



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** After a whirlwind of controversy following his boycott by Ollywood producers, actor Manoj Mishra joined the Congress party on Saturday. The Odia actor was in the news after the Utkal Cine Chambers of Commerce, producer Sanjay Nayak last year announced to ban him for a period of two years. The move had subsequently sparked a political row after senior Congress leader Narasingha Mishra came out in his support and stated that the entire state of Odisha would divide into two parts if the decision to ban the actor from Ollywood was not revoked.



# CUO, Koraput and FTII, Pune jointly launch Film based skill courses for ST students

**Koraput, (KCN):** Film based Skill Courses for ST students was inaugurated at Central University of Odisha at its campus in collaboration with Film & Television Institute of India (one of the top 10 film schools in the world), Pune on 8th February, 2024. The Programme is being organised under the aegis of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting under the Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav Programme and organized by the Department of Journalism & Mass Communication. The Vice Chancellor of CUO Prof. Chakradhar Tripathy formally inaugurated the Programme which will be held from 8th to 23rd February, 2024. Other dignitaries sitting on the dais were Prof. Narasingh Charan Panda, In-charge Registrar and Finance

Officer of CUO, Prof. Vibhash Chandra Jha, Consultant, Academic & Administration, CUO, Sri Sanjaya More, eminent actor of national repute and Professor at FTII, Pune, Dr. Sourav Gupta, Head I/c of the Department of J & MC, and Dr. Nikhil Kumar Gauda, Associate Professor, Department of J & MC. Dr. Sourav Gupta, HOD of JMC Dep't delivered the welcome address and informed that four courses will be offered in this programme for which four faculties will come down to Koraput from FTII. Dr Gupta explained that in today's digital era, film making is a skill which empowers people at the margins to express their minds. Prof. Chakradhar Tripathy, Hon'ble V-C, in his inaugural address described the event as historical event of CUO. He felt happy that it is the

only institute of Odisha which the Ministry has chosen for providing training on film based skills for the ST students of the University. From these courses the students not only will learn from it but also will train others for empowerment. This will lead to overall tribal development of the area. The mission of the University, which is for the development of the local tribals, seems to be fulfilled through this Workshop, he hoped. Through film making the tribals can speak on their problems which will lead to their empowerment, he said. Prof. N C Panda, in his speech highlighted the importance of films in the society. He cited the importance of Natya Shastra by Bharat Muni and stressed that it is source of all the films and theatre. This workshop is a process to educate the



students towards skill development, he said. Prof. V C Jha also stressed the need for injecting skill development among the students for future development. In the 21st Century era, innovation and skill play important role in socio-economic development. Shri Sanjay More, in his speech felt satisfaction that through the government intervention the process of film making is no more a urban centric approach,

but it also becomes rural centric approach. Film is the best medium for empowering the tribals, he said. FTII always thrives to work for the marginalized section and the through the support of the Ministry they can

achieve success by organizing more such workshops. Dr. Nikhil Gouda proposed the Vote of Thanks while providing some examples of empowerment through film and video making.

Dr. Gourav Ranjan, Asst. Professor, Department of Journalism & Mass Communication, coordinated the event. The faculty members of the University, Professors, research scholars, students and participants were presented on the occasion including Prof Bharat Kr Panda, Prof Hemraj Meena, Dr Rakesh Lenka, Controller of Examinations, Dr Chakradhar Padhan, Dr Nirjharini Tripathi, Dr Minati Sahoo, Dr Pradosh Kr Rath, Dr Prasenjit Sinha, Dr Phagunath Bhoi, PRO, Dr Sony Parhi, Dr Talat Jahan Begum and Mr

Telaram Meher to name a few. The Workshop is based on four basic courses on film related skill development. These courses are Basic Course in Screen Acting, Basic Course in Screenplay Writing, Film Appreciation Course and Basic Course in Smart Phone Film Making. Eminent professors from FTII, who are expert in the above courses will visit the University and will provide training to the ST students during the 15-day Workshop. The courses are provided free of cost to the students.

## ICAR-CIFRI Ranches Indigenous Sarana (sar puti) for Bio Conservation at Mayapur, West Bengal



**Kolkata, (KCN):** To preserve and revitalise the Ganga River, the ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, Barrackpore, under the "Namami Gange" programme, embarked on River Ranching Programme-2024 at Mayapur, Nadia, West Bengal. The event was formally graced by Shri G. Asok Kumar, IAS, Director General of the National Mission for Clean Ganga, Ministry of Jalshakti, Govt. of India, Sri Ezaz Ahmed, IAS, ADM, Nadia; Dr. Basanta Kumar Das, Principal Investigator of The program project and

Director of ICAR-CIFRI; Dr. Sandeep Behera, Senior Biodiversity Consultant, NMCG along with local fisherfolks and other project team members of ICAR-CIFRI. To restore the riverine stock, 2,00,000 native Sarana (Sar Puti) were released into the Ganga River at Prabhupad Ghat, Mayapur, West Bengal to initiate the auspicious event. 50 fishermen participated the ranching programme. The Director General of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), Mr. G. Asok Kumar, outlined the objectives of

the Namami Gange initiative and highlighted its achievements in recent years. He also touched upon the potential challenges that may arise in the future. Dr. Basanta Kumar Das, the Principal Investigator of the project and Director of ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (CIFRI), provided an update on the latest phase of the Namami Gange fish conservation program, along with reviewing the successes of the previous phase. Dr. Sandeep Behera, a Senior Biodiversity Consultant at NMCG,

engaged with local fishermen, emphasizing the importance of maintaining the health of the Ganges river system to preserve the diverse native fish species. Dr. Das provided an overview of the comprehensive activities and notable achievements during NMCG Phases I and II. These encompassed conducting surveys to explore fish diversity, evaluating the stocks of economically important species like Hilsa, generating seeds from wild germplasm of specific fish varieties, and implementing ranching initiatives in depleted river stretches. He also cast light on the ongoing progress of Phase III. This significant event was executed successfully, potentially bolstering the long-term sustainability of the Ganga river system.

## Annual Sports Begins at CUO

**Koraput, (KCN):** The Annual Sports of Central University of Odisha began today at the University playground on 10 February 2024. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathy, conveyed his best wishes to the participants and students of CUO on the occasion. The Registrar I/c of the University, Prof. N. C. Panda inaugurated the Sports event by unfurling the University flag. Others present on the occasion were Prof. V.C. Jha, Consultant, Administration & Academics of CUO; Prof. Sharat Kumar Palita, Dean, School of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources; Dr. Ramendra Kumar



Parhi, Dean, Students' Welfare; Sri Sanjaya Gantayat, Sports Consultant of CUO and Mr. Biswajit Bhoi, Member Secretary, Sports of CUO. Speaking on occasion, Prof. Panda said that sports play an essential role in everybody's life from rural to urban areas. Organizing sports on the CUO campus is meant to promote fitness among the students and faculty members. The Fit India movement of the

Government is a moral boost for promoting sports throughout India, and CUO is not an exception. Prof. V.C. Jha said that not only sports persons but all students should participate in the event to increase sports awareness among the youth. Prof. Palita said that apart from the development of sports, it will lead to individual and holistic development among the youth. Dr. Parhi gave the

welcome address, and Mr. Biswajit Bhoi proposed the Vote of thanks. Students of the University anchored the event. The event was attended by faculty members, staff, and students of CUO. The two-day event will be conducted with many track and field events, including Running, Walking, Walk & Run event, Musical chair, and relay racing. Other events like Badminton and Volleyball are already conducted.

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## Shaakuntalam Song Mallika Mallika: Fans Recreate Samantha's Princess-Like Look

Samantha Ruth Prabhu continues to be one of the most popular actresses in India and its for a good reason. The actress has been seen doing very gritty and dark roles in her recent few releases like The Family Man, Yashoda, and in her upcoming, Citadel, so, her recent release Shaakuntalam took all her fans by surprise to see her in a Disney princess-like role where she looks

so pretty, graceful, and poised, which as the actress has said in the interview before- she really had to work on. Her look for the film is definitely winning the internet over with one of the very first princess-like roles carried out by such a big actress, it was obvious that the internet is watching and it has set abuzz as everyone is recreating the look of the actress



on her song 'Mallika Mallika' and it has become a new trend set by her. From

small, young kids to adults everyone is

creating their own version of Shakuntala on their social media. Samantha is currently juggling multiple projects simultaneously as she is promoting for Shaakuntalam, shooting for Citadel, and also preparing for Kushi without any breaks in between. Up ahead she has all these along with a few unannounced projects.

## 'Gully Boy' to 'Darlings'- Vijay Varma has come a long way

Gully Boy, India's official entry to the Oscars celebrates 4 years today, and while the film was highly celebrated for its impactful performances, it was dark horse Vijay Varma who stood for the sheer potential he showed and for holding his own despite the strong and established cast.

The actor was praised for his performance as Moeen Arif, and his portrayal instantly caught the attention of audiences and critics alike. From thereon, Vijay continued to impress with web series' like A Suitable Boy, She and Mirzapur 2 and Ok Computer, all of which he won rave reviews for.

But it was finally with



Darlings, that Vijay Varma cemented his position as the 'King of Grey' as his character 'Hamza' was yet another example of Vijay's incredible prowess as a performer who constantly raises the bar with every project he takes on. Critics spoke

about how Vijay 'nailed the character', 'was like a chameleon', 'terrific and absolutely scintillating' making audiences feel the dread that Badru (Alia Bhatt) felt everytime his character Hamza came home.

From being a supporting cast alongside Alia Bhatt in Gully Boy to being a parallel lead opposite her in her production Darlings, the actor has come a long way in the last 4 years and his journey has been nothing short of inspiring. It's no surprise then that after his phenomenal performance in the film, he is now part of some of the most exciting theatrical and OTT content including Sujoy Ghosh's untitled next alongside Kareena Kapoor Khan, Reema Kagit's Fallen and Sumit Saxena's untitled project that took almost 100 days of immersive, relentless work. Each of these are versatile and challenging but nothing that the actor can't pull off!

## Samantha Ruth Prabhu Climbs 600 Steps Barefoot, Prays to Palani Murugan



Samantha Ruth Prabhu climbed 600 steps of the Palani Murugan temple in Tamil Nadu on February 13 draped in an all-white churidar-kurta and offered prayers at the temple.

She also lit a camphor diya and tweeted on the same. She was accompanied by her

'Jaanu' movie director C. Premkumar and other friends. The actor, who suffers from Myositis, an autoimmune disease condition that causes acute muscular pain, has started shooting for the web series 'Citadel' in which she shares screen space with Bollywood actor Varun Dhawan.

'Citadel' is the Indian version of the international sci-fi action web series of the same name created by the Russo Brothers. In the international series, Priyanka Chopra plays the lead.

The Indian web series is directed by the director duo Raj and DK, who

had helmed the popular web series, 'The Family Man', in which Samantha played the role of Raji, a Sri Lankan Tamil militant.

She had recently tweeted: "I am thrilled to be part of this brilliant universe conceptualised by the Russo Brothers AGBO. I am also looking forward to working with Varun for the first time. He is someone who is full of life and cheer when you are around him." Samantha is awaiting the release of her Telugu mythological movie 'Shakuntalam' in which she shares the screen with Prakash Raj and Dev Mohan. The movie is to be released on April 14.

## Success of Shah Rukh Khan's Pathaan is the victory of the age-old, exploitative, nepotistic top-heavy system, says Vivek Agnihotri



The Kashmir Files director Vivek Agnihotri, who had previously criticised Pathaan amid the controversy over the Besharam Rang song, recently credited Shah Rukh Khan for the success of the Siddharth Anand directorial. However, he said in the podcast, "They will go back to their fundamental beliefs that audience is an idiot and you just need star power and lot of marketing hype to make a film successful."

"After Pathaan, I have a feeling that everybody will fall back to the same old system because Pathaan's success is the success or in today's environment I would choose the word victory. It's the victory of the age-old, exploitative, nepotistic top-heavy system," he added.

The filmmaker further said that Pathaan's success should also be credited to those who threatened to boycott the film and made 'stupid statements' against it. He said that the film's promotions had turned into a political campaign, adding that Pathaan worked purely because of SRK's charisma and his fan following.

"The way he marketed it, the way he took it on his shoulders 'that, okay it's my film and I am responsible for it' which is pretty good. I also think that some credit should also go to people who were making stupid statements against the film and people who were unnecessarily protesting and asking for boycott and these are different people from regular 'Boycott Bollywood' gang," he said.

Pathaan has now become the highest grossing film in the history of Hindi cinema. The movie has grossed Rs 901 crore worldwide. While it has grossed Rs 558 crore in India, it has raked in Rs 343 crore in the overseas market.

The movie also features Deepika Padukone, John Abraham in the lead, followed by Dimple Kapadia, Ashutosh Rana and others in pivotal roles.

Speaking about the immense success of 'Pathaan', Shah Rukh Khan had shared "The four years that I had... Covid had good and bad parts. I didn't work. I was with my children. I saw them grow up. My last film had not worked and people had said my movies now won't work. So, I thought of an alternate career: cooking Italian. In these four days, I've forgotten my last four years."

## Karan Johar reviews 'The Romantics', asks Aditya Chopra if he can share their personal pictures clicked over the decades

The 'Romantics', which released on OTT on the occasion of Valentine's Day, has received an emotional review from Karan Johar. He confessed to binge-watching the four episode long docu series, which got him thinking about old school filmmaking.

"I realised the purity, the innocence and the conviction we all collectively had... is so lost today for most of us..."

Yash Chopra is not just a legend of romance... a connoisseur of chignon, music and beauty... a maestro of musicals... he was also a pillar of belief and conviction... is there any conviction left today? We are burdened by media commentary... box office opening analytics, research engines (all probably relevant to the technology and times) but where did good old fashioned conviction vanish," shared Karan



Johar. He went on to state how the series made him reflect on his own journey and added, "The rom doc



reminds us of the past that seemed so organic and heartfelt.... Makes me want to go back to that zone of filmmaking.... I

am so deeply inspired by the YRF story... it's origin and it's journey.... Having learnt everything I know from the corridors of the studio I stand blessed and watching The Romantics made me so self aware... of my strengths and my failings.... Thank you @smritimundhra for weaving a narrative out of the archives and actually making an audience go through the many emotional beats through the 4 episodes... just brilliant!"

Paying an ode to Chopra scions, Aditya and Uday, KJo added, "And finally my Best friend has a face and how beautifully articulate was he!!! Adi does that mean I can post all the images we have shared over decades that you have threatened to never speak to me if I put out ??? #justasking #I love you Aditya congratulations to my dearest friend @udayc for being such a force behind this."

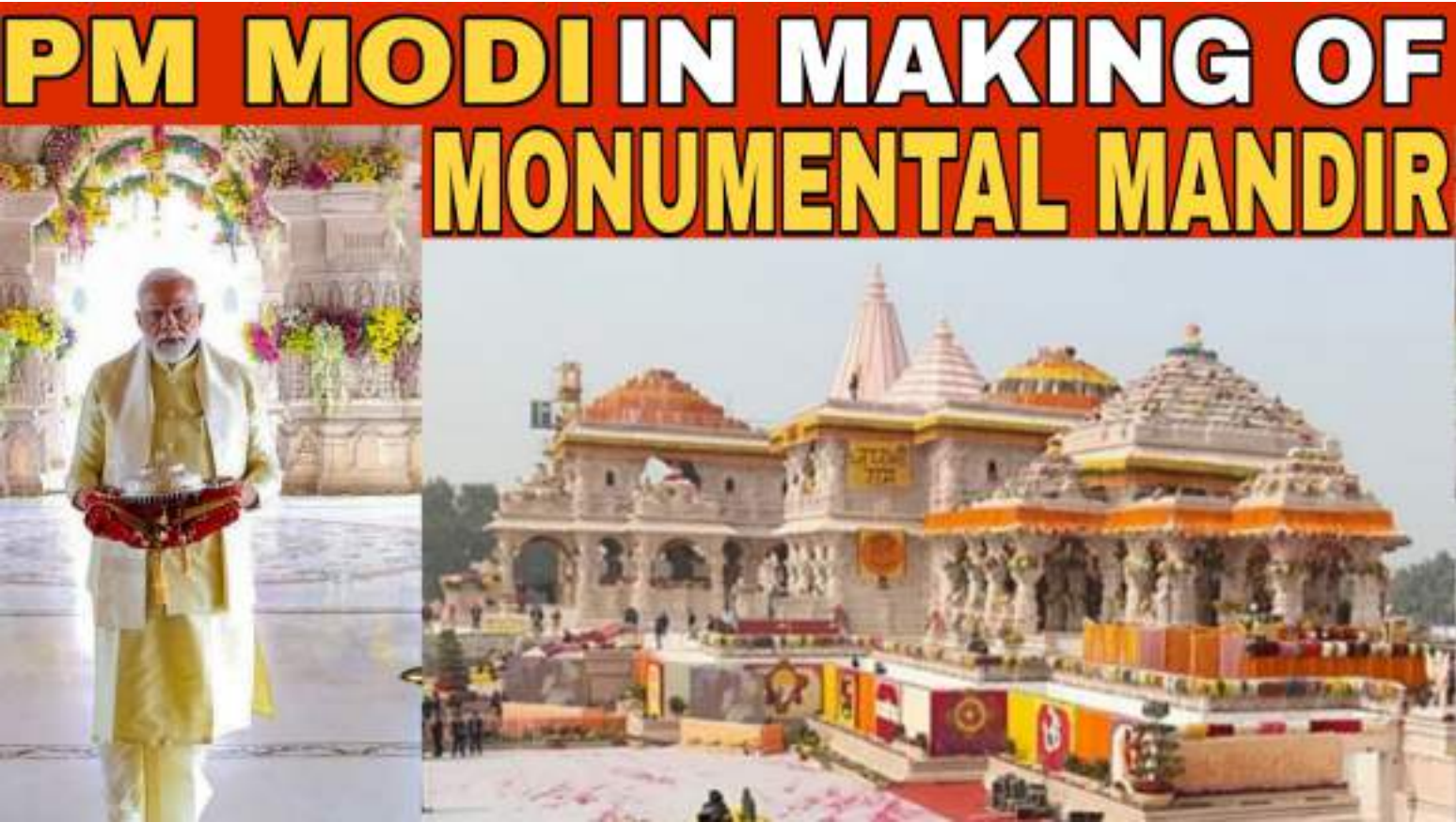


# Contention to Culmination: Modi in Epitomizing Cultural Aspirations

Dr. AdityaKeshariMishra

India, a land known for its rich cultural heritage and religious diversity, has witnessed various contentions and conflicts over the years. One such contentious issue has been the erection of the Ram Mandir. This contentious issue continued for decades especially after 1992, which included multiple legal battles and occasional outbreaks of violence. However, the surfacing of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership has played a significant role in the successful resolution of this contentious matter, paving the way for the materialization of the Ram Mandir and thereby fulfilling the cultural aspirations of the mass in India and beyond. Throughout the tumultuous journey spanning decades, Modi emerged as a leader with a difference, steering the course of history with determination and foresight. His unwavering commitment to upholding India's cultural heritage and fostering communal harmony laid the groundwork for the resolution of one of the nation's most contentious disputes. This article explores the role of Modi's dynamic leadership in the making of the Ram Mandir, which has not only fulfilled the long-cherished cultural aspiration of the large populace but has also

redefined the cultural heritage of India. The judicial journey of this contentious issue has witnessed the appearance as well as the disappearance of numerous leaders who remained very active in politics but lost their vision and vigour in unfolding amicable solution to the issue. However, the entry of Modito the national political landscape in 2014 has not only expedited the itinerary of the issue but has also exhilarated an objective judicial exploration. On November 9, 2019, the Supreme Court delivered its historic verdict allowing for the construction of a Ram Mandir on the disputed site. The Court also directed the government to allocate five acres of alternate land for the construction of a mosque. The verdict has been praised by all for its adherence to the rule of law and impartiality, as the Court carefully examined historical evidences, archaeological findings, and legal arguments before delivering its judgment. In fact, the verdict showcased the resilience and impartiality of the Supreme Court of India, instilling a renewed faith and confidence in its capabilities as it addressed a long-standing dispute in a fair and unbiased manner that ultimately earned the apex Court immense respect and admiration.



This landmark judgment during Modi era has not only reinforced the confidence of the people on the judiciary but has also demonstrated the Court's ability to handle sensitive matters with utmost rationality and objectivity. Following the Supreme Court's verdict in November 2019, Modi's government swiftly moved to implement the decision, demonstrating a commitment to honouring the judgment and moving forward with the construction of the Ram Mandir. On February 5, 2020, Prime Minister Narendra Modi played a crucial role in the establishment of the Shri Ram JanmabhoomiTeerthKshetra Trust, a significant step towards the construction of the Ram Mandir in

Ayodhya. The establishment of the trust was a crucial milestone in the fulfilment of a long-standing aspiration of millions of devotees across India and beyond. With the formation of the trust and its consequential preparation for the sacred initiation of the Mandir, PM Modi conducted BhoomiPujan ritual on August 5, 2020 for creation of the Ram Mandirin Ayodhya despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. This B h o o m i P u j a n ceremony marked the commencement of the construction of the Mandirat the Ram Janmabhoomi site, fulfilling a long-standing aspiration of millions of Hindus across India. As

the leader of the nation, Modi's presence at the event galvanized the support of the mass and reaffirmed the government's commitment to upholding India's cultural heritage and promoting communal harmony. It has also reflected his commitment to the ideals of democracy, secularism, and pluralism. Thoughtfully visualized by Modi as the 'modern symbol of our traditions and national sentiment', the Ram Mandir has been built in the ancient Nagara style. The majestic Ram JanmabhoomiMandir is 161 feet (in height), 235 feet (in width), and 360 feet (in length). The temple, which has 44 doorways and 392 pillars supporting it, is embellished with finely carved images of Hindu gods on the walls and

pillars. This monumental Mandir of Ayodhyainitiated its weeklong ceremony of PranPratishtha or consecration of 51-inch idol of Ram Lallaby PM Modithat commenced on January 16, 2024 and finally culminated on January 22, 2024. Asserting the significance of the date, Modi emphatically emphasizes, '22January 2024 is not a mere date on the calendar, it is the origin of a new "Kaal chakra"'. The successful culmination of this monumental Mandirhas fulfilled the aspirations of millions of devotees. It has also the potential to foster unity and tolerance among different religious communities in the country thereby motivatingtowards the making of nation-building. To Modi, we

need 'to expand our consciousness from Dev to Desh, Ram to Rashtra –from deity to nation'. Thus, the peregrination of Ram Mandir from November 9, 2019, to January 22, 2024 has evidently envisaged the proactive and dynamic role of Prime Minister NarendraModi. Despite decades of dispute, Modi's leadership steered complexities, culminating in a landmark verdict and the temple's construction, reshaping India's cultural landscape. He has played a pivotal role in invigorating the institutionalization of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. His charismatic leadership has emphasized the importance of upholding the rule of law and respecting the independence of the

judiciary, thereby fostering an environment conducive to the peaceful resolution of the Ayodhya dispute. Thus, Modi's leadership is very instrumental in fostering a nationwide ambiance of communal harmony and peaceful coexistence. His leadership has been judiciously marked by a combination of strategic planning, diplomatic engagement, and proactive governance, which contributed to the realization of this long-standing aspiration of millions of devotees. In addition, his vision for Ayodhya's development as a cultural and religious pilgrimage centre is commendable. Modi stimulated a sense of cultural pride and national identity by promoting the Ram Mandir, resonating into the nation's collective consciousness. With the culmination of Ram Mandir, the much celebrated religious slogan 'Jai Shri Ram' has become a pan Indian slogan for nation-building cutting across religions, which has certainly reaffirmed the lost tradition of India's glorious history of rich culture and tradition. In contemporary times, the slogan has become a people's or common men's movement that intends to re-script India's cultural renaissance.

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## The letter has come (I definitely remember the days when the letter came)

Vijay Garg



After long days, while listening to a touching song that cherishes the memories of letters, my mind also started wandering in the world of letters after long days. Before the era of communication revolution, the world of letters was very prosperous. It was through letters that we used to get news about the happiness and sorrow of our family members, friends and well-wishers living far away. At that time, phone facility was

available only in the homes of very rich people. mail us allWas waiting for. The postman will come and bring the message. The newly married brides kept their ears glued to the main door of the house, eager to know the news of the happiness of their 'Pivji' sitting far away in Disawar, waiting to hear the call of the postman. Aged parents would wait for the postman with the hope of a money order with happy news of their earning son. In case of illness or illness, he would write a letter to his son, who had gone hundreds of kilometers away to earn money, asking him to come home early, then he would definitely write that 'Consider this letter as a telegram and leave immediately by the first train.' In the era of letters and letters, if a corner of a postcard got torn even

by someone's mistake, then people would have been apprehensive that it would be a condolence news of someone's death, because at that time it was the custom to send condolence news by tearing a corner of the postcard. Whenever a 'wire' arrived at someone's house, there would be a commotion in the entire neighborhood as to whether some untoward news would happen. At that time, anonymous postcards from such intimidating 'devotees' would also arrive every month or two, in which eleven or twenty one such postcards would be sent to other people, citing the miracles of some deity. There was an instruction to send the person and also a threat that if this was not done then there could be loss of life and property in the

family and the business could be ruined. Fearful people used to write post cards out of fear of such instructions. The group of writers used to maintain friendly relations with the postman of their area. He kept waiting for the approval of his creations. On receiving the acceptance letter, he would show it to his writer friends for days, feeling proud and making them sad. Whenever any work was rejected and returned to the newspapers and magazines, a slip was attached. There used to be a feeling that we are not able to use this creation. Suggestions were also given to the writers. At that time, there was healthy communication between writers through letters. There was no formality

in those letters, but a heartfelt feeling. In them, family matters were also shared and ideological issues were also discussed. The desire to read those handwritten letters again and again remains in the mind. Even today, there is a feeling of energy and warmth among the literature-loving new writers and others while reading the letters received from many famous litterateurs and personalities. Communication takes place. From the letters of writers we also get to know their mental state, we get acquainted with their feelings and thoughts as well as their personality. Actually, letters and literature are our literary heritage. The letters of many veteran litterateurs of Hindi along with other languages ??introduce us to the contemporary times and

society and fill us with the fragrance of mutual relationships. The correspondence and debates between many self-respecting literatures and ideas have been presented to us through letters and have been presented to us through many collections. And we have been made to realize how lively the relationships used to be between the writers at that time. Now the medium of mutual communication has been replaced by letters, WhatsApp, messenger, e-mail etc. There is certainly a facility for instant communication through communication mediums with any person sitting anywhere in the country or abroad, but in this communication there is generally more of a sense of formality and the feeling of intimate joy is less. She seemed to be

talking while reading handwritten letters. At that time, words in letters were carefully arranged and written and that handwriting was hypnotizing. Where is that joy now? The tradition of sending honorarium to writers by post by newspapers and magazines has almost vanished, yet if honorarium is paid somewhere after the work is published, it is deposited directly into the bank account. Certainly, this is a modern day facility which seems to be easy for the giver and taker of remuneration and now people are becoming comfortable with it. But earlier when he used to receive a check along with the letter, the writer used to read the check with excitement. Now such exciting moments are becoming rare. modern

and fastIn life, the memories of handwritten letters on paper can be seen as an outdated sentiment today, but it is also necessary to remember that our path to reach here has been the same. After all, why is it that among us humans immersed in the modern resources of the communication revolution, the element of sensitivity seems to be secondary? We become happy and sad, but equally rapidly we also start going through periods of turmoil. What is the reason for such instability, where can it be traced? Earlier letters would come every dayNow, even after a long time, letters do not come; I definitely remember those days.

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# Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering and Winter Sports Invites Media to Witness Skiing Courses in Sonamarg

**Sonamarg: JK (Aasif Malik):** Established in 1983, the Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering and Winter Sports (JIM and WS) stands as a beacon of adventure and skill development in India. A collaborative effort between the Ministry of Defence (GOI) and Government of Jammu and Kashmir, the institute is renowned for its expertise in adventure activities such as Mountaineering, Skiing, Trekking, Rescue Operations, Water Rafting, Paragliding, and Expeditions. Annually, JIM and WS host approx 1000 students from various parts of India, nurturing their talents and fostering a spirit of adventure and nation-building. The institute is working with a aim to Expose youth to nature and kindle spirit of adventure and Nationalism.

Currently, JIM and WS is conducting skiing courses at Sonamarg: Basic Skiing Course No.63 with 69 students and Intermediate Skiing Course with 23 students both courses have got students from various parts of the country to include states far flung states like Telangana , Andhrapradesh, Karnataka, Madhyapradesh, Rajasthan ,Bihar ,Gujarat, Tripura etc. The courses here are run at at Approximately 15% of the actual cost balance being funded various government departments with 75% by MoD, 15% by MYAS and 10% by J and K Govt. Highlighting its commitment to promoting adventure and community with Nationalism JIM and WS recently hosted historic events in the valley, including the \*Lidderwat Trail Run\* on 25th October 2023 which witnessed 300

participants including 100 girls from the valley and the Unity Run on 31st oct 2023 and Ice Climbing Competition on 28th January 2024 at Pahalgam. These events, made possible through collaboration with civil administration Especially PDA ( Pahalgam Development Authority) and generous sponsors such as hotels and restaurants, will continue as an annual series, showcasing the valley's natural beauty and attracting tourists while creating local employment opportunities. Beginning on February 15th, JIM and WS will kick off a Special Skiing Course at Pahalgam, offering enthusiasts the opportunity to hone their skills on the pristine slopes of the region. In addition to this, the institute will also conduct a Special Basic Mountaineering Course



and specially designed Adventure courses tailored for school children and NCC participants. In a significant stride towards self-sustainability in alignment with government directives and promoting adventure tourism, JIM and WS has forged partnerships with civil adventure enthusiasts. This collaborative effort aims to elevate the institute's visibility JIM and WS announces Ice Climbing Competitions and the Lidderwat series of trail runs, set against the backdrop of the breathtaking valley. JIM and WS is gearing up for an action-packed season with a diverse array of adventure activities and collaborations aimed at promoting tourism, fostering local employment, and advancing the progress

of the valley. We extend a warm invitation to media representatives to join us at Sonamarg and witness firsthand the dedication and skill development of our students. By documenting and sharing these experiences on social media platforms, we aim to enhance the visibility of our institute and inspire a broader audience to embrace adventure. In alignment with our mission to foster adventure and nation-building, JIM and WS is collaborating with the Public Relations Office of Jammu and Kashmir to create a positive impact on society. We kindly seek the support of media professionals in covering our training activities and leveraging their public relations expertise to amplify the recognition of our institute.

## India - Myanmar starts Rupee Kyat Trade between both nations

**Kolkata ( PARTHA ROY):** Indian and Myanmar has started trade in their national currencies Indian Rupee and Myanmar Kyat to boost trade as well as to promote ease of doing business between both countries.

Indian Embassy in Myanmar in collaboration with India-Myanmar Chamber of Commerce (IMCC), organized an awareness programme on Rupee - Kyat Trade Settlement Mechanism.

Indian Ambassador in Myanmar Shri Vinay Kumar and Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar Ms. Daw Than Than Swe held discussion and interactions with traders , merchant chambers &



others to spread awareness on rupee-kyat payment mechanism in bilateral trade between two nations at India Center in

Yangon on 9th February 2024. Senior officers of the Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Planning & Finance of Myanmar

and UMFCFI attended the program. India is fourth largest export market of Myanmar and sixth largest import partner of Myanmar. Approximately, 200 people across Myanmar participated. Representatives of the Punjab National Bank, CB Bank and UAB Bank , Myanma Economic Bank (MEB) appraised the participants about the technical and operational details of the mechanism. Payment operated through Special Rupee Vostro Account (SRVA). Payment mechanism through national currencies will benefit traders in multiple ways.

## "Productive Talks Held": Mizoram Chief Minister Meets Amit Shah In Delhi

**New Delhi(KCN):** Mizoram Chief Minister Pu Lalduhoma met with Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday to discuss important matters in the national capital. Pu Lalduhoma also met with Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, to discuss enhancing Zoram Medical College. He met with the Union Minister of State for Finance, Dr Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad, in New Delhi. "Productive discussions were held to boost Mizoram's finance and banking sectors," posted Mizoram CMO on X on meeting with Dr Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad. On Friday, in a promising



development concerning the enduring border conflict between Assam and Mizoram, the CMs of both the neighbouring states met in Guwahati. Earlier, Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma after taking oath of office met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the national

capital in January. The Prime Minister congratulated the Chief Minister and assured him of necessary support from the central government in all economic development programmes of Mizoram and suggested having regular meetings on key

issues about development programs of the state. Pu Lalduhoma discussed a wide range of issues including Myanmar refugees in Mizoram, and about Indo-Myanmar border with the Prime Minister.

## Decoding the Enigma: Unveiling Mysteries at TEDxRajdhani College

**New Delhi, (KCN):** On 9 February, 2024, the air crackled with intellectual curiosity as TEDxRajdhani College, University of Delhi, unfolded its theme "Decoding the Enigma." TEDx events are independently organized gatherings that operate under a license from the renowned TED Talks platform. Inspired by the global TED mission of spreading ideas worth sharing, these local events bring together communities eager for intellectual stimulation and diverse perspectives. From students and scientists to artists and entrepreneurs, TEDx stages become platforms for powerful talks, igniting dialogues and challenging perspectives. From unveiling the hidden potential within women to unraveling the heart's rhythmic secrets, the

event served as a platform for diverse perspectives and captivating talks. The stage was set with the traditional Saraswati Vandana and Kulgeet of University of Delhi, followed by the felicitation of esteemed guests. Prof. (Dr.) Neera Agnimitra, Professor and Former Head of the Department of Social Work, University of Delhi, served as the Chief Guest, while Professor Amita Gupta, Department of Biochemistry Director of CIIDRET University of Delhi, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. Principal Professor Rajesh Giri resonated with the theme, drawing parallels between TEDx's vision and the national aspiration of "Viksit Bharat." The heart of the event lay in the diverse voices



that took the stage. Rajan Sudesh Ratna, Officer at UNESCAP, championed women's empowerment through skill development and collaboration, igniting hope for a transformed society. Malika Malhotra, News Anchor at ZEE News, shared her experiences, urging the audience to embrace authenticity and individuality, reminding them that life is not

bound by rigid constructs. Col Sanjeet Sirohi, a Defense expert with over 35 years of experience, challenged conventional thinking by proposing an approach to decision-making based on inspiration rather than desperation, shifting the audience's perspective on problem-solving. Ganesh Mathur, Director of Finance at Hyatt Hotels, offered

insights into effectively communicating and presenting oneself, highlighting the strengths often found in quiet individuals. Dr. Vanita Arora, the First Woman Cardioelectro Physiologist in India, delved into the mysteries of the heart, drawing parallels between its rhythm and emotional regulation. She emphasized the

importance of learning CPR, reminding everyone of the inherent power within each individual to save lives. Virendra Rathore, Founder & CEO of JoinFilms, shed light on the challenges faced by aspiring artists, encouraging self-belief and perseverance, urging them to follow their dreams despite societal norms. Ashu Ghai, Founder of

Science & Fun, shared his personal journey, attributing his success to the Law of Attraction, manifestation, and unwavering hard work, inspiring the audience to chase their goals with conviction. Vaibhav Kanwar, Founder & CEO of CLAPBOX, emphasized the importance of following one's passion, learning from failures, and building resilience as a young entrepreneur, offering valuable lessons for navigating the journey of starting one's own venture. Behind the scenes, a dedicated team ensured the event's seamless execution. Principal Professor Rajesh Giri, Convenor Dr. Mayur Taneja, Co-convenor Prof. Megha Agarwal, along with faculty members like Ms. Mohini Aggarwal, Dr. Renu Gambhir, Dr.

Anamika Parihari, Ms. Mary C. Lethil, and Dr. Tapasya Tomar, provided invaluable guidance and support. Student coordinators Khushboo and Mayank Verma, the Presidents, led a team of passionate volunteers who tirelessly worked to bring the event to life. As the event concluded with expressions of gratitude, the audience left not only informed but also inspired. TEDxRajdhani College's "Decoding the Enigma" served as a powerful reminder that mysteries, both within ourselves and the world around us, can be unveiled with curiosity, critical thinking, and a relentless pursuit of knowledge. And it all started with a dedicated team and a stage filled with diverse voices, each one a piece of the enigma waiting to be decoded.



# Dora In NCDC Governing Council Dr.Kumar New MD NHIDCL

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** It is a rare honor for an Eastern India Cooperator, T Prasad Rao Dora to be inducted as Governing Council Member of National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC). T Prasad Rao Dora, President Odisha State Co-operative Bank (OSCB) has been nominated to the NCDC Governing Council headed by Union Minister Home Affairs and Co-operation, Amit Shah. After Shri Shah has taken over as Chief of NCDC, the National Organization is scaling very high. NCDC is the premier Co-operative Organization of the country is extending loans and grants to the



State Governments for financing Primary and Secondary Level Co-operative Societies. NCDC is directly funding various projects also. "It is a proud moment for the State Of Odisha in general and Eastern India in particular as for the

first time OSCB President has been nominated to the all powerful funding organization of the Co-operative Sector", said a former Principal Secretary Co-operation. Shri Dora, an ace Cooperator has been in

this movement for last 25 years and has been heading several State, National and International Organization in the Co-operative Sector. Besides being the President of OSCB, the Premier Bank in the Co-

operative Sector, he has been playing active role in scaling up activities of the Primary Cooperative Societies, which requires handholding. Under his dynamic leadership OSCB is extending massive credit facilities to the Farm Sector. Shri Dora has served as Chairman of FISHFED, Bhubaneswar, FISHCOFED, New Delhi and Vice Chairman of International Fisheries Co-operative Organization, Seoul, South Korea. Shri Dora an author of several books including 'The Odisha Co-operative Societies Manual', which is a Handbook for the officials and persons engaged in Co-operative Sector.

**New Delhi(KCN):** Dr.Krishan Kumar has been appointed as Managing Director of National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL). 2002 Batch IAS, Dr.Kumar will be handling NHIDCL, which is a fully owned company of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India. Dr.Kumar, an Odisha Cadre IAS is serving as Joint Secretary Ministry of Commerce. His dynamism is known. Known for his honesty and hardworking reputation, Dr.Kumar is the youngest Managing Director of NHIDCL, who will be implementing



massive infrastructure projects across the country. Dr.Kumar has long experience in handling mega infrastructure projects in Odisha as Secretary of the Department of Works. As a Secretary Works he has landed several mega bridges, high level over bridges, tunnels and one of the most significant approach he takes safety measures as key element of the infrastructure projects.

With indepth knowledge on disaster management, Dr.Kumar will be eminently suitable for such projects, said a senior officer handling Border Roads. Aftermath Silkyara Tunnel Collapse, administrators with disaster management experience were needed at the helm of NHIDCL and Dr.Kumar is eminently suitable as he has handled several natural disasters as District Collector of several districts. Dr.Kumar has the dynamism, visionary spirit and capability of handling mega projects and his sincere approach towards work will be an added advantage in handling affairs of NHIDCL.

## 10 Black Tigers In Similipal

**New Delhi(KCN):** Union Minister of State for Environment Forest and Climate Change Ashwini Kumar Choubey on Thursday said that Melanistic tigers (black tigers) have been recorded only in the Similipal Tiger Reserve (STR) in Odisha. As per the 2022 cycle of the All India Tiger Estimation, 16 individuals were recorded at Similipal Tiger Reserve, out of which 10 were melanistic, he said in a written statement to Rajya Sabha today. On protection of the rare breed of tiger, the Union Minister said a Standard Operating Procedure

(SOP) has been issued by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) for active management towards rehabilitation of tigers from source areas at the landscape level. Based on genetic composition, the Similipal Tiger Reserve has been identified as a distinct genetic cluster for conservation, he pointed out. Funding assistance is provided under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats (CSS-IDWH) to the Similipal Tiger Reserve for conservation of tigers,

raising awareness on tiger & other wildlife conservation, habitat management, protection, eco-development, human resource and infrastructure development, voluntary village relocation, as per sanctioned annual plan of operation of the Tiger Reserve which emanates from a statutory Tiger Conservation Plan, Choubey further said. During the last five financial years, the Government of India has released Rs 32.76 crore assistance to the STR. While Rs 650.88 lakh was released during 2018-19, Rs 660.53 lakh

released in 2019-20, Rs 539.39 lakh in 2020-21, Rs 766.06 lakh in 2021-22 and Rs 659.82 lakh during 2022-23. Recently, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) wildlife Susanta Nanda has also shared two beautiful pictures of the two Royal Bengal Tigers, of which one is melanistic tiger, who lost the fight to T35. The T35 (another RBT) has a black mark at his forehead, which is also unique. The two tigers fight for one territory. The forest officials noticed that T31 left the place after having a fight for a week from November 9.

## TRAI Seeks Rule Response

**New Delhi:** Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) today released draft Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Repealing Regulations, 2023; for inviting comments of stakeholders. The TRAI notified regulation on quality of service of dial-up and leased line internet access service, 2001 (4 of 2001) on 10th December 2001. This regulation is applicable to all the Basic Service Operators and Internet Service Providers, including the incumbent operators viz. BSNL, MTNL and VSNL. The purpose of laying down Quality of Service Parameters was to ensure customer satisfaction by laying down norms of network performance, which the service provider is required to achieve by proper dimensioning of his network;



measure the Quality of Service from time to time and to compare that with the specified norms so as to monitor the level of performance, provided by various service providers and to protect the interests of subscribers of the Internet services. It has been noticed that these regulations were issued when the dial up service was the only service available for accessing low speed internet. With the passage of time,

the telecommunication networks both wireline as well as wireless have evolved to offer high speed broadband service on xDSL, FTTH, LTE, etc, technologies. Whereas the leased line access services are generally offered by Internet Gateway Service Providers (IGSPs) holding an ISP licence to enterprises, is a Service Level Agreement (SLA)

based service. Being SLA based service, the agreement among the contracting parties has sufficient provisions to safeguard concerns regarding service quality. Hence, the regulation on quality of service of dial-up and leased line internet access service, 2001, appears to be no more relevant in the present context.

In view of the above, Authority intends to repeal the Regulation on quality of service of dial-up and leased line internet access service, 2001 (4 of 2001) with effect from date of its notification in Official Gazette. The draft Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Repealing Regulations, 2022 regulation is available on TRAI website [www.trai.gov.in](http://www.trai.gov.in) and shall be open for comments of the stakeholders up to 17 April 2023.



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# Amazon India signs an MoU with the Indian Coast Guard to create work opportunities for ex-service personnel

**Bhubaneswar:** Amazon India today signed an MoU with the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), under Ministry of Defence, to provide ex-service personnel with work opportunities across the company, in line with its commitment towards an inclusive workplace. At Amazon India, there has been a consistent focus on diversity, equity and inclusion in its workforce where unique perspectives are valued and welcomed. The company fosters a culture that is conducive to growth and offers people equal opportunities to unlock their full potential while empowering them to do more. The company's commitment on providing

equal access to opportunities and resources cuts across all communities of talent including focused efforts around women, LGBTQIA+, military veterans and the differently abled, amongst others from different backgrounds, demographics, and social strata, to enable them to expand their horizons. Over the last few years, Amazon India has launched multiple initiatives to bring diversity, equity, and inclusion into the workforce. In August 2019, Amazon India launched a Military Veterans Employment program to create hundreds of opportunities for military veterans and their



spouses across the company's fulfilment network, across India. This was done in partnership with the Army Welfare Placement

Organization (AWPO) to create continued work opportunities for military veterans and their families across India. More recently, Amazon

India further strengthened its commitment to provide ex-service personnel with work opportunities across its growing operations

network in India by renewing its Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Directorate General Resettlement

(DGR). This MoU with the DGR enables Amazon India to mobilize the untapped potential of veterans, giving it access to a greater talent pipeline. "At Amazon, we are very humbled to build further on our efforts to strengthen diversity, equity, and inclusion at our workplace. Due to the deep appreciation of the wealth of experience and unique perspective of ex-service personnel, Amazon runs the Military Veterans Employment Programme globally. With the signing of this MoU, we are excited to work with the Indian Coast Guard towards a common goal of creating meaningful work opportunities for our veterans and their families. We will continue to leverage the wealth of

experience of military veterans, who are an incomparable addition to Amazon." said Deepti Varma, VP, People Experience Technology, Amazon India, Japan & Emerging Markets. The Indian Coast Guard, said, "The vast experience our veterans possess can be leveraged for tremendous success across diverse industries and businesses. Amazon India has taken proactive steps in offering employment opportunities to military veterans. This MoU marks a significant milestone as we unite in the pursuit of a shared objective: fostering meaningful career paths for ex-service personnel from the Indian Coast Guard."

## SpiceJet and Axis Bank launch co-branded credit card

**GURUGRAM:** SpiceJet, the country's favourite airline and Axis Bank, India's third largest private sector bank, have partnered to launch the most rewarding co-branded credit card, powered by Visa that will offer a host of privileges and benefits to customers. The card comes in two variants – SpiceJet Axis Bank Voyage and Voyage Black, and is aimed at facilitating a superlative travel experience for flyers through SpiceClub, the first frequent flyer program by a low cost carrier in India.

Through this collaboration, the two

brands hope to capitalize on the resurgent demand for travel following two years of stagnation caused by the pandemic. Further, with the shared goal of expanding their reach to Tier 2 & 3 cities and other synergies, the brands are committed to serving a much larger populace.

SpiceJet Axis Bank Voyage & Voyage Black credit cards were officially launched at Indira Gandhi International airport in the presence of Ajay Singh, Chairman and MD, SpiceJet and Amitabh Chaudhry, MD & CEO, Axis Bank, where they unveiled a special

SpiceJet-Axis Bank credit card livery on a SpiceJet Boeing 737 MAX aircraft.

The products are designed to enable customers use the rewards earned on their daily spends for booking flights and add-ons, thus encouraging both travel and digital payments embedded with benefits of SpiceJet's frequent flyer program, SpiceClub.

Customers can earn benefits up to 7% on the Voyage Black credit card which is a Top-tier offering in the travel credit card segment. In addition, the redemption of earned points does not

have any limitations on blackout dates, festival demand, and are on first-come basis. Cardholders would get exclusive SpiceClub membership with direct entry in either Silver or Gold tiers, and special benefits like complimentary or discounted travel add-ons, priority check-in, SpiceMax upgrade, preferred seat selection, complimentary meal etc.

Ajay Singh, Chairman and Managing Director, SpiceJet, said, "I am delighted to announce the launch of the SpiceJet-Axis Bank co-branded Credit Card. This card will make every customer journey an even

more rewarding one. We are the pioneers of the frequent flyer program for budget airlines in the country and this partnership with Axis Bank significantly strengthens the value offering of SpiceClub. Our association with Axis Bank – founded on the shared vision to offer unparalleled customer experience – is yet another innovative step towards creating a world class travel experience. I hope to see our customers enjoying the benefits of this rewarding collaboration as much as they love to fly with us."

## JSW Infrastructure begins commercial operations at Paradip East Quay Terminal in Odisha

**Paradip/ Bhubaneswar :** JSW Infrastructure, India's leading ports company and part of US\$ 13 billion JSW Group, has begun commercial operations at Paradip East Quay Coal Terminal in Odisha. This is a fully-mechanized terminal at Paradip Port Trust with an annual coal handling capacity of 30 million tons. The coal terminal has been built as a cape compliant terminal and will handle cape size vessels once the dredging at Paradip Port is completed. The terminal has capacity to unload 25 rakes per day and can load two vessels simultaneously. The infrastructure of the terminal is built to ensure higher productivity while reducing overall logistics cost to power producers.

The company has invested approximately Rs 1,300 crore to establish this terminal at Paradip Port. Paradip Port Trust awarded JSW Infrastructure to develop a fully-mechanized coal terminal on Build, Operate & Transfer basis for 30 years. Following the commissioning of this coal terminal, JSW Infrastructure's current cargo capacity crosses 150 MTPA. It aims to have a total cargo handling capacity of 200 MTPA by FY24. Commenting on its coal terminal at Paradip, Mr Anun Maheshwari, Joint MD & CEO of JSW Infrastructure said, "Paradip Port continues to be an attractive sea route for coal movement. With the commissioning of this terminal, India can now offer

cape size shipments with efficient operations. During the last few months, steam coal prices globally have witnessed sharp increase forcing thermal power plants and other coal based industry to switch to domestic coal. Start of this coal terminal has come at the right time to fill up the demand gap of domestic coal. Through high productivity and larger shipment size, we hope to reduce overall logistics costs for our coal cargo customers. As the country pursues PM's vision of Atma Nirbhar Bharat, the total thermal coal demand in India is expected to remain strong and our endeavor would be to maximize fulfilment by domestic producers.

## Sony announces the Next-Gen Smart BRAVIA 32W830K Google TV

**Bhubaneswar :** Sony India today announced the launch of BRAVIA 32W830K television with attractive picture quality and life like sound. The all-new 80 cm (32) HD ready Google TV lets you enjoy movies, games and shows from apps or broadcast in an instant with advanced voice controls and built-in Chromecast.

Now seamlessly integrate Google TV and bring together more than 700,000 movies, shows, live TV and more from apps and subscriptions and organize seamlessly. With BRAVIA 32W830K, browse content from across your apps, intelligently organized just for you. Customers can easily find something to watch with personalized recommendations and bookmark shows and movies by adding a watchlist from phone and watch it on TV to keep track of what to watch. Users can even add to their Watchlist from their phone or laptop with Google Search and find everything in one place. BRAVIA 32W830K supports Apple Home Kit and AirPlay that seamlessly integrates Apple devices like iPads and iPhones with the TV for effortless content streaming. Easily control your TV with Hands-free voice capabilities. The hands-free voice control is built into the TV, no need to reach for the remote every time to search for entertainment, get answers, or control the TV and smart home devices. Simply say, "OK Google" to issue a voice command.

## RELIANCE NIPPON LIFE INSURANCE RECORDS STRONG GROWTH IN FY22

**Mumbai :** Reliance Nippon Life Insurance Company Limited, a JV between Reliance Capital and Nippon Life of Japan, announced its financial results for the year ended March 31, 2022. The key performance highlights as on March 31, 2022 include: Commenting on the company's strong performance in FY22, Mr. Ashish Vohra, ED &

CEO, Reliance Nippon Life Insurance said, "FY22 continued to pose its own set of challenges with the outbreak of the second, and then the third wave of the pandemic. We are grateful for the support we have received from our customers, employees, distributors, service providers and their families, that powered our journey of providing maximum value to each

one of our stakeholders." Mr. Vohra further highlighted that in a volatile economic environment of today, there is a heightened appreciation of Life Insurance for ensuring certainty of life coverage as well as financial investments. These guarantees are designed to drive durable long-term returns and to help customers fulfill their life goals and form the

bedrock of our business model. The company paid death claims, maturity and survival benefit payouts of over Rs. 1,877 Cr in FY22 and achieved an impressive claims settlement ratio of 98.7% for FY22, up from 98.5% in FY21. The company expeditiously settled 3,517 Covid related claims worth Rs. 117 Cr. within an average period of 9 working days. Mr. Vohra

further commented, "A death claim is the ultimate test of a Life Insurance product, and it is the 'dharma' of a Life Insurer to honour all such claims with speed and accuracy. We continue to be fully committed and financially stable at 235% solvency (against the regulatory requirement of 150%), to meet all customer claims that may arise in the times ahead."

## Experian launches new cloud-based decisioning solution –PowerCurve® Strategy Management

**MUMBAI:** Experian, the world's leading global information services company, has launched a new PowerCurve® Strategy Management solution, a powerful decisioning solution delivered as software-as-a-service via cloud. The solution is designed to help organisations leverage data and make faster, secure, and informed business decisions.

PowerCurve® is a unified platform that helps businesses understand and leverage their data across the entire customer life cycle – be it acquisition, retention or growth – to make fast, efficient decisions that support their strategic goals. With the new solution, businesses will be able to swiftly adapt their decision-based strategies at lower operational cost

while harnessing the power of cloud. Neeraj Dhawan, Managing Director, Experian India, says: "Financial institutions in India are looking for more agile and scalable decisioning solutions. To fulfil their needs, we have come up with a comprehensive suite of solutions to help businesses make better decisions and stay one step ahead."

## NTPC Coal Mining Projects Shine Bright with Star Rating Awards for Sustainable Mining Excellence

**New Delhi, (KCN):** NTPC's Dulanga Coal Mining Project in Odisha and Talapalli Coal Mining Project in Chhattisgarh have received Star Rating Awards under the category of Opencast mines at the Annual Star Rating of Coal Mines Awards of Ministry of Coal.

This achievement reflects their commitment towards best mining practices and environmental standards to promote sustainable mining. While Dulanga Coal Mining has been awarded Star Rating (3rd rank) under the category of Opencast mines for the year 2019-

20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, Talapalli Coal Mining Project has also been awarded Star Rating (Achievers Rank) under Opencast category for the year 2019-20.

Shri Shivam Srivastava, Director (Fuel) and Shri Animesh Jain, CEO, NML received the awards from Shri Pralhad Joshi, Hon'ble Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs at the Annual Star Rating of Coal Mines award ceremony held on 20th December in Delhi.

NTPC has conceptualized the development of all its mines as a "Model Mine" by adopting the

best technological practices, integration of digital tools for operational efficiency, striving towards "Zero Incident potential", promoting green footprints and setting benchmarks in the mining industry.

It has also fostered sustainable development of the area in and around its mining projects through skill development of youth, womenfolk, health, education, infrastructure building and other need-based initiatives.

## Sunstone expands its presence in Bhubaneswar

**Bhubaneswar :** Sunstone, one of India's leading higher education service providers with presence across 25 cities in 30+ institutions, expanded its network of campuses with the onboarding of Centurion University of Technology and Management, Odisha.

Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM) is duly recognized as a pioneer in 'Skill Integrated Higher Education'. Its unique model lays specific emphasis on creating sustainable livelihoods on a national scale in challenging geographies

through education that results in employability and sparks entrepreneurship. This model has been recognized by multiple Governments (Central and State), International Organizations such as UNESCO and the World Bank as well as Policy Think-tanks such as the Niti Ayog.

Centurion University has continually strived to be a best-in-class human resource development hub that builds employable, enterprising and society centric youth through industry relevant education, skill

development, new ventures, production, and technology development.

The founders, faculty and staff are fully committed to its credo: Shaping Lives. Empowering Communities.

With this addition, Sunstone advantage would now be available with B.Com, BCA, B.Tech, MBA-Maritime Management, BBA-Health Care Management, MBA-Health Care Management and MBA courses offered by Centurion University.



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