara(Aasif Malik): The 162 Battalion of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) organized a free medical camp at Government Upper Primary School Audoora Qalamabad in the Handwara area of North Kashmir's Kupwara district on Thursday. The initiative, aimed at providing medical assistance to the local population, saw the participation of over 250 individuals, including children, women, and the elderly, who were treated and given free medicines. The camp was inaugurated by Second-in-Command of 162 Battalion PK Lal, along with Deputy

Commandant Surender Pal, Assistant Commandant Amit Kumar, and other senior CRPF officials. In his address, Second-in-Command PK Lal highlighted that such medical camps are part of the CRPF's social responsibility initiatives, aimed at identifying and supporting the needy sections of society in the battalion's operational areas. He emphasized that while the primary role of the CRPF is internal security, the force remains committed to assisting the public in all possible ways, especially through healthcare services. "Even though our main



responsibility is internal security, we are always ready to extend help to the public through medical camps. This unit will continue to

organize such camps in the future to support the local community," PK Lal stated. He further mentioned that these medical

camps are not only a means to provide healthcare but also help in fostering better relations and trust between the security forces and the local population. Sandeep Sharma, the medicine in-charge, was also present and distributed free medicines to the attendees during the camp. The event received widespread appreciation from the locals, who expressed gratitude for the initiative, which highlights the CRPF's efforts to assist and serve the community beyond its primary role of maintaining security.

Tabla Maestro Zakir Hussain's Funeral To Be Held In San Francisco Today: Report

New Delhi(KCN): Tabla maestro Zakir Hussain will be laid to rest in San Francisco on Thursday, Press Trust of India reported, quoting family sources. Zakir Hussain, one of the world's most accomplished percussionists, died at a San Francisco hospital on Monday due to complications arising from idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, a lung disease. He was 73. "The funeral is today, December 19," a family source said on the condition of anonymity. Where exactly in San Francisco and what time was not immediately known. Hussain, the son of the legendary tabla player Alla Rakha, revolutionised the instrument, taking it beyond the limits of classical music to other forms, including jazz and Western classical. The celebrated musician, one of India's most well-known, received four Grammy Awards in his career spanning six decades, including three at the 66th Grammy Awards earlier this year. He was also the recipient of the Padma Shri (1988), the Padma Bhushan (2002), and the Padma Vibhushan (2023).



Blood Donation Camp Organised at Divisional Railway Hospital, Sambalpur

Sambalpur,(KCN):East Coast Railway, Sambalpur division organized a voluntary Blood donation camp at Divisional Railway Hospital, Sambalpur. Divisional Railway Manager, Sambalpur, Shri Tushar Kant Pandey inaugurated the Blood Donation camp and donated his blood. Total 51 Railway officers, Staff and their family members donated their blood. On this occasion, Shri Anand Singh, Addl. Divisional Railway Manager, Sambalpur; Smt. Leena Pandey,



President East Coast Railway Women's Welfare Organization, Sambalpur; Dr. M.K.Behera, Addl. Chief Medical Superintendent, Dr. P.Rajkumari, ACMS & other Doctors, Members of East Coast Railway

Women's Welfare Organisation, Sambalpur, Railway officers and staff were also participated. Dr.K.Kakkad, Blood Bank Officer and staff of Blood Bank, Sambalpur contributed their valuable time for this camp.

SVEEP (Systematic Voter Education and Electoral Participation) Program at GMU and BEd College (Dr. PMIASE)

Sambalpur,(KCN):Today, 'Systematic Voter Education and Electoral Participation' program was organized under the supervision of the Election Registration Officer of Sambalpur and Rengali Assembly Constituencies. Sub-Collector Shri Sanjiv Meher, Assistant Collector Shri Susanta Nayak, GM University, Head of Department (Political Science), Chairman BEd College and other officials were



present in the above program. In the above session, SVEEP aims and objectives, HEXA Framework and IMF-EEE model, voter

registration process and awareness among the youth and implementation of the strategy were discussed.

IIM Sambalpur Announces Independent Admissions for MBA Programme 2025-27 & MBA in Business Analytics

Sambalpur,(KCN):IIM Sambalpur, has announced a strategic shift in its admission process. In the new academic year 2025-2026, the trendsetter institute will independently conduct its admission process for its flagship MBA Programme. Additionally, the same admission process will be applied to the newly launched course MBA in Business Analytics, which offers an option for a dual degree from an International Institute. This initiative represents a notable milestone in the institution's journey. This new admission process by IIM Sambalpur exemplifies the institution's commitment to fostering a more holistic admissions

experience through directly interacting with candidates. Moreover, it offers a unified and streamlined procedure for its MBA and MBA in Business Analytics Programmes. Furthermore, through this process, candidates are provided with flexible options to participate in personal interviews in either physical or virtual mode. It is important to note that IIM Sambalpur ensures that the admissions are merit-based by using an aggregate of CAT 2024 scores, academic records, experience at work, and gender balance. The full details can be accessed through the website of the institute. Important Takeaways from the Admission Process: ?



Flexible Interview Modes: Candidates can opt for online interviews or attend offline interviews at the IIM Sambalpur campus or at its Delhi campus, thus providing maximum flexibility. ? Simultaneous Admissions: The same admission process would be followed for the flagship MBA and the new MBA (BA) programmes to

streamline the experience of shortlisted candidates. ? Personalized Interactions: The direct, individualized interactions are conducted between IIM Sambalpur and prospective students to allow for better assessment in return. Timeline of Admission: ? Students who will be shortlisted after the first round will receive intimation through email

by January 10, 2025, and shall have to register on the portal on or before January 25, 2025. The candidates will be verify and update their information, and will have to upload the necessary documents while also indicating their preferred mode for interview should they be shortlisted ? The second list for personal interviews will be

intimated to the shortlisted candidates, who will then be able to choose their preferred slots ? Personal interviews will be conducted between 3rd March, 2025 and April 18th, 2025. While online interviews will be held throughout this period, the dates for offline interviews at the Sambalpur and Delhi campuses will be published in due course. ? The first merit list will be announced tentatively on 10th May 2025 and thereafter, subsequent lists will be declared (if necessary) until all seats are filled. Prof Mahadeo Jaiswal, Director, IIM Sambalpur, said, "Since 2018, IIM Sambalpur has been a part of the Common Admission

Process (CAP), where it has collaborated with other IIMs to collectively conduct the shortlisting and personal interview processes for the purpose of admissions into the MBA programme. The primary objective of this collaboration was to optimally use the limited resources during the initial years of the institute, and to provide candidates with a convenient option to avoid multiple interviews during the admission season. However, with the introduction of this new and independent admission process, IIM Sambalpur has opted to conduct its MBA admissions process independently similar to the earlier generation

IIMs, allowing prospective candidates to be directly interviewed by the institute. It's aim is to offer a more tailored and seamless experience for applicants, in alignment with It's vision to nurture talent and foster innovation." To accommodate candidates across India, interviews for the 2025-27 MBA batch will be conducted between March 3, 2025 and April 18, 2025 in the online mode. The first merit list will be tentatively declared on May 10th 2025, and subsequent merit lists (if required) will be declared per need till the MBA 2025-27 and MBA-BA 2025-27 batches complete their registration process.

Road Safety Campaign in the Capital City Bhubaneswar by CHRC

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Today, i.e. Citizen's Human Rights Clinic - one of the premier societies registered under Society of Registration Act 1860 conducted Traffic Awareness Campaign in Bhubaneswar Metropolitan city in collaboration with Sabitri Devi CHARITABLE TRUST, Bhubaneswar, Vani-Vihar-80; PURBASA Tarini Maa Socio-Economic Development Organisation, Cuttack and Jehovah Group of Companies, Bhubaneswar and urged the road users to strictly adhere to traffic rules in their own safety and benefits. The members of all the organisations being led by Gopabandhu Mallick, IPS (Retd)-the



Chairman of CHRC, Writer & Novelist Rashmi Roul, Assoc. Professor Jayakrishna Mohanta moved in a massive procession covering Ram Mandir, Master Canteen and its peripheral areas and requested vehicle drivers, motor cyclists, pedestrians etc to obey Traffic signals and rules and co-operate

in the free flow of traffic in Twin City. Inaugurating the event Shri Bikash Chaudhury, the Joint Commissioner of Transport & RTO, Zone-1, Bhubaneswar urged the public and the Organisers to drive in prescribed speed limits on the various roads, put on helmets, seat belts and other safety

equipments before driving motor cycles, scooters and vehicles, not to drive vehicles in inebriated condition or under the influence of stupified drugs, never use mobile phones or ear phones while driving and obey other mandatory traffic rules for their own safety and the safety of other road users. Speaking on the



occasion Shri Sharat Ch. Behera, the former Member of the Press Council of India and noted journalist stressed the pedestrians to look at their left-right-left directions before entering a street, cross the road only near zebra line or marked crosswalks and walk on sidewalk for their

own safety. Other dignitaries who spoke on this occasion include Dr. Dharitri Dwivedi, Prof. Pradyot K. Pradhan, Assoc. Professor Gopal Krushna Panda, social activists Bhashkar Nanda, Kshyamakar Swain, environmentalist Ashutosh Chakra and Ashwini K. Jena. Many intellectuals like Gouri

Samal, Banashri Mohapatra, Bhabani Mallick, Sulagna Sucharita, Sudhakar Nayak, Advocate Ashok Mohanty, Satrujit Mohapatra and Lila Rao participated in the procession. After the procession was over some members of above noted organisations met

Police Commissioner of the Twin City Dr. S. Dev Datta Singh, I.P.S. at his office and presented a memorandum on road safety requesting him to take necessary actions on the memorandum. The Commissioner of Police assured the delegates that necessary actions would be taken.

Cold storage woes cripple agriculture

Kendrapara (KCN): Lack of cold storage units has significantly impacted the agrarian prosperity of this district while the infrastructure bottleneck has forced the people to rely on imports from neighbouring states throughout the year. The absence of cold storage facilities has also rendered the Potato Mission initiative of the state government ineffective.



According to sources, the government is providing incentives for the construction of private cold storage facilities, but exorbitant energy bills have deterred young entrepreneurs from investing in this critical infrastructure. Entrepreneurs like Swaraj Samal, and intellectuals including Ashish Kumar Senapati, Radhakanta Mohanty, Prashant Kumar Nayak, and Rajesh Kumar Behera, have emphasised that cold storage units are crucial for sustaining the agricultural economy. The gravity of the problem can be gauged from the fact that only 49 out of 129 cold stores in

the state's 314 blocks are operational. The infrastructure crunch is severely affecting the state's agricultural economy, said sources. In Kendrapara, industrialist Rabi Sahu built a cold storage at Shyamasundarpur in 1985 with a bank loan. It was operating for nearly 15 years but later it was shut down due to pending electricity bills. The cold store had initially provided stimulus to potato cultivation in the district, but after its closure, the cultivation declined. Currently, local agricultural produce cannot be preserved, resulting in year-round dependence on

vegetables imported from other states to meet the district's demands. Vegetables like potatoes, onions and bananas are being imported, which are often toxic, but consumers are forced to purchase them. If cold storage facilities were established, small agro-industries like tomato sauce and potato chip manufacturing units could also thrive. Despite government incentives, high electricity bills remain a major hurdle for sustenance of the cold stores that are essential for ensuring fair prices for farmers' produce. Subsidies and streamlined processes, such as single-window clearance for loans, can encourage

industrialists to invest in cold storage facilities. This will not only support the district's agricultural development but also help maintain economic stability, said the intellectuals. Kendrapara additional district magistrate Nilu Mahapatra assured that the RMC cold storage would soon become operational. Currently, the government is providing 55 per cent (approximately Rs 2.20 crore) subsidy for private cold storage projects. Two entrepreneurs in the district have already been approved for constructing cold storage facilities. Additionally, efforts are underway to promote small-scale refrigeration units at the panchayat level.

Kaptipada IIC attacked by sand smugglers

Udala (KCN): Inspector-in-charge (IIC) of Kaptipada police station Prakash Kumar Rath sustained injuries after he was allegedly attacked by sand smugglers in Mayurbhanj district Wednesday. The miscreants also vandalised the police van by pelting stones at the vehicle. A case was registered at Kaptipada police station and police teams conducted raids at various locations to nab the accused persons. The incident occurred when a joint team of revenue officials led by Kaptipada tehsildar and officials



from Kaptipada police station conducted raids at various places to curb illegal sand mining and smuggling. The team found huge stock of sand in one place and questioned the villagers about its source.

Meanwhile, the IIC was taken aback when around six persons including a man named Ghera and his wife launched an attack on him. Rath was rushed to Kaptipada Hospital where he was

administered preliminary treatment. Later, he joined duty at the police station. Alarmed over the development, a joint meeting comprising officials of the minor minerals department, Kaptipada tehsildar, transport department and police was held at the police station and one platoon of police force was deployed at the village to avoid any law and order situation. Later, police seized 20 tractor-loads of sand extracted from nearby Sone River which the miscreants had stored in the village.




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Capri Global Appoints Coaching Beyond as Consultant for UAE ILT20 League

Mumbai: Capri Global has announced an association with Coaching Beyond, a premier cricket coaching institute, as a consultant for the franchise team of the UAE ILT20 League. The institution will assist Capri Global in appointment of coaching staff and matters related to cricket operations. R Sridhar, former fielding coach of the Indian Cricket Team and one of the founding members of Coaching Beyond, will be the Director of Cricket for Capri Global during the UAE ILT20 League. Capri Global intends to strengthen the cricket ecosystem on the global platform by engaging the right sporting talent and nurturing them. The company aims to play a vital role as an enabler by empowering deserving talent to showcase their sporting strength to the globe. Speaking on the association, Mr. Rajesh Sharma, Director, Capri Global, said, "Capri Global aims to reinforce the visibility and

popularity of sports nationally and globally and popularize homegrown sports to create opportunities for aspiring talent. We are pleased to associate with Coaching Beyond, a brainchild of sports stalwarts who will assist us in evaluating the deserving talent and offer state-of-the-art sports training infrastructure, world-class technology, and training to sportspeople. Mr. Sridhar's experience as a player and coach is almost unrivaled and his strategic insights, coaching approach, and collaborative style will be invaluable for our franchise team. We see great synergy coming through this alliance, including a host of exciting moments that are set to elevate the cricketing experience for the Indian audience on the global platform." Coaching Beyond is a premier cricket coaching institute in India that provides performance-driven cricket coaching,

training, and education to individuals, teams, and coaches from the grassroots to various experience levels. It has recently launched its first high-performance cricket academy in Hyderabad and is on track to launch its second project in Chennai by August.

R Sridhar, Co-Founder of Coaching Beyond, said, "We are delighted to announce our partnership with Capri Global for the upcoming UAE ILT20 League. It is an exciting opportunity to work and do justice to the enormous cricketing talent and add value to the international platform. With a focused team effort, inclusive vision, and holistic approach, we can achieve consistent success during the tournament. We are confident that the League will be a grand success and are looking forward to a successful season".

Ashok Leyland launches industry first 8-wheel truck – AVTR 2620

Chennai: Ashok Leyland, flagship of the Hinduja Group and India's leading commercial vehicle manufacturer, today, launched the industry first 8 wheeler truck – AVTR 2620. With this launch of AVTR 2620, Ashok Leyland becomes the first and only player in the country to have a full range of trucks based on lift axle technology from GVW of 25.5 to 47.5T. This new product can be operated as 25.5 T (6x2) truck with the lift axle down (offering

payload closer to regular 6x2 MAV truck) and a 4x2 truck (18.5T GVW) with lift axle up (lower fuel and operating cost similar to 4x2) during light load/partial load/return empty. This new product thus offers an excellent operational flexibility to customers to choose the option based on their load, offering best-in-class Total Cost of Operation (TCO) benefits. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Head - M&HCV, Ashok Leyland, said, "Ashok

Leyland has a history of introducing products which have disrupted the CV industry. AVTR 2620 with its unique lift axle configuration offers higher TCO advantage to our customers operating in Ecom, Parcel & tanker. AVTR 2620 is a testament of Ashok Leyland's technological prudence & our commitment towards providing better logistical solutions to our customers, aligning with our philosophy of AppkiJeet, HamariJeet."

OPPO India launches Reno12 5G series; makes AI phones accessible



Bhubaneswar: OPPO India today announced the launch of the Reno12 series, its first step towards accelerating the availability of AI phones in the country. The Reno12 series—"Your Everyday AI Companion"—boasts features such as AI Eraser 2.0, AI Clear Face, AI Best Face, and Smart Image Matting 2.0 for flawless yet fun photos without complex image editing. The devices also pack the AI Toolbox, powered by Google Gemini LLM, that comprises AI Writer, AI Summary, and AI Speak to enhance daily productivity. The Reno12 Pro 5G will be available in two variants: INR 36,999 for the 12GB+256GB model and INR 40,999 for the 12GB+512GB version.

The Reno12 5G will be priced at INR 32,999 and come with 8GB RAM and 256GB storage. The Reno12 Pro 5G will go on sale in India starting 18th July, and the Reno12 5G will be available from 25th July on the OPPO e-Store, Flipkart, and across mainline retail outlets. Speaking at the launch PeterDohyung Lee, Head of Product Strategy, at OPPO said, "The Reno12 series marks a milestone for OPPO as we pledge to accelerate AI phone adoption. The Reno series, which showcases OPPO's advanced GenAI capabilities, futuristic fluid design, and unparalleled energy efficiency, reflects our commitment to cutting-edge technology. We envision that AI will

make mobile devices more personalised and intuitive to not only enhance smartphone capabilities but also transform the way users interact with their devices."

The Reno12 Pro sports a unique Quad-Micro Curved Infinite View screen with a 43-degree curve for extremely narrow bezels of just 1.69mm and a 93.5% screen-to-body ratio. Both devices come with 6.7-inch FHD+ AMOLED displays with 120Hz refresh rate for smooth browsing and scrolling; their 1200nits peak HDR brightness ensures legibility even under direct sunlight. The handsets boast 10-bit panels that output 1.07 billion colours to display images with a high dynamic range (HDR) and subtle colour gradations for life-like, immersive pictures. The Reno12 Pro 5G—available in Sunset Gold and Space Brown—sports a Panda Glass back with dual textures: The top half is treated with anti-glare technology that is smudge-resistant, while the lower glossy area is defined by a smooth ribbon that carries the OPPO branding.

Inter-School Science Exhibition Held at Chandipur Range School

Director of PXE Encourages Students to Cultivate a Research-Oriented Mindset

Balasore, 19/12 (Krushna Kumar Mohanty): An inter-school science exhibition organized on Thursday at the premises of the Range School in Chandipur. The Director of PXE, scientist Subodh Kumar Nayak, ceremoniously inaugurated the event. The school principal, Dr. Pramod Kumar Sa, welcomed the guests to the stage, while teacher Dr. Pratap Keshari Hota introduced all the distinguished guests. In his address, the director stated that the time has come to move forward from Lal Bahadur Shastri's slogans of "Jai Jawan" and "Jai Kisan" to "Jai Vigyan" (Victory to Science) and "Jai Anusandhan" (Victory to Research). He emphasized that if students start building an interest in science,

research, and innovation from an early age and cultivate a research-oriented mindset, India can become an innovative nation in the future. At the event, apart from the Range School, 80 projects from the Regimental Nursery School and Chandipur High School were displayed. A total of 100 students, divided into senior and junior groups across three categories, participated and showcased their projects. The PXE Director, scientist Subodh Kumar Nayak, the school principal Dr. Pramod Kumar Sa, and scientist as well as school secretary Ratnakar Sathuua Mahapatra observed all the projects, interacted with the students, and motivated them to



work towards becoming scientists in the future to contribute to society's welfare. In this context, eminent scientists and judges from DRDO also visited the exhibition, reviewed the projects, and discussed them in detail

with the students. Among those present at the event were PXE scientist and Range School Secretary Ratnakar Sathuua Mahapatra, ITAR's Ranjan Kumar Barik, PXE's Maheshwar Jena, Regimental

Nursery School Principal Suman Bhij, Sudhanshu Shekhar Panda, scientist Bapuji Khatuua, Tanmaya Mahanti, and Sudeshna Mahapatra, who served as prominent judges, reviewing the students' various projects. Other attendees included school principal Dr. Pramod Kumar Sa, Jayamala Ghosh, Nitya Niranjan Rautaray, Pratap Keshari Hota, Nayapati Indira, Sandhya Rani Mahapatra, Sandhya Mahapatra, Subashis Raut, Nitya Niranjan Rautaray, Geetikrishna Das, Akankhya Shivani Raut, Rashmirekha Singh, Monalisa Khuntia, Subhakar Mahanta, Lakshmi Priya Raut, Purnendu Prakash Pati, Rabindra Kumar Panigrahi, Radhakant Lenka, Prabhat Kumar, Sukumar Mandal, Tufan Sahu, and Bikash Kumar Jena.

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

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

engaged in the Promotion, Financing and Development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME). Under the MoU, Union Bank of India would consider Joint financing/ Co-Financing with SIDBI to Projects/Units in the MSME. This MoU would help the Banks to increase their customer base, while helping the MSMEs to meet their funding requirements. The key highlights of the arrangement include joint

identification of viable projects and term loan and working capital financing to MSMEs. Initially the arrangement would be at specific centers and once the arrangement stabilizes at these centers, more locations would be covered.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Lal Singh, CGM (MSME), Union Bank of India, said "MSME is one of the key sectors of our Indian Economy contributing to GDP,

Exports, Manufacturing Output, Employment, Women Empowerment etc. MSME is one of the focused areas of the Bank and at Union Bank of India, we aim to become Bank of 1st choice for MSMEs. This tie-up with SIDBI aids in realizing the Bank's vision to have increased credit flow to the MSME sector and extend operational convenience to the MSME clientele. Under partnership, Union Bank of India through its Pan

India branch network can provide general Banking products like Current Accounts, Savings Accounts, Working Capital facilities and other related services to the MSME Customers of SIDBI." Also, speaking on the tie-up arrangement, Shri Vivek Kumar Malhotra, CGM, SIDBI reiterated SIDBI's commitment towards timely financing for MSMEs across all sectors.

Unacademy produces 178 Rankers for UPSC CSE

Bhubaneswar: Unacademy, India's largest learning platform*, today announced that 178 out of 685 rank holders of UPSC CSE 2021 are Unacademy Learners. Among the top rankers from the Unacademy platform are Gamini Singla (AIR - 3), Aishwarya Verma (AIR - 4), Utkarsh Dwivedi (AIR - 5) and Yaksh Chaudhary (AIR - 6). 3 Learners have secured ranks between 1-5, 32 have secured ranks from 6-100 and 143 have secured AIRs from 101-685.

From the 178 Rankers, 45 Learners were Unacademy's Plus/ Iconic subscribers guided by India's Top Educators. The other rankers were guided by Unacademy's Last Mile Programme for UPSC CSE 2021 Interview. Last Mile Programme is an interview guidance program for the last stage of the UPSC CSE exam that helps Learners who have qualified the Mains exam to crack the Personal Interview stage. The questions are asked by retired bureaucrats, former UPSC members and Top Educators in a mock set-up. In last year's Unacademy's Interview Guidance Program 170+ Rankers qualified the Interview stage by securing AIR 2.

Blue Dart signs the UNFCCC Climate Neutral Now Pledge

Bhubaneswar: Blue Dart, South Asia's premier express air and integrated transportation & distribution company and a part of the Deutsche Post DHL (DPDHL) Group has signed the 'Climate Neutral Now' (CNN) pledge by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The pledge highlights the organisation's commitment

to ambitious CO2 reduction targets. Deutsche Post DHL Group has adopted a package of measures worth up to ₹7 billion to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 in line with the Paris Climate Agreement, primarily to expand the use of sustainable technologies and fuels in its fleets and buildings. Its long term goal is to reduce GHG emissions to net zero by

2050. The Climate Neutral Now Initiative encourages and supports interested stakeholders to act now in order to achieve a climate neutral world by 2050 as enshrined in the Paris Agreement. The initiative is a tool to promote voluntary action on climate change. Blue Dart has already invested extensively in remaining a Sustainable Provider of Choice by being the first

in the industry to set quantified carbon-reduction targets. The organisation, as a part of the Deutsche Post DHL Group aimed to increase their CO2 efficiency by 10% by the year 2012 and 30% by the year 2020. Against the 30% target, Blue Dart achieved a 34% CO2 efficiency in 2021. Pablo Ciano, EVP Corporate Development, DPDHL Group says, "As a Group, we have

developed a Sustainability Roadmap that supports the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. We are constantly working towards introducing innovative green logistics solutions that improve our carbon footprint. I am delighted to share that representing the DHL eCommerce Solutions Division in India, Blue Dart has been delivering high on its sustainability initiatives.

India to see largest increase in energy demand worldwide over the next 20 years, says Infomerics

New Delhi, India faces the twin dilemma of co-existence of shortage and abundance in several parts of its energy system. While the provision of electricity has increased significantly over the years, weak institutions and utility governance hamper the power sector's financial performance with issues of accountability, operational efficiency, customer service, and transmission to state-level transmission institutions. The sector takes a huge and grossly unacceptable hit due to extensive losses, leakages and pilferages, and the cost recovery

from tariffs. These are some major findings of a report titled Power Sector in India: New Emerging Opportunities and Challenges released by Infomerics Valuation and Rating Pvt Ltd., the well-known SEBI-registered and RBI-accredited financial services credit rating company. The report explores the opportunities and challenges ahead for India as it seeks to ensure reliable, affordable and sustainable energy for a growing population. During FY20 and FY19, the growth of electricity generation was lower than in the previous financial years because

of the impact of COVID-19. The report quotes the International Energy Agency (IEA) stating that during FY21 recovery in electricity demand from the COVID-19 pandemic was faster and stronger in India than in EU countries. India is the third-largest producer and the third-largest consumer of electricity in the world. With the increasing population, electricity demand is rising at a fast clip and India has improved its power generation capacity over the years. India has added more than 500 billion units until FY22 from FY10.

mark before Pat Cummins made a sporting declaration. With inclement weather around, the maximum of 50-odd overs was always going to be difficult. Ultimately, 13 deliveries were all that were bowled before rain had the final say. It wouldn't be wrong to say that bad weather worked massively in India's favour, given how far behind in the game they were after the first innings had ended. That said, Australia were also a bowler short after Josh Hazlewood's mishap on the fourth morning of the game, leaving the neutrals with a bit of 'what could have been'. Rohit on his part felt that it could have been anybody's game.

wicket partnership worth 54 between the two batters was broken, Stars kept losing wickets at regular intervals and ended up with a score that they found hard to defend later in the match.

Brief Scores: Melbourne Stars 162/6 (Harper 46; Bartlett 3-25) lost to Brisbane Heat 163/2 in 18.1 overs (Peirson 72*; Stoinis 1-20) by 8 wickets

the Adelaide Oval prior to the Test. To see how the surface had behaved when Lloyd Pope had spun South Australia to victory over Victoria. Speak of leaving nothing to chance in terms of preparation. That was Ashwin to a tee. The chat then extended beyond cricket briefly though. He spoke about being in a "happy space" in life, about being very happy with his life, and everything he'd managed to achieve and overcome in his career. It was a happy moment. He then walked away to face some throwdowns from Gautam Gambhir before being informed by the head coach about being picked in the XI for the second Test in Adelaide. That'll probably be my abiding memory of Ashwin in his last two weeks as an international cricketer. He looked like a man at peace.