

Odisha CM Launches Rs 800 Input Assistance for Paddy Farmers, Enhances MSP

Sohela(KCN): Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi launched the distribution of an input assistance of Rs 800 over and above the MSP of Rs 2,300 per quintal of paddy to the farmers of the state at a function held in Sohela of Odisha's Bargarh district on Sunday.

The state government paid additional input assistance of Rs 66 crore to over 16,000 farmers through DBT on Sunday. Addressing a gathering on the occasion, Majhi said, "Today will be a historic day for Odisha. For farmers, this will be written in golden letters as the state government has reached out to them to provide them an accurate price for their paddy."

"I am very happy with launching this initiative for the farmers," the



Chief Minister said.

The government has selected Sohela to launch the distribution of the additional input subsidy because the area is treated as a hub of

farmers, he said. "The previous government was exploiting the farmers through middlemen. It had promised to provide a bonus of Rs 100 to the

paddy farmers but never implemented it. To give a befitting reply to the false promise, I came here today to distribute the input assistance," he added.

"In its election manifesto, the BJP had promised to procure paddy from farmers at a price of Rs 3,100 per quintal. Today, the promise was fulfilled," the Chief

Minister said. Majhi said that within one hour of taking oath, he called the first Cabinet meeting and took important decisions including distribution of

Rs 800 per quintal input assistance to paddy farmers. Paddy procurement for the Kharif season started on November 20 and so far, more than 21,500

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.

Plea in Supreme Court against some provisions in new criminal laws

New Delhi(KCN): A petition challenging the constitutionality of certain provisions in India's newly passed criminal laws, including the Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 (BNSS), has been filed in the Supreme Court. The plea, submitted by advocate Vishal Tiwari, questions sections that allegedly violate fundamental rights under Article 21 of the Constitution.

The petitioner argued that these provisions grant excessive powers to the police, potentially leading to abuses like arbitrary arrests and police brutality, thereby steering India towards becoming a "police state" rather than a welfare state. The plea also criticized the repeal of Section 41-A of the CrPC, a safeguard against arbitrary arrest, as undermining the Supreme Court's directives in Arnesh Kumar vs. State of Bihar.

Tiwari emphasized the importance of upholding the Supreme Court's 2013 judgment in Lalita



Kumari vs. State of Uttar Pradesh, which mandated the registration of FIRs for cognizable offenses, and contended that the new laws contradict this precedent. The petition also drew attention to concerns over extended police custody periods under the new provisions, arguing that this marks a regression to a more draconian regime than the colonial laws the legislation seeks to replace. The plea referenced the May 2023 Supreme Court observations in Achin Gupta vs. State of Haryana, where concerns were raised about provisions analogous to Sections 85 and 86 of BNSS. These provisions are essentially reproductions of Section

498A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), criticized for not addressing critical issues like custodial deaths and police brutality.

The Lok Sabha had passed the bills replacing colonial-era laws with the BNSS, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Sanhita. These legislations faced criticism for being enacted without a comprehensive opposition debate, as several INDIA bloc MPs were suspended during the session. The petitioner contended that the new laws infringe on the fundamental rights enshrined in Part III of the Constitution and violate the basic structure doctrine.

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

New Delhi(KCN): Ahead of the formal inauguration of the world's largest spiritual and cultural gathering, the Prayagraj Mahakumbh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to unveil projects worth over Rs 7,000 crore in Sangam city. The Prime Minister's visit is on December 13, during which he will offer prayers at the sacred Triveni Sangam and inaugurate the newly constructed Bhawaj Ashram Corridor and Shringaverpur Dham Corridor. On Saturday, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath visited



Prayagraj to prepare for the December 13 event and provided necessary instructions to ensure its success.

The Chief Minister highlighted the successful management of the 2019 Kumbh, stating, "In 2019, the government allocated Rs 2,406.65 crore from its own funds for the event, and the

organization of this mega gathering received global acclaim. This time, keeping in mind the convenience of pilgrims and the pride with the 'Sanatan Garg Mahakumbh,' the scale has been further expanded."

He shared, "For the Mahakumbh 2025, the state government has approved Rs 5,496.48 crore, with an additional Rs 2100 crore in support from the central government under the leadership of the Prime Minister. With no budget constraints, there should be no compromises in the arrangements."

Former Gov of Chhattisgarh Biswabhusan Harichandan appointed Chairman of Advisory Council of CNMS

Bhubaneswar, 8/12/2023 (ENS): Former law Minister of Odisha and Governor of Chhattisgarh Biswabhusan Harichandan has been appointed as the Chairman of the Advisory Council of CNMS, New Delhi.

The Executive council of Centre for Narendra Modi Studies (CNMS-NaMo Kendra) has decided to appoint Biswabhusan Harichandan.

He is a visionary leader, an accomplished academician, a prolific writer, and a distinguished lawyer. He is a leader of extraordinary wisdom, experience, and dedication, who has contributed significantly to public service and the development of our nation.



Odisha: Senior IPS officer Dhirendra Sambhaji Kutey appointed BSF IG

Bhubaneswar, December 8 (KCN): Dhirendra Sambhaji Kutey, a 1997-batch IPS officer of the Odisha cadre, has been appointed as the Inspector General (IG) of the Border Security Force (BSF).

In an official communication sent on December 6 to Odisha's Chief Secretary, Sanjeev Kumar, the Under Secretary to the Government of India conveyed the approval of the competent authority for Kutey's appointment. The letter stated, "Approval has been

granted for the appointment of Shri Dhirendra Sambhaji Kutey, IPS (OD: 1997), as Inspector General in the Border Security Force (BSF), at Level-14 in the Pay Matrix. He will assume charge of the post immediately, with his tenure continuing until his superannuation on February 29, 2028, or until further orders, whichever is earlier."

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RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das Meets FM Nirmala Sitharaman Days Before End of His Tenure

New Delhi(KCN): A day after presenting the bi-monthly monetary policy, Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das met Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday.

This meeting was just

before the end of the extended term of the incumbent RBI Governor. Das's three-year extension concludes on December 10. In 2021, the government

announced a three-year extension of Das's tenure, a month prior to the end of his original term.

According to sources, Das visited the Finance Minister in the evening in New Delhi.

Das, a career bureaucrat-turned-central banker, was appointed as the 25th Governor on December 12, 2018, following the abrupt resignation of Urjit Patel. With the year

extension granted to him, Das is now one of the longest-serving RBI in the institution's 90-year history.

On Friday, the RBI opted

for a status quo on interest rates for the 11th consecutive time, amid increasing calls to address the slowdown in GDP growth, which was reported at 5.4 per cent for the September quarter.

While unveiling the bi-monthly policy, Das clarified that the RBI has been operating within the flexibility provided by its statutes and that its



extension granted to him, Das is now one of the longest-serving RBI in the institution's 90-year history.

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.

5 Fake Maoists Arrested in Odisha's Malkangiri

Malkangiri(KCN): Malkangiri police on Sunday arrested five persons for allegedly issuing death threats to people to extract money by posing as Maoists.

"A team of Chitrakonda police station arrested Jagu Hantal, Mano Pangi, M Narayan, Binod Jena, & Umakanta Madhavi and seized a gun, Maoist letter, & three mobile phones from



them. All were forwarded to the court today," informed

Malkangiri DSP Laxmidhar Swain, official, Bhaktaram Sisa, Naib Sarpanch of Badapada Panchayat

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 Varshan Singh Deo in presence of Padma Shri Hockey India President Dilip Tirkey, Olympic weightlifting medallist Karmam 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, Sambalpur 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 Pasma 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.

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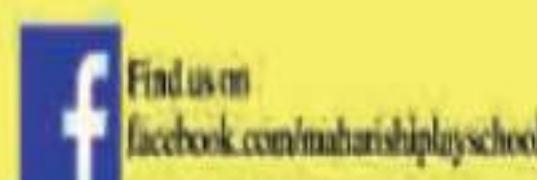
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Aamir Khan defends Laapataa Ladies amid 'backward mentality' claims before Oscars



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 Dangal 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 Biplob Goswami. The screenplay and dialogue are written by Sneha Desai, while the additional dialogues have been jotted down by Divyanchi 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

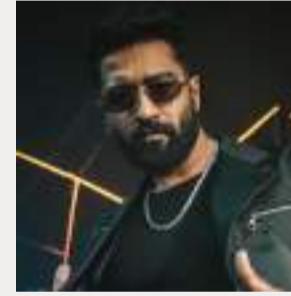
upcoming movie. Big B took to his X and quoted a tweet from a fan club of Abhishek. The

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.

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 Tripti 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 VSVS 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 from, 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 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 Office 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 tax" 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.

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Why is the number of divorce cases rising daily?



By: Surjit Singh Flora

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 unfaithful.

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 of 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.



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 on 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

refusing to play in Pakistan in the mega-event," the source said.

He said that Naqvi was told by Sharif that everything was not about

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

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

A case has been registered against the bus driver and investigation is underway, the officer said.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Bhajanpal 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.

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.

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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 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 Bhitaranika 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 gunfire, 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

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.



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

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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 our test

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

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

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

SBI CSR INITIATIVES AT BERHAMPUR

Bhubaneswar(KCN)CGM Shri Dinesh Pruthi visited Shradha Sanjeevani 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 Loka Nath 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 seats 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 realmenarzo 60 Series 5G and realme Buds Wireless 3.

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, 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.

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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 two storage

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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 the realmenarzo 60 Pro

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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.

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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, SC

ETE&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."

England secure series win after Blundell's consolatory century

New Delhi: Joe Root scored his 36th Test century after which England needed a little over two sessions to wrap up the second Test. Chasing a target of 583, New Zealand suffered an early collapse and eventually folded for 280, thanks to a consolatory and entertaining century from Tom Blundell. England followed their eight-wicket win in Christchurch with a massive 323-run victory in Wellington to pocket the series 2-0 with a third Test to play. Root carried on from an overnight tally of 73 and soon brought up his century - incredibly with a reverse ramp shot over the wicketkeeper for a

four. England, who'd pushed their lead beyond 500 on Day 2, continued with their batting urgency to pile on quick runs. They batted just 6.3 overs and added 49 runs, which included Root's century - off 127 balls - and a stand worth 100 off 79 balls between him and Ben Stokes. The England captain declared as soon as Root fell, caught behind off William O'Rourke, to set New Zealand a daunting target of 583. The England bowlers then got stuck in right away. Devon Conway's woeful run in the series ended with a duck, cleaned up by a length ball from Chris Woakes in the third over of the chase.

'Missed our lengths, bowled too wide' - Morkel on India's pink-ball struggles under lights

New Delhi: As Australia extended their dominance into the second day at the Adelaide Oval, the contrast between the two teams' bowling under lights became evident. While India's seamers didn't make the batters play enough yesterday, Australia's quicks hit their straps much more accurately to prise out five wickets in the final session on Day 2. The breakthroughs of the in-form openers KL Rahul and Yashasvi Jaiswal dented India big time, as did the big blows of Virat Kohli and Shubman Gill thereafter. Skipper Rohit Sharma endured a forgettable game as he was cleaned up to become the fifth wicket to fall. The runs did come at a fair clip for the tourists but losing half their side was a big blow. In contrast, Australia lost just one wicket under lights on Day 1 as Marnus Labuschagne and



Nathan McSweeney dug in with aplomb. India's bowling coach Morne Morkel admitted that the visitors were a bit off the mark with the pink ball under lights. "If I wind my clock to the first Test match, our lines and lengths were exceptional," said Morkel at the press conference after the day's play. "It was sort of the blueprint for us going into this Test series. We wanted to bring the stumps into play as much as possible and I thought last night with the ball moving around a little bit, we missed that. We were slightly off the mark with finding the right sort of length and at times, we were a touch wide. Allowed the guys to leave a lot of balls. That was a learning."

India's seamers did put up a much improved show on the second afternoon, as Australia slipped from 91/1 to 103/3, giving brief momentum to Rohit's men. Once again, it was Jasprit Bumrah who led the way for India as he took the wickets of Labuschagne and McSweeney in quick succession. However, that's before Travis Head got into the act to deliver a match-defining century for the hosts. Nevertheless,

On a gusty morning, England bowlers constantly troubled the batters and reaped instant rewards.

Kane Williamson struggled against Woakes, getting beaten and unable to deal with the occasional excess bounce. Woakes got him to nick one to Ollie Pope in the seventh over to push New Zealand down to 25/2. That soon became 33/3 as Brydon Carse struck in his opening over - taking an excellent return catch to send Tom Latham packing.

Darryl Mitchell and Rachin Ravindra looked to settle the nerves before

Lunch but Carse lured the latter to go after a ball outside the off-stump and

edge it behind. Blundell led New Zealand's endeavour to fight back in the post-Lunch session, riding on the repreuve offered to him



while he was yet to open his account - dropped by Jacob Bethell at third slip. He and Mitchell arrested the slide for the first hour of the session, but right

after drinks Gus Atkinson came back and had Mitchell edge behind where Pope pouched his third catch of the innings. New Zealand were five

down and had Blundell and Glenn Phillips throw their bats around for some quick runs but that came with an inherent risk of another breakthrough. Shaobir Bashir got it, sending Phillips back after the latter had carted the spinner for a four and a six in the same over. Bashir responded to the onslaught by going fuller and quicker, getting the ball to sneak through and disturb the stumps. From 141/6 began a show of defiance with a 97-run partnership between Blundell and Nathan Smith that stretched into the final session.

Blundell's half-century

came off 56 balls as his

defiance against England

came with aggression. Nathan Smith arrived and matched him for the carnage to give the partisan crowd something to cheer. Blundell even dispatched a delivery from Bashir out of the ground for a six. As he moved to 99, Ben Stokes put catchers around the bat to eke out an error. Blundell grew a touch cautious but got to his century off an inside edge, much to the delight of his home crowd who'd seen him make a name for himself with a debutton in 2017.

WPL 2025: 120 players register for auction

New Delhi: A total of 120 players have made the cut for the WPL Player Auction that is set to be held on December 15, the BCCI confirmed on Saturday (December 7). Out of the 120, 91 are Indians and the rest overseas which includes three from associate nations.

Out of the 91 Indian

players, only nine of them are capped. In the overseas section, there are 8 uncapped players.

Most of the squads have

retained their core, though, ahead of this mini auction with only 19 slots (including 5 for overseas) up for grabs.

Gujarat Giants, who let go of India's Sneh Rana, will enter the auction with the highest purse of INR 4.4 Cr. Delhi Capitals, runners-up in both the editions so far, will have the smallest purse with INR 2.5 Cr.

Vinod Kambli like my son, 1983 team will take care of him: Sunil Gavaskar

New Delhi: Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar extended a helping hand to the ailing Vinod Kambli. India's legendary 1983 World Cup-winning cricket team has stepped forward to support former cricketer in overcoming his struggles. Sunil Gavaskar, one of India's cricketing greats, confirmed this development, following similar sentiments expressed by Kapil Dev, the captain of the historic 1983 squad.

Expressing a deep sense of responsibility, Gavaskar referred to

players like Kambli as 'sons' and reassured fans

that the 1983 team

members would rally

together to assist their

former cricketer.

"The 1983 team is very

conscious of the younger

players. For me, they are

like grandsons. If you see

their age, some are like

sons. We are all very

concerned, particularly

when fortunes desert them. I don't like the word help. What the 83 team wants to do is take care of him. We want to take care of Vinod Kambli and help him get back on his feet. How we will do, we'll see in the future. We want to take care of cricketers who are struggling when fortunes don't smile on them," Gavaskar, who is currently in Adelaide as part of the broadcasting team covering the India vs Australia second Test, told Sports Today. Recent years have seen Kambli embroiled in several controversies and facing significant personal and health challenges. Kambli, who has been battling severe health challenges, has found a strong support system in the cricketing fraternity that recognises his contributions to the sport.

Concerns regarding Kambli's well-being

escalated after a video

from a memorial event for coach Ramakant Achrekar went viral. In the footage, Kambli was seen holding the hand of his childhood friend, Sachin Tendulkar, and refusing to let go, which sparked widespread attention and worry. One of the most recent and alarming incidents involves a viral video showing Kambli struggling to walk steadily and maintaining his balance. The video, which has sparked widespread concern among fans and well-wishers, which showed Kambli in a disoriented state and requiring assistance from others to navigate safely. The gesture by the 1983 World Cup heroes reflect the bond and camaraderie shared by Indian cricketers across generations, as they come together to uplift one of their own in his time of need.

Guyana, Barbados stall CWI's governance reforms

New Delhi: Trouble in West Indies cricket is nothing new, and it appears to be surfacing once again. This time, however, the turmoil is not caused by player revolts - a recurring issue for them - but rather in divisions within the administration. Notably, four of the 12 members of Cricket West Indies (CWI) boycotted a 'pivotal' board meeting convened to discuss amendments to the organization's constitution. Guyana Cricket Board (GCB) and Barbados Cricket Association (BCA) stayed away from the meeting, called on Friday, to adopt the much-debated Wehby report which aimed at governance reforms. For lack of quorum, the

meeting could not take place. "...CWI regrets to announce that a quorum was not met for today's pivotal meeting on governance reform," a statement released by the board on Saturday said.

The CWI board consists of six members -- Barbados Cricket Association (BCA), Guyana Cricket Board (GCB), Jamaica Cricket Association (JCA), Leeward Islands Cricket Board (LICB), Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board (TTCB), and Windward Islands Cricket Board (WICB). Two representatives from each stakeholder form the 12-member board in which the quorum is nine. Only eight - two representatives each from Jamaica, Windward

Islands, Trinidad and Tobago and Leeward Islands -- were present at Friday's meeting held in Antigua.

At the centre of debate is the term and mode of election/appointment for the CWI office-bearers. Broadly the report suggests that the president and vice-president be elected. Guyana and Barbados want the positions distributed on a rotational basis. The Guyana Cricket Board said there were only two items on the agenda.

"The two proposed amendments that were to be tabled by CWI at the aborted meeting of December 06, 2024, were: 1. To increase the term in office of the President and the Vice President from two (2) years to three (3) years with a further

amendment that they can serve for three (3) consecutive terms. 2. Introduction of a new article within the CWI constitution that a nomination cannot be withdrawn save by a notice in writing by the nominee himself/herself. "We want an end to elections and have a rotational president and vice president...with a long-term Cricket Development Plan,"

Bissoondyal Singh, the head of Guyana Cricket, told Cricbuzz. "We maintain our stated position that the proposed amendments are self-serving and cannot and will not change the many issues affecting West Indies cricket both administratively and on the field of play."

The Wehby report, published in 2020, recommends sweeping reforms to the CWI

Governance. The key elements of the report, as published in the CWI website, are:

1. Comprehensive reform of the governance structure using key principles of modern governance to provide greater accountability and transparency.
2. Membership of the Board of Directors to reflect a wide cross section of skills and competencies, and a smaller and more balanced Board of 12 (currently 18) in the immediate instance, with an eventual reduction to nine (9) including at least two women.
3. Redefine roles of President and Vice President to be more Board specific and non-executive.
4. Establishment of a

Nominations Committee to identify and evaluate potential directors and to nominate future directors and committee members. 5. Reduction in CWI Committee structure from 12 to five (5) Committees. The report, according to CWI, was prepared by an Independent Task Force led by Senator Don Wehby, which also included Sir Hilary Beckles, Deryck Murray, OK Melhado and Charles Wilkin QC. "The Task Force consulted extensively, and the 36-page report drew from a wide cross section of expertise - from knowledgeable persons in the West Indies as well as in the global game," the CWI said. "It is deeply disappointing that representatives from

Guyana and Barbados did not see the importance of being present at this crucial juncture for the future of West Indies cricket. Governance reform is critical to ensuring our organization's growth, sustainability, and ability to inspire pride across the region. This moment required unity and collaboration, and their absence undermines the collective effort required to move forward," CWI President Dr. Kishore Shallow said. This was the second time the CWI failed to amend the constitution, the first attempt made in 2021. The CWI may now have to call another meeting, presumably within 21 days, but it looks difficult to be passed as Guyana and Barbados boards are determined to oppose the changes.



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