

## Plea in Supreme Court against some provisions in new criminal laws

## PM Modi to unveil projects worth over Rs 7000 crore on Dec 13 for well-organized Mahakumbh 2025

farmers have sold their paddy to the government, Majhi said.

Deputy Chief Minister who is also in-charge of the Agriculture Department, Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo said, "Our government believes in work not words. What we have promised to farmers before the election has been delivered today." Among others, Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Suresh Pujari, Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Minister Krushna Chandra Patra, Cooperation Minister Pradeep Bal Samanta and local MP and MLAs attended the event.

Another Deputy CM Pravati Parida and several ministers also graced the event virtually from different districts.

tenure continuing until his superannuation on February 29, 2028, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.”

The letter further requested that Kutey be relieved of his current duties so that he could take up his new role at the Centre.

objective is to maintain strict control over inflation. Over the past six years, Das has faced numerous challenges, including Covid-19 and conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East. He has been recognized as the central banker of the year for two consecutive terms at international forums for his adept management of the world's fastest-growing major economy.

filed a complaint at Chitrakonda police station about the Maoist threat. Three of the five accused are locals of Badapada and two are from Malkangiri. These five people, posing as Maoists, used to extort money from people, by threatening to kill them in the Praja Court. Recently, they threatened to kill the Naib Sarpanch and a journalist in the Praja Court.



# Sports Science India's Sports Awards ceremony held

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Committed to boosting the sporting culture in India, Odisha based Dr Sarthak Patnaik and the founder of Sports Science India (SSI) hosted a gala Sports Award ceremony here at Kalinga Stadium on Saturday.

More than 17 international level athletes and sportspersons were felicitated. This year, SSI Karna award was conferred on Karnataka swimmer Aneesh S Gowda, Arjuna awardee weightlifter Sathish Sivalingam, Odia cyclist Swasti Singh, racer Aditya Thakur, sprinter Sandeep Kumar, Sneha SS, Olympian gymnast



Pranati Nayak and badminton sensation Anmol Kharb. Similarly, SSI Milkha

Singh Sprint Champion Award was given to Odia sprinter Lalu Prasad Bhoi and Nithya

Gandhe. SSI Emerging Player award was given to Chhattisgarh sprinter Animesh Kujur. SSI also

dedicated an award in honour of hockey legend Dilip Tirkey. This year Dilip Tirkey

hockey best player award was received by Shilanad Lakra, while the SSI Paika team

award was conferred on the Indian Hockey team.

The SSI Best Coach and Grassroots Coach awards were received by national badminton coach Vimal Kumar and Indian women Ice Hockey team coach Abdul Hakim Giri respectively. Similarly, SSI Sports Development and Sports Journalism awards were received by JSW Sports and Dipti Ranjan samal respectively. Speaking about the ceremony, SSI Founder Dr Sarthak Patnaik said "Our award ceremony is a step towards

promotion of sports in the country. We want to celebrate the achievements of our sportspersons so that thousands of other aspiring athletes are Inspired".

The award ceremony was inaugurated by Deputy Chief Minister Odisha Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo in presence of Padma Shri Hockey India President Dilip Tirkey, Olympic weightlifting medallist Karnam Malleswari, former Indian football team captain Bruno Coutinho and SNM Group Director Prabodh Mohanty.

## Farmers attend district level program through virtual for distribution of input assistance by CM Mohan Charan Majhi.



**Sambalpur(KCN):**Today, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha from Sohela, Bargarh, distributed input subsidy of Rs. 800 per quintal to farmer brothers and sisters of all Odisha. On this occasion, a district level program was organized at Gangadhar Meher University Auditorium, Sambalpur for distribution of input assistance. The chief guest of the program was the Minister of Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water, Shri Ravi Narayan Naik, the representative of the Hon'ble Education Minister, Shri Nauri Nayak. Honorable MLA, S a m b a l p u r representative Shri Sameer Babu, Sambalpur District Magistrate Shri

Siddheshwar Dholram Bondar IAS and Sambalpur Security Officer Shri Mukesh Kumar Bhamu were present. In the said program, District Magistrate Sambalpur addressed everyone in his welcome speech and said that the total farmer registration in our district is 59895, today 4600 farmers will get about Rs. 53 crore. About 80% of the people in our district are farmers and if we get input assistance of Rs. 800 then it will definitely help our farmers and there will be overall improvement of the farmers. Hon'ble Minister of Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water Shri Ravi Narayan Nayak addressed the farmers and said that

today is an important day for which the farmers are waiting. Today we can sell paddy at Rs. 3100, for which we need everyone's cooperation. Many times small farmers fail to get the money they deserve. Keeping that in mind, the mandi arrangements have been made, he said that the government is making efforts to ensure smooth implementation of the mandi arrangements and to make the mandi well organized. This time, an arrangement of Rs. 80 crore has been made for the infrastructure development of 24 mandis. He said that we need a mandi in every panchayat. We should think about how the farmers of our

panchayat can sell their paddy properly. He said that if we do not think about this, the farmers will not be able to sell the paddy. He said that the government will focus on ensuring that the farmers do not fall into trouble due to not being able to reach the mandi on time or not being able to hire a vehicle to sell the paddy or if the token lapses. He also said that the district administration will help the farmers in selling the paddy. According to the information, this subsidy input amount will be credited to the farmer's account in just 48 hours. Chief Development Officer and Executive Officer Pasna Kumar Patra proposed the vote of thanks at the above program.

## 11,710 children in Odisha suffering from severe acute malnutrition: Dy CM Parida

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Deputy Chief Minister of Odisha Pravati Parida Saturday told the Assembly that a total of 11,710 children in the state are suffering from severe acute malnutrition. Parida, who is in charge of the Women and Child Development Department, said this in her reply to a query from BJP MLA Laxman Bag. As per the deputy CM's statement, tribal-populated Mayurbhanj district has reported the highest number of children suffering from severe



acute malnutrition. The district has a total of 1,460 such children. Similarly, 1,269 children in Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi's home district of Keonjhar are also found to be suffering from severe acute malnutrition while 760 such children were identified in Nabarangpur district, she said.

Among other districts which reported higher numbers of such children include, Rayagada (645), Kalahandi (636), Malkangiri (570), Ganjam (558) and Balasore (536). Jagatsinghpur district has reported the lowest number of SAM children among the 30 districts of Odisha. The district has 50 malnourished children,

Parida said. She informed the House about the schemes implemented by the government to prevent malnutrition among children.

The Women and Child Development Department has been implementing the Supplementary Nutrition Programme, 'Mukhyamantri Samproona Pushti Yojana' (MSPY), 'Pada Prusti Karyakram' (PPK) and 'Mamata Diwas'-VHND (Village Health and Nutrition Day) at Anganwadi centres, Parida said.

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# Aamir Khan defends Laapataa Ladies amid 'backward mentality' claims before Oscars

Aamir Khan recently defended Laapataa Ladies against accusations of promoting 'poverty porn'. Directed by his ex-wife Kiran Rao, the film was chosen as India's official entry for the Best International Feature category. Actor Aamir Khan defended his production Laapataa Ladies against criticism of a 'backward mentality'. Directed by Kiran Rao, the film was selected as India's official entry for the Best International Feature category. In a recent interview, Aamir was asked about why films set in rural India tend to resonate more with Academy voters and whether he is perpetuating a regressive view of the country by



making such films. While talking to BBC Asian Network, the Dargal actor commented about Laapataa Ladies promoting a 'backward mentality' and feeding into the idea of 'poverty porn,' stating, "Not all the

films we make are set in villages. A lot of our films are accepted all over the world. I don't think audiences all over the world have any major misconceptions about how India is anymore. Maybe at one time, it was



true that they felt India was a land of snake charmers and elephants. But that's a thing of the past now. I don't think people have misconceptions about what India is like any more, not to that extent,

certainly." When asked if the film would resonate with international audiences, Aamir replied, "We should give them more credit—they've seen films from all over the world." Laapataa Ladies is about

two brides who get inadvertently exchanged at a railway station. How that leads to misadventures, comedy and certain life lessons on the way, makes the film one of the most swift screen experiences of our time. Presented by Jio Studios, Laapataa Ladies is directed by Kiran Rao and produced by Aamir Khan and Jyoti Deshpande. The film is under the banner of Aamir Khan Productions and Kindling Productions, with the script based on an award-winning story by Biplab Goswami. The screenplay and dialogue are written by Sneha Desai, while the additional dialogues have been jotted down by Divyanidhi Sharma.

# Suhana Khan's pull ups, push-ups, and deadlifts are the reason for her perfect svelte figure

Actress Suhana Khan, who is the daughter of superstar Shah Rukh Khan, has finally revealed the secret to her perfect svelte figure, which includes a combination of pull-ups and deadlifts. Suhana took to Instagram, where she shared a video of her working out in the gym. In the clip, the actress, who made her debut with Zoya Akhtar's "The Archies", is seen doing several weighted workouts including pull-ups, hip thrusts, push ups and deadlifts under the supervision of a personal trainer. A user was seen asking about how she managed to do the pull-ups, to which she replied: "Was

a struggle." Shah Rukh and his wife Gauri Khan got married in 1991 in a traditional Nikah and Hindu wedding ceremony shortly after. The two welcomed their son Aryan in 1997. Three years later they had their daughter Suhana, who was born in 2000. The power couple welcomed their son AbRam via surrogacy in 2013. Talking about upcoming work, Suhana will soon be seen working with her father in the upcoming film "King", which is directed by Sujoy Ghosh and produced by Siddharth Anand. The movie is expected to go on floors later this year and might hit screens in 2025.



The film will also feature actor Abhishek Bachchan, who will be seen playing the

antagonist. Megastar Amitabh Bachchan in July almost confirmed Abhishek starring in the

upcoming movie. Big B took to his X and quoted a tweet from a fan club of Abhishek. The

tweet spoke about Abhishek's side as an antagonist and shared that the actor will be seen in a negative role in "King". The Internet user had written in his tweet: "Those Who have seen Abhishek Sir's in Breathe into the Shadows, Raavan and 'BB', Will know what level of Performance as a negative role he can give. Never ever doubt him. @juniorbachchan Abhishek Sir and Sujoy Ghosh. @iamsrk #SuhanaKhan #King #AbhishekBachchan @sujoy\_g". Big B, wrote in his tweet, "All the best Abhishek .. It is TIME (sic)".

# Vicky Kaushal on perfecting 'Tauba Tauba' steps: Had 3-4 days to learn it

Vicky Kaushal spoke about the hard work and choreography behind the popular song 'Tauba Tauba' from 'Bad Newz'. The film releases on July 19. Vicky Kaushal, who is in Delhi to promote 'Bad Newz', spoke about perfecting the steps of 'Tauba Tauba'. The actor said that he was given three-four days to learn

it. Vicky also credited choreographer Bosco-Caesar for the song's popularity and success. Vicky Kaushal's leg-work, swag in 'Bad Newz' song 'Tauba Tauba' is the talk of the town. Talking about what went behind the song's success, Vicky said, "We were very excited ki isko jama ke kuch karte hain (let's do a great job) and

the choreographers, Bosco-Caesar, they have been choreographing such songs for the past 20 years. And they have worked on such nice songs with Hrithik Roshan, Katrina Kaif, and others." He continued, "We were very happy with the team that came together. We got 3-4 days to learn the 'Tauba Tauba' steps.



Hats off to Bosco Sir and his team who taught me the steps and worked hard on me. And all of you gave me the results

of my hard work and gave me so much love. Overall, we are very happy." Vicky also said, "There are some songs which create a flow of their own. Nothing is bigger than a song that we drop on the highway and the audience takes it off from there and makes it their own. That is what happened with 'Tauba

Tauba'. It's there in the film as well and whoever wants to enjoy this song on the big screen, please do." Vicky was accompanied by Triptii Dimri and Ammy Virk at the Delhi press conference. Also, watch 'Tauba Tauba' here: 'Bad Newz' was previously titled 'Mere Mehboob Mere Sanam'.

# Disha Patani Misses Sushant Singh Rajput As 'MS Dhoni: The Untold Story' Clocks 7 Years, Says 'Couldn't Say Goodbye'

Actor Disha Patani remembered late actor Sushant Singh Rajput on the occasion of their film 'MS Dhoni: The Untold Story' 7th anniversary. Taking to Instagram, Disha shared a clip from the movie featuring herself and Sushant. Sharing the video, she wrote, "Grateful for this beautiful journey and my first film in Hindi cinema Love whole heartedly and cherish the ones who make you happy safe and heard life's too short for regrets! We couldn't say goodbye but i hope you're

happy and at peace" As soon as she shared the video, fans and industry friends chimed in the comment section. Actor Anil Kapoor wrote, "Phenomenal scene .. both of you are so good ..." One of the users wrote, "One of the finest scenes from this movie" Another commented, "Miss u SSR." Helmed by Neeraj Pandey, 'MS Dhoni: The Untold Story' biopic is on one of the most celebrated cricketers in our country, Mahendra Singh Dhoni. The film



was released in 2016 and saw the late Sushant Singh Rajput essaying the role of Dhoni. It also starred Kiara Advani. Disha, with her girl-next-door appeal and million-dollar smile, instantly became the talk of the town. Her chemistry with Sushant was widely appreciated. The biopic turned out to be one of the biggest hits of Sushant's career, who went on to receive several nominations in the Best Actor category at that year's awards ceremonies for his performance in the film.



# Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme, 2024: Some FAQs Part 2

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(Contd from 2nd Dec. 2024)

4. Procedure for filing of declaration and particulars to be furnished:

As per Section 91 to Section 95 of the Direct Tax Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme, 2024 (VSVS 2024), the procedure for filing of declaration under VSV Scheme is as under:

Declaration in prescribed Form No.1: In order to opt for the scheme the assessee is required to make an online declaration in prescribed Form No.1.

The declarant is also required to furnish an undertaking in the prescribed form and manner waiving his right, whether direct or indirect, to seek or pursue any remedy or any claim in relation to the tax arrears for which declaration under the scheme is filed, which may otherwise be available to him under any law for the time being in force, in equity, under statute or under

any agreement entered into by India with any country or territory outside India whether for protection of investment or otherwise.

Grant of certificate to the declarant in Form No. 2: The designated authority shall, within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of the declaration determine the amount payable by the declarant and grant a certificate to the declarant in Form No. 2 containing particulars of the tax arrear and the amount payable after such determination.

From date on which certificate is issued by designated Authority, the appeal pending before the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal or Commissioner (Appeals) or Joint Commissioner (Appeals), in respect of the disputed income or disputed interest or disputed penalty or disputed fee and tax arrear shall be deemed to have been withdrawn. Form No. 3 to be furnished after payment:

The declarant is required to pay the amount determined within 15 days of the date of receipt of the certificate by him and intimate the details of such payment to the designated authority in Form No. 3 along with the proof of withdrawal of appeal/writ before High Court or Supreme Court. The department shall also withdraw the appeal/writ before the issuance of final certificate for settling dispute.

Order in Form 4 stating that payment has been made: On receipt of intimation of payment in prescribed form, the designated authority shall pass an order stating that the declarant has paid the amount in Form No. 4. The designated authority shall not institute any proceeding in respect of an offence; or impose or levy any penalty; or charge any interest under the Income-tax Act in respect of tax arrear which has been settled under the scheme.

However, declarant shall not be conferred any benefit, concession or immunity in any proceedings other than mentioned above. Any amount paid in pursuance of a declaration made under the scheme shall not be refundable under any circumstances. The order determining the amount payable shall be conclusive as to the

matters stated therein and no matter covered by such order shall be reopened in any other proceeding under the Income-tax Act or under any other law for the time being in force or under any agreement, whether for protection of investment or otherwise, entered into by India with any other country or territory outside India. The Scheme provides that filing of declaration will not set any precedence and it cannot be claimed in any other proceedings that the taxpayer or the Department has conceded its tax position by settling the dispute. The declaration shall be presumed to be non-est (never to have been made) in the undermentioned cases -

(a) any material particular furnished in the declaration is found to be false at any stage; (b) the declarant violates any of the conditions referred under this scheme; (c) the declarant acts in any manner which is not in accordance with the undertaking given by him. All the proceedings and claims which were withdrawn under the scheme and all the consequences under the Income-tax Act against the declarant shall be deemed to have been revived in above cases.

5. Definition of disputed income, disputed tax, disputed fee, disputed interest and disputed penalty:

As per Section 89 of the VSVS 2024, the definitions are as under:

“disputed income”, in relation to an assessment year, means the whole or so much of the total income as is relatable to the disputed tax.

“disputed tax”, in relation to an assessment year or financial year, as the case may be, means the income-tax including surcharge and cess (hereafter in this Chapter referred to as the amount of tax) payable by the appellant under the provisions of the Income-tax Act, as computed hereunder:—

(A) in a case where any appeal, writ petition or special leave petition is pending before the appellate forum as on the specified date, the amount of tax that is payable by the appellant if such appeal or writ petition or special leave petition was to be decided against him;

(B) in a case where objection filed by the appellant is pending before the Dispute Resolution Panel u/s 144C of the Income-tax Act as on the specified date, the amount of tax payable by the appellant if the Dispute Resolution Panel was to confirm the variation proposed in the

draft order;

(C) in a case where Dispute Resolution Panel has issued any direction under sub-section (5) of section 144C of the Income-tax Act and the Assessing Officer has not completed the assessment under sub-section (13) of that section on or before the specified date, the amount of tax payable by the appellant as per the assessment order to be passed by the Assessing Officer in pursuance of the said assessment under sub-section (13) thereof;

(F) in a case where an application for revision u/s 264 of the Income-tax Act is pending as on the specified date, the amount of tax payable by the appellant if such application for revision was not to be accepted: Provided that in a case where the dispute in relation to an assessment year relates to reduction of tax credit under section 115JAA or section 115JD of the Income-tax Act, or any loss or depreciation computed thereunder, the appellant shall have an option either to include the amount of tax related to such tax credit or loss or depreciation in the amount of disputed tax, or to carry forward the reduced tax credit or loss or depreciation, in such manner as may be prescribed;

“disputed fee” means the fee determined under the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961 in respect of which appeal has been filed by the appellant. “disputed interest” means the interest determined in any case under the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961, where—

(i) such interest is not charged or chargeable on disputed tax.

(ii) an appeal has been filed by the appellant in respect of such interest. “disputed penalty” means the penalty determined in any case under the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961, where—

(i) such penalty is not levied or leviable in respect of disputed income or disputed tax, as the case may be.

(ii) an appeal has been filed by the appellant in respect of such penalty.

“Old appellant” refers to a declarant who became an appellant on or before 31st January 2020, in respect of any tax arrear and continues to be an appellant at the same appellate forum on 22nd July 2024 in respect of such tax arrear.

“New appellant” refers to any case other than an old appellant case where the declarant became an appellant after 31st January 2020 but on or before 22nd July 2024.

6. Forms specified in the Scheme:

CBDT vide circular no. 12 of 2024 dated 15.10.2024 has clarified as follows—

Four separate

Forms have been notified for the purposes of the said Scheme. These are as under:

Form – 1: Form for the filing declaration and undertaking by the declarant

Form – 2: Form for Certificate to be issued by Designated Authority

Form – 3: Form for the Intimation of payment by the declarant

Form – 4: Order for Full and Final Settlement of tax arrears by Designated Authority

The Scheme also provides Form-1 shall be filed separately for each dispute, provided that where appellant and the income-tax authority, both have filed an appeal in respect of the same order, single Form-1 shall be filed in such a case.

The intimation of payment is to be made in Form-3 and is to be furnished to the Designate Authority along with proof of withdrawal of appeal, obligation, application, writ petition, special leave petition, or claim.

(Contd.)

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# Why is the number of divorce cases rising daily?

By: Surjit Singh Flora



The rise in divorce rates in India reflects more than just a statistical trend; it signifies an escalating issue. Globally, this trend is evident. In traditional and conservative societies, divorce rates are typically low due to substantial social penalties, regardless of any legal consequences that may be in place.

Couples now face new challenges stemming from social media, increasing individualism, and financial independence. Due to the prevalence of casual encounters, individuals are overlooking the significance of the dedication that marriage requires, even though it is crucial to separate oneself from toxic relationships.

The incidence of divorce escalates in society as levels of freedom increase, resulting in the breakdown of social barriers. The elimination of this penalty has resulted in an increasing apathy among individuals toward the actions of others, enabling people to experience a sense of freedom in their choices.

Specific behaviors, often shaped by elements such as desire and betrayal, can reflect a shift away from

values like loyalty and integrity, leading to divorce. Within the realm of civil society, some individuals might opt for divorce, frequently motivated by personal interests. Often, one party begins the process, resulting in the other having few choices, especially when women take the lead in initiating the divorce.

If society were to embrace this primal perspective, then these specific gender identities would struggle to survive under the control of the opposing half.

Civil society has been instrumental in recognizing the value of women, promoting equality, and, in certain instances, resulting in important outcomes like divorces. In the modern landscape, various avenues exist for making a living, including positions as receptionists in pleasant settings, roles in software or typing, and opportunities in video calling jobs. Nonetheless, this emerging independence might prompt certain women to display unfaithful behaviors, indicating a change in perspectives on relationships.

Men and women display distinctions in multiple areas, encompassing physical, sexual, emotional, and functional dimensions. Women's sexual desires are complex and cannot be fully satisfied if it is their primary objective. Biological and evolutionary factors, particularly the implications of pregnancy and childcare practices, further shaped the regulation of this aspect, with notions of masculinity and societal control mechanisms

playing a role. The factors that define our uniqueness as humans include our values, relationships, ethics, and morals. Men have a natural tendency to support and safeguard their families and the children of their partners. Society views a woman's children as the legitimate heirs of men, maintaining a balance in gender propagation. Nevertheless, men may overlook that aspect due to insufficient cultural sophistication.

The data from the National Crime Bureau and Indian courts indicates a notable rise in the trend of divorce among married couples in metropolitan cities and various states of India over the past fifteen years. The data shows that Delhi's courts file 9,000 divorce cases annually. This figure contrasts sharply with the 1,000 cases recorded in the 1990s and the mere one or two cases filed in the 1960s. In the capital, there has been nearly a tenfold rise in divorce cases since 1990. In Chennai and Kolkata, divorce cases are rising by 200 percent each year. In Kerala, the rate stands at 300 percent, whereas in Punjab and Haryana, divorces are rising at an annual rate of 400 percent. This trend extends beyond metropolitan areas, impacting small cities and towns as well. Delhi has established five specialized courts, each staffed with an additional sessions judge, in response to the increasing number of divorce cases.

The occurrence of divorces in India, which has accelerated since the 1990s, is now a largely global

phenomenon. In developed capitalist nations, the circumstances have evolved to the point where individuals are opting to forgo marriage entirely. In nearly all of these countries, the birth rate of children is declining. In line with the trends observed in developed capitalist nations, young couples in the urban centers of less developed capitalist countries in the Third World are increasingly choosing to cohabit without formal marriage. The population of such youth in these metropolises is steadily on the rise. They view having children and raising them as unproductive endeavors. One reason for their reluctance toward marriage is the concern that if they struggle after tying the knot, they may find themselves compelled to seek a divorce through the courts.

They have discovered a way to sidestep all these complexities by remaining together without entering into a marriage. An increasing number of individuals are questioning the sanctity and necessity of the institution of marriage. Surti Das, a sociologist at Jawaharlal Nehru University, discusses the reasons behind the significant rise in divorces in India in an English newspaper article, stating, "Nowadays, women are also earning equally." That is the reason they seek equality in marriage. If this does not occur, the relationship deteriorates, and due to economic empowerment, women experience less insecurity than in the past,

when they were entirely reliant on the trio of father-husband-son. Marriage consultants indicate that the primary causes of most divorces today are infidelity and adultery.

Feudal culture persists in countries like India, denying young boys and girls the chance to select their preferred life partner. While the prevalence of love marriages has risen in recent years, particularly in urban areas, the actual number of these unions remains quite limited. In this context, elders predominantly orchestrate marriages, uniting two individuals who are entirely unfamiliar with one another for a lifetime commitment. Recently, this tradition has evolved significantly, allowing the boy and girl to meet and engage in conversation prior to marriage. This act of observing and displaying is profoundly degrading and a violation of human dignity. The parents of the boy visit the girl. The boy introduces the elegantly attired girl to him. Once the boy and his family recognize the girl's charm and agree on the dowry, they conclude the marriage arrangement. In this manner, they become unparalleled. If these marriages are dissolving due to girls gaining education and achieving economic independence following the establishment of divorce laws, then this is a noteworthy development. It deserves to be embraced. In this context, all human endeavors were entirely controlled by monarchs, dynasties, religious institutions, and spiritual

leaders, who often held feudal powers as well. The might of the sword took women. For the wealthy, marriage was crucial to guarantee their own offspring would inherit their assets. In these households, women held no status beyond that of producing legitimate heirs to the property. As capitalism and capitalist democracy emerged, love flourished, granting women the freedom to select their own life partners. Feudal values continue to dominate in countries with backward capitalist structures, such as India. However, in the absence of coercion in marriages, so-called love marriages struggle to endure. Even in these marriages, the rate of divorces remains unchanged. In contemporary capitalist society, capital has asserted its supremacy over every aspect of human interaction. It is an excellent deal—a transaction. It is, in fact, a collaboration between two capitals. The advancement of industry under capitalism has rendered the poverty and struggles of the working class essential to the survival of society. Cunning and resistance in the fight for rivalry led to the attainment of "Indianness." Marriage continued to serve as a legally recognized form of prostitution, providing a legal facade for it. In the contemporary capitalist society, individuals do not engage in marriage primarily due to love or profound emotional connections. According to the French novelist

Flaubert, 95 percent of married couples are unfaithful.

The current state of marriages is evident in the proposals for 'contract marriage' that numerous Hollywood actresses offer to millionaires in exchange for substantial financial compensation. Newspapers frequently feature accounts of these marriages. In our society, a girl cannot marry without offering a substantial dowry. Newspapers abound with marriage advertisements where boys and girls, or their parents, present themselves as if they were 'goods' available for sale. Obtaining a high degree through education is commonly believed to enhance an individual's 'market value' in the marriage market. Terms such as "market value" have transformed into a source of pride rather than a cause for embarrassment. Not surprisingly, these marriages are dissolving quickly today. If these marriages stay intact, they either face a continuous struggle, or they have already experienced internal fractures and are merely a façade. The bond shared between a man and a woman brings profound happiness and joy to both individuals, serving as a pathway for moral and character growth. However, capital has also deprived humanity of the ultimate happiness and joy. Indeed, genuine love cannot emerge within the framework of capitalist property relations. The elimination of capitalist property relations is essential for the

development of genuine love between a man and a woman. The book 'Sin and Science' by American journalist Dyson Carter explores the significant progressive changes in human relations that occurred in the Soviet Union. The book explains how the liberation from capital gave human relations a new moral foundation. This book explores the influence of socialism. The laws that were enacted included: firstly, regulations concerning civil marriages, the registration of children and descendants, as well as marriages and deaths; secondly, provisions related to marriage and divorce.

If a child is involved, one spouse should notify the other through the registry office that the marriage has ended and make arrangements for their care. Soviet lawmakers took the concept of divorce to an extreme, viewing it as a right to end a marriage that lacks love. The primary barrier to establishing human relationships, including those between men and women, grounded in mutual love, respect, and trust, is the capitalist system that centres on private property and the pursuit of profit. This system has diminished humanity within man, reducing him to a state akin to animality.

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## Gujarat Man Beats Bank Manager Over Tax Deduction On Fixed Deposit



**New Delhi(KCN):** A video of a fight between a bank manager and a customer at a Union Bank in Ahmedabad has gone viral. Jaiman Rawal, the customer, was reportedly disappointed over the

increased tax deduction on a fixed deposit. The argument between the customer and the bank manager broke into a nasty fight. In a 43-second-long viral video, the two men are



seen holding each other by the collar. The customer then slaps the bank employee on his head. In the video, a woman can be heard asking her colleague Shubham to let it go.

In the background an elderly woman, who is with the customer, is seen trying to resolve the dispute, holding the arm of either of the two, pulling them away. She even slaps the customer, asking

him to stop it. A similar incident was reported from the Canara Bank branch in the Gandhi Maidan Police Station area, Patna where a woman bank manager was harassed and threatened by a customer over the CIBIL score. In a video, a man is seen walking toward a woman, he points a finger at her, almost shoving it in her face. He then snatches the phone from her and throws it on the ground. "You will record this and embarrass me", he asks. The man returns the phone to the woman and walks back to a nearby chair. He sits and threatens the woman. "No one will support you. Fix my CIBIL score. See what I do to you in your cabin. You don't know who you are dealing with. You have done wrong to me," he says. The police are investigating the case.

## 3 Students Killed, 25 Injured As Bus Overturns In Rajasthan

**Jaipur(KCN):** Three school students were killed and 25 others were injured when a bus overturned in Rajasthan's Rajsamand district on Sunday, police said. The accident occurred when the students of Mahatma Gandhi School, Amet were en route to Parshuram Mahadev temple in Desuri, Pali for a picnic by bus, District Superintendent of Police Manish Tripathi said. There were 62 children and six teachers in the bus, he said. The bus went out of control and overturned near Desuri Naal, killing three students and 25 other children injured in the accident, while 37 students were sent home after first aid, the DSP said. Charbhujia Station House Officer Govardhan Singh said



that three students who died on the spot in the accident have been identified as Preeti, Aarti, and Anita. The injured have been admitted to the hospital and the bodies have been handed over to the family members after post-mortem, Tripathi said. A case has been registered against the bus driver and investigation is underway, the officer said. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma and Governor Haribhau Bagade

expressed condolences. The chief minister in a post on X in Hindi said, "As soon as information about the accident was received, necessary instructions were given to the district administration officials to ensure proper and immediate medical treatment of the injured children." "I pray to Lord Shri Ram to give a place to the departed souls in his feet and provide speedy recovery to the injured children. Om Shanti," he said in his post.

## Pakistan PM Jumps Into ICC Champions Trophy Row With BCCI, Assures PCB Of...

**New Delhi(KCN):** Pakistan PM Jumps Into ICC Champions Trophy Row With BCCI, Assures PCB Of... According to the report, PCB chief Mohsin Naqvi had apparently met the PM on short notice to inform him about Pakistan's next step, as the Indian cricket board was not willing to accept the "fusion formula" proposed by the PCB to the ICC. Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has assured PCB chairman Mohsin Naqvi of "complete support" on the issue of the hosting of the Champions Trophy next year and said the country should keep its self-respect while dealing with the matter, according to sources. Sharif, who is also the patron-in-chief of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), also told Naqvi that it was not just about money and that the sentiments of the public should also be taken into consideration.



India has refused to play its Champions Trophy matches in Pakistan and instead demanded the tournament be played in a 'hybrid model', which would allow it to play its matches at a neutral venue. According to a top International Cricket Council (ICC) source, the global governing body for the sport has reached a consensus to conduct the Champions Trophy in a hybrid model, allowing India to play its share of

matches in Dubai while agreeing "in principle" to a similar arrangement in multi-lateral events till 2027. Naqvi, on Sunday, briefed Sharif on the behind-the-scenes developments but the PCB didn't reveal details of the meeting. "The Prime Minister assured his complete support to the PCB on the issue and appreciated the stance taken by the (PCB) chairman on India

money and Pakistan should deal with the matter keeping its self-respect and pride. "The stance adopted by the PCB reflects the feelings of all Pakistanis when it comes to the Champions Trophy after the refusal of India to play in Pakistan," Geo TV quoted the premier as telling Naqvi during the meeting. Naqvi has said that any decision on the Champions Trophy would be taken after seeking advice from the

government. Another source close to the government said that Naqvi had apparently met the PM on a short notice to inform him about Pakistan's next step, as the Indian cricket board was not willing to accept the "fusion formula" proposed by the PCB to the ICC. "Basically, Naqvi wanted to keep the PM updated and get his approval if the PCB decides to break the deadlock with any tough decision on the tournament," the source said. The ICC headquarters in Dubai has been the hub of discussion around the "fusion formula" proposed by the PCB on the hosting of ICC events for the next few years. PCB wants the BCCI to accept a formula under which if India does not play any ICC event in Pakistan, the neighbouring team will also not visit India for any event.

## 2,500-km Chase, China Firm That Scammed Indians: How Cops Caught Trafficker

**New Delhi(KCN):** A man who forced many young men from India to commit cyber crimes through fake call centres on the promise of getting them jobs abroad has been arrested from Hyderabad by the Delhi Police yesterday after a 2,500-km chase. Kamran Haider alias Zaidi carried a reward of ₹ 2 lakh on information leading to his arrest, declared by the National Investigation Agency. Zaidi and his accomplices used to traffic vulnerable young Indian men to the Golden Triangle Region in Southeast Asia, where the borders of Thailand, Laos and Myanmar meet, and force them to work in Chinese companies. Their passports would be taken away as soon as these men reached abroad and they would be forced into cyber crimes. According to the Delhi Police, Zaidi was constantly changing his location and the police had deployed teams in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh to catch him.



After manual inputs and technical surveillance, Zaidi's location was finally traced to Hyderabad. "He was arrested after a long persevering chase of 2,500 kilometres by the team without any rest near Nampally Railway Station in Hyderabad while he was trying to escape another hideout," Deputy Commissioner of Police (Special Cell) Manoj C said. The scam came to light after a First Information Report (FIR) was registered in New Friends Colony in Delhi on the complaint of a person named Naresh Lakhwat on May 27. He had told the police that he was looking for a job when he came across a consultancy firm called Ali International Service. He got job offers from Thailand and Laos

through the firm. The company eventually sent him to Thailand where his passport was snatched and he was forced to work in a Chinese firm. The Chinese company used to scan Indians online, Mr Lakhwat told police. The case was later transferred to the National Investigative Agency (NIA). An investigation by the NIA exposed the entire module and it was revealed that the young men were sent to the Golden Triangle where they were forced to dupe Indian, European and American citizens online. The probe revealed that Manzoor Alam alias Guddu, Sahil, Ashish alias Akhil, Pawan Yadav alias Afzal and their leader Zaidi were involved in the human trafficking.



# Environmentalists oppose proposed NH over Chilika

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Environmentalists across Odisha have expressed serious concerns over the plans to construct a two-lane national highway (NH-516A) over Chilika Lake, as announced by the National Highways Authority of India recently. They said the project will potentially damage the rich biodiversity of Asia's largest brackish water lake and leave a trail of destruction of the region's fragile ecosystem.

The NHAI, in a recent letter, stated that it has approved the land acquisition plans for the

National Highway, connecting Gopalpur and Satapada. The NHAI further directed the concerned construction company to conduct a drone survey before December 11 to ensure the timely execution of the project. However, the project's announcement has invited strong resistance from thousands of locals in the surrounding region who claim that the highway would pose critical threats to the endangered marine species in the lake, while seriously affecting livelihood of the fishermen communities. Secretary of Orissa



Environmental Society, Jaya Krushna Panigrahi said, "Coastal ecosystems are normally fragile, which is facing an

enhanced stress from landward and seaward sides in the scenario of an impending climate change. On top of this, if the proposed

construction is allowed near Chilika Lake it would jeopardise the entire ecosystem".

Panigrahi added that the construction of the

highway would pose imminent threats to the livelihood of fishing communities, and would also endanger existence of migratory birds, who

consider Chilika a safe haven during winter. Echoing similar concerns, National Green Tribunal lawyer Sankar Prasad Pani said, "Even though the project was dropped off in 2018 following stiff opposition from the locals, it is absurd to conceive the thoughts about the project again. Despite Chilika being the first Ramsar site in India, the large-scale construction and frequent noise, arising from the movement of automobiles, would keep the birds away from the wetland". Moreover, Pani

added that it is futile to connect Satapada and Gopalpur since it does not serve any business interests.

Environmentalist Akash Ranjan Rath said, "Almost 90 per cent of the Irrawaddy Dolphin population in this region is resident due to factors such as isolation, abundant food supply, and good water quality. Like all cetacean species, they are highly sensitive to noise and artificial light. Habitat fragmentation and various forms of pollution are likely to have a significant impact on their migration patterns".

## CAG finds irregularities in payment to hospitals during Covid-19

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) has found certain irregularities in funding to dedicated private Covid care hospitals (DCHs) set up in Odisha during the Covid-19 pandemic period.

In a report tabled at the state assembly Saturday, the CAG said the Odisha government in April 2020 had issued guidelines for operations of the DCHs, managed by private hospitals.

The CAG examined the related records/documents of 18 DCHs, located in the districts of Khurda and Cuttack. It was noticed that 51,967 Covid patients had been treated in these 18 DCHs in the first two waves of the Covid-19 pandemic, and Rs 724.50 crore had been incurred for the purpose.



"The audit observed irregularities in passing the bills for payment, without proper check/verification of documents. Thus, payment of Rs 144.88 crore to the DCHs, without verification of basic documents/records, was irregular," the CAG said in its

report. Similarly, the auditor has also found irregularities worth Rs 2.73 crore in supply of PPE kits to 10 private DCHs in Khurda and Cuttack districts and excess payment of Rs 2.85 crore towards diet allowance for doctors and paramedical staff, engaged in the DCHs,

It has also identified inadmissible or excess payments of government funds to several private-run DCHs during the pandemic period. The Health and Family Welfare Department assured (February 2023) to take steps to inquire into the matter to establish the factuality and to take appropriate action, it said.

## Youth body demands 'Coastal Reserve Battalion'

**Kendrapara(KCN):** The Utkalmani Yubak Sangha, a Pattamundai-based youth association, has urged the President of India and the Chief Minister to initiate steps for setting up a 'Coastal Reserve Battalion' in Kendrapara district to bolster surveillance and security along its 48 km coastline.

In letters e-mailed to the President and the CM, the Sangha said such a dedicated force would not only safeguard the district's rich natural resources but it will also strengthen the nation's coastal security



infrastructure. The Sangha said the region remains vulnerable to a gamut of security threats despite the presence of three coastal police stations owing to a lack of sufficient personnel and advanced military-grade equipment.

Kendrapara is home to Bhitarkanika National Park, a critical ecological zone spread over 672 sq km and a treasure trove of marine and wildlife resources, Sangha president Goutam Behera said. The sensitive area faces

persistent threats from infiltrators who exploit loopholes in coastal security in carrying out their illegal activities, such as poaching, smuggling, and trafficking.

There have also been reports of foreign infiltrators exploiting sea routes to engage in illegal fishing activities, posing threats to marine biodiversity, he added. In 2001, a fake wireless centre was discovered in Banipal, where secret information regarding Hukitola Island's protection was compromised.

## History-sheeter held following exchange of fire with police in Odisha

**Sambalpur(KCN):** The Odisha police Saturday arrested a history-sheeter following an exchange of fire between him and security personnel in Sambalpur district.

The arrested man, Sanjib Karali, has 23 criminal cases pending against him in various police stations in the state's western region. He suffered a bullet injury on his right leg during the gunfight, police said.

Karali was taken to Rengali primary health centre for initial treatment



and later shifted to a hospital in Burla and he is out of danger, the police said. A police officer said a drive was launched to nab Karali after receiving specific information about his presence in the

Rengali area. "When the police personnel attempted to stop him near Rampela Chowk on Gumlei Road within the limits of Rengali police station, Karali opened fire on the police," a statement

issued by the Sambalpur district police said.

In self-defence, the police conducted a controlled retaliatory fire, during which the accused sustained a bullet injury to his right leg, the police said. Of late, he was wanted in a case of dacoity in Sambalpur district. Besides, Karali has more than 23 cases registered against him in several districts, including Jharsuguda, Sambalpur, and Sundargarh. The cases involve charges such as robbery, theft, and cheating.



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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.

## 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.

## 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.



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