



PRESIDENT OF INDIA WITNESSES CEREMONIAL CHANGE-OVER OF THE ARMY GUARD BATTALION

New Delhi, (KCN): The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu witnessed the Ceremonial change-over of the Army Guard Battalion stationed at

Rashtrapati Bhavan today (February 11, 2024) wherein the 6th Battalion of the Sikh Regiment, on completion of its tenure as Ceremonial Army Guard

Battalion, handed over the charge to the 1st Battalion of 5th Gorkha Rifles.

In her brief remarks on the occasion, the President appreciated the

officers and soldiers of 6th Battalion of the Sikh Regiment for following the highest standards of military traditions and of performing their duty with full dedication at

Rashtrapati Bhavan. She welcomed the 1st Battalion of 5th Gorkha Rifles and expressed confidence that they will set a new benchmark in Rashtrapati Bhavan

during their tenure following their glorious history of 166 years. Different Infantry units of the Army function as the Ceremonial Army Guard in Rashtrapati Bhavan by rotation. The Army Guard Battalion performs ceremonial duties at various important events such as Guard of Honours to the dignitaries, Republic

Day Parade, Independence Day Parade, Beating the Retreat Ceremony apart from performing ceremonial guard duties at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

CM Naveen Patnaik Inaugurates New Facility Of Cognizant In Bhubaneswar



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and Cognizant CEO Ravi Kumar S, on Sunday, inaugurated the newest facility of Cognizant, one of the largest professional services companies in the world, Bhubaneswar. Tusharkanti Behera, Minister of State for Electronics and IT, Government of Odisha; V K Pandian, 5T and Nabin Odisha Chairman, Manoj Kumar Mishra, Principal Secretary, E&IT Department, Government of Odisha, Manas Ranjan Panda, Special Secretary to

Government, E&IT Department, Government of Odisha, Rajesh Nambiar, CMD, Cognizant India; senior leadership and associates of the company. Located in the Odisha Technology Center, the state-of-the-art facility, is spread across 51,000 square feet. Designed to foster innovation and collaboration, it is poised to accommodate up to 800 associates in the initial phase, and in the second phase, an additional 29,000 square feet will be seamlessly integrated, to meet the evolving needs of clients and associates. "I'm delighted that

Cognizant has chosen Bhubaneswar, Odisha as the launchpad for its expansion across emerging technology hubs in India," said CM Naveen Patnaik. "The swift collaboration between Cognizant and the Electronics & Information Technology department, resulting in the establishment of this centre within seven months is truly commendable. With our proactive policies and administration, we will fully support the functioning of the centre. We are confident that Cognizant's presence will help create new high-

value jobs for the youth of Odisha and contribute to its growth story." Cognizant is one of the largest professional services companies in the world serving organizations across 20 different industries to help modernize technology, reimagine processes, and transform experiences to stay ahead in a fast-changing world.

The associates at the facility will work in modern and collaborative spaces on a broad range of advanced technologies, including AI, ML, IoT, digital engineering and robotic automation, among others, Cognizant will continue to offer its award-winning learning and development programs to equip its associates with future-ready digital capabilities, helping them continually improve their capabilities to serve global clients.

In 1954, he joined the

"We are excited to open our new centre in Bhubaneswar, which has emerged as an education hub with highly skilled talent and robust infrastructure," said Ravi Kumar S, CEO, of Cognizant.

Golamunda, (KCN):

A pick-up van ferrying about 50 labourers overturned near Dokiripada under Golamunda police station limits in Odisha's Kalahandi district on Sunday evening.

According to sources, the workers hailing from Aatigaon village under Junagarh police station limits had come to work in the agricultural fields in the

Boraguda area in Golamunda today. In the evening, on the way back from work, the pick-up vehicle in which they were travelling lost balance and turned turtle on the road, leaving some workers trapped underneath.

About five persons died on the spot and 25 others, who sustained critical injuries in the mishap, have been shifted to the district headquarters hospital. Meanwhile, others with minor injuries are being provided medical assistance at Dharmagarh and Junagarh hospitals, sources said.

More than 50 workers including some minors were travelling in the pick-up vehicle. Golamunda police reached the spot and have started an investigation.

PRESIDENT OF INDIA TO VISIT GUJARAT AND RAJASTHAN FROM FEBRUARY 12 TO 14

New Delhi, (KCN): The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu will visit Gujarat and Rajasthan from February 12 to 14, 2024. On February 12, the President will grace the 200th Janmotsav - Gyan Jyoti Parv Samarotsav Samaroh on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Maharsi Dayanand Saraswati at Tankara in Gujarat. On the same day, she will grace and address the 20th convocation of Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology at Surat. On February 13, the President will visit Srimad Rajchandra Ashram at Dharampur, Valsad. She will also interact with the members of PVTGs of Gujarat at Dharampur. On February 14, the President will address a gathering of tribal women associated with various Self Help Groups at Beneshwar Dham, Rajasthan.

Kartik Pandian Visits Sambalpur To Discuss Development Of VIMSAR And Stadiums

Sambalpur, (KCN): As per direction of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, Chairman 5T and Nabin Odisha, Kartik Pandian visited Sambalpur district. Today, early morning at 6 AM, Kartik Pandian flagged off the First Mahanadi Half Marathon in Sambalpur. More than 4000 runners participated in this marathon event under various categories. Speaking on the occasion, Kartik Pandian said, "Sambalpur has good

sports culture and to further develop the talent, Chief Minister has directed to provide the best of facilities. Recently, the indoor stadium in Burla, constructed at a cost of Rs 27 crores was inaugurated. The foundation stones were also laid for the Sambalpur Football Academy and the Sports complex in Sambalpur University including Hockey stadium and indoor sports facilities at a total cost of Rs 100 crores". He further

mentioned that Chief Minister directed to construct a new football stadium and upgrade the VSS cricket stadium into a modern stadium. These stadiums will be taken up with an approximate cost

of over 350 crores. This will be a major boost for the sports development in the district.

Kartik Pandian visited the VSS stadium and interacted with the players. Sh Kartik Pandian was a sportsperson himself and used to study in Sports hostel. He shared his experience with the players. He played cricket with the players and players were excited and motivated to see Sh Kartik Pandian playing with them in the field. Later, Kartik Pandian discussed with the Director and senior doctors and staff regarding development of

the Veer Surendar Sai Institute of Medical Science and Research (VIMSAR). In the first phase it was decided that Mother and Child health care facilities (O&G, Paediatrics) will be given priority with 700-bed hospital. The hostel campus will be taken up for development along with sports complex. The residences for the staff will also be prioritised. In the initial phase, the facilities will be developed with project cost of Rs 1000 crores. A master plan



will be prepared for overall development of the campus in various phases, as per availability of land. Kartik Pandian reviewed the project for development of birthplace of Veer Surendar Sai at Khinda. He directed the officials to expedite the work progress. Kartik Pandian visited Maa Samaleswari Temple. He interacted with the pilgrims and took their feedback on the new facilities.

Dhamra Port and IIT Bhubaneswar Forge Collaboration to Foster Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Dhamra, (KCN): IIT Bhubaneswar Research and Entrepreneurship Park and The Dhamra Port Co. Ltd. (DPCL) are pleased to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) aimed at bolstering collaboration in research, training & capacity building, and entrepreneurship. The MOU, signed on February 11th, 2024 during the inauguration of 100 Cube Start-up Initiative of IIT Bhubaneswar Research and Entrepreneurship Park at IIT Bhubaneswar. This strategic partnership

seeks to leverage the respective strengths and expertise of both organizations to drive innovation and foster entrepreneurial endeavours.

Under the agreement, both parties express their commitment to engaging in joint research initiatives, training programs, and support for the start-up ecosystem. The collaboration will encompass a wide range of projects aimed at advancing technology transfer, fostering innovation, and nurturing entrepreneurship within the industry.

Dr. Debi Prosad Dogra, Independent Director,



IIT Bhubaneswar Research and Entrepreneurship Park, expressed enthusiasm about the collaboration, stating, "We are excited to join forces with DPCL to cultivate a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship. By combining our resources and expertise, we aim to accelerate the pace of technological advancement and drive sustainable growth in the industry." Mr. Devendra Thakar, CEO of DPCL, echoed this sentiment, emphasizing the potential of the partnership to drive positive change. "This collaboration underscores our commitment to fostering innovation and supporting the development of start-ups and entrepreneurs. Together with FIRST, we are confident in our ability to create meaningful impact and drive the industry forward." The MOU, effective immediately upon signing, will remain in effect for a duration of five years. The signing of this MOU marks a significant milestone in the journey towards fostering innovation, research, and entrepreneurship. By leveraging synergies and pooling resources, IIT Bhubaneswar and DPCL are poised to drive meaningful impact and shape the future of the industry.

Ekamra Vatika Celebrated its first Annual Day



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): The Inaugural Day of Ekamra Vatika, the premier new school of Bhubaneswar, was held on 19th November, 2022 by His Excellency, The Honourable Governor, Prof. Ganeshi Lal Ji. The school announced its admissions for play group and nursery for the academic year 2023-24. The event was graced by the presence of many dignitaries and parents, and witnessed heartfelt support from The Honourable Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik Ji virtually. With the vision of reimagining early childhood education in Bhubaneswar, Ekamra Vatika has been designed

with the intentional thought of creating a learning environment guided by the best international practices, deep-rooted research and understanding of how children learn. Through its bespoke curriculum, student-centric infrastructure, and progressive teaching-learning approaches, the school aims to engage young children in experiential and life-changing learning. Mrs. Meghna Singh Deo, Chairperson, Ekamra Vatika, shared her vision and philosophy. She expressed that in a world where everyone is frantically racing to the finish line, we would like to teach our children to

slow down and appreciate the beauty around them. To be compassionate and kind, to be inclusive and fearless, to be honest and confident. The occasion was graced by Dr. Ranjit Kumar Joshi, an exemplary figure in the field of child health. Dr. Joshi brought with him over two decades of invaluable experience, predominantly dedicated to the care of fragile newborns. His valuable words about the well-being of children was a great advice for the parents as well as the teachers. He also specified that each child is different in their own way and has to be dealt with unique strategies, 2024-25.

Record Number of KISS Students to Appear In Class X, XII Board Exams



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): A record number of students from KISS are set to appear for the Class X and Class XII board exams to be conducted by the Board of Secondary Examinations and the Council of Higher Secondary Examinations respectively this year. While about 2000 students will sit for the

Class X examination beginning February 20, 1908 students will appear for the Class XII examinations that will commence from February 16. Fifty percent of all students are girls. Ahead of the exams, Dr Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS wished the students all success on Sunday and

distributed pens like the previous year while sharing essential advice. KISS has made extensive arrangements to facilitate the transportation of students to various examination centers, including providing 50 buses for their commute. The Class X students will appear in examination centers at Saraswati

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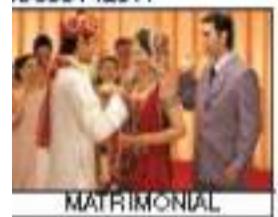
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Valentine's Day: Action Spectacle 'Salaar: Part 1 – Ceasefire' Fuses With Romantic Melody

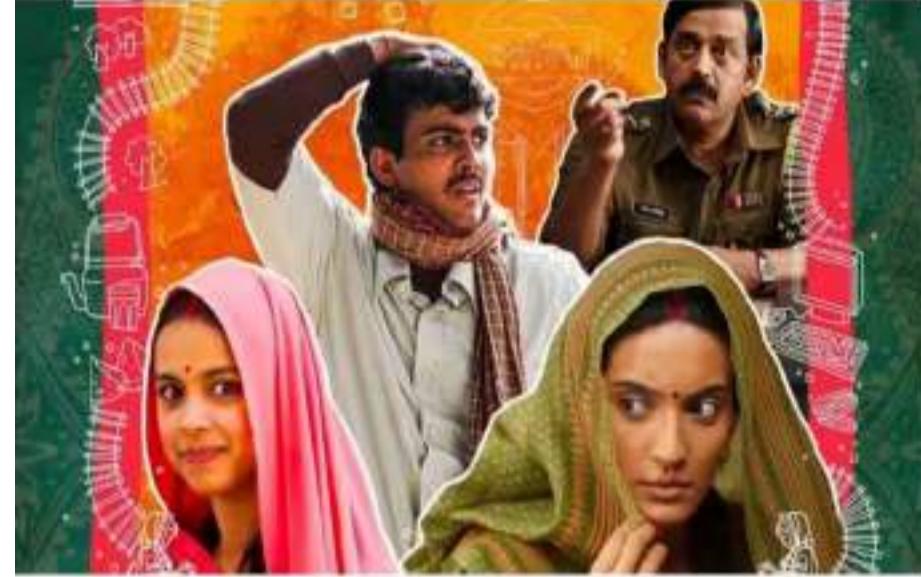


One of the biggest action spectacles 'Salaar: Part 1 – Ceasefire' has indeed arrived as the storm that just doesn't seem to settle down easily. The film not only ruled over the hearts of audiences across the world but also created records with its phenomenal box office numbers. Amid the rising fervor of the action saga, fans went on to celebrate 'Salaar: Part 1 – Ceasefire' with the melody of Dairy Milk's 'Kiss Me'. Dairy Milk's famous 'Kiss Me' melody is perfectly molded with the visuals of 'Salaar: Part 1 – Ceasefire' in a creative captivating edit. The video is a delightful watch to see the firm and soft melody of Dairy Milk's famous 'Kiss Me' song setting perfect on the adrenaline-pumping visuals of 'Salaar: Part 1 – Ceasefire'. This instantly grabbed the attention of the netizens who went on to share their love on the social media universe. Hombale Films Salaar Part 1: Ceasefire starring Prabhas, Prithviraj Sukumaran, Jagapathi Babu, and Shruti Haasan is directed by Prashanth Neel and the film is enjoying its blockbuster run in worldwide cinemas.

Kiran Rao-Directorial 'Laapataa Ladies' Receives Standing Ovation In Bhopal

The buzz for Kiran Rao's next directorial, 'Laapataa Ladies', is peaking the momentum day by day. The trailer of the film featuring the promising lead cast of Pratibha Ranta, Sparsh Shrivastav, and Nitanshi Goel opened with a fantastic draw from the fans and the audiences. It has also piqued the masses' interest in the entertaining world set by Kiran Rao, where she has presented the story rooted in the Indian template.

Following the roaring response to the trailer, the makers recently hosted a grand screening of the film in the City of Lakes, Bhopal. During the Bhopal screening, Aamir Khan, Kiran Rao along with the lead cast Pratibha Ranta, Sparsh Shrivastav, and Nitanshi Goel were presented at the screening and it got unanimously love and praise from the attendees who watched



the film. The comedy-drama got cheers and standing ovation from everyone and it impressed the audiences with its writing, comical social commentary, the performance of the cast, etc. It has also won hearts by reminiscing the vibes of 90s rom-coms. This is not the first time, the film has set the victory feet and the audiences' hearts as it also got the standing ovation at the

Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF). The film is presented by Aamir Khan Productions which has a 100% track record of delivering quality and content-oriented films that includes 'Lagaan', 'Jaane Tu Ya Jaane Na', 'Peepli Live', 'Dangal', 'Taare Zameen Par', 'Ghajini', 'Secret Superstar' and 'Delhi Belly'. Presented by Jio Studios, 'Laapataa Ladies' is directed by

Kiran Rao and produced by Aamir Khan and Jyoti Deshpande. The film is releasing on March 1st, 2024, and has been made under the banner of Aamir Khan Productions and Kindling Productions, with the script based on an award-winning story by Biplab Goswami. The screenplay and dialogue are written by Sneha Desai, while the additional dialogues have been jotted down by Divyanidhi Sharma.

The Archies: Ananya Panday Turns Cheerleader For 'Baby Sister' Suhana Khan Ahead Of Her Debut



@suhana khan 2." With immense love and support from all corners, 'The Archies' is expected to be lauded greatly. And why not? After all,



superstar's Shah Rukh Khan and Gauri Khan's daughter Suhana Khan has entered the film industry with a bang. Recently, her debut film

'The Archies' got a grand premiere on Tuesday night, where the who's who of Bollywood marked their presence. Malaika Arora, who also

attended the screening, gave a shout-out to Suhana and sent best wishes to SRK and Gauri.

"Oh my dear

VERONICA ... simply va va vooom. Pure delight to watch on screen @suhana khan 2 congratulations proud parents @gaurikhan @iamsrk," she wrote. Helmed by Zoya Akhtar, 'The Archies' also marks the debut of late Sridevi and producer Boney Kapoor's daughter Khushi Kapoor, Shweta Bachchan and Nikhil Nanda's son Agastya. The film is a coming-of-age musical, which follows the lives of Archie, Betty, Veronica, Jughead, Reggie, Ethel and Dilton who will take audiences to the fictional hilly town of Riverdale. The film explores friendship, freedom, love, heartbreak and rebellion.

Karishma Tanna-Starrer Scoop Continues To Impress, Emerges As One Of The Most Popular Shows Of 2023 on IMDb

Actress Karishma Tanna's OTT debut with Hansal Mehta's 'Scoop' has created intense waves in the industry. Now, the show has been ranked amongst the top 10 shows of 2023 on IMDb. 'Scoop' is inspired by the real-life story of Journalist Jigna Vora who was wrongly accused of murdering another fellow journalist. The Karishma Tanna starrer was based on the novel Jigna wrote describing her life in jail and how this tag changed her life completely. Karishma received rave reviews for her performance. The show was hailed as quite a great one. Now with IMDB also ranking it as one of the most popular shows this year, only makes the efforts of the entire more



valid. 'Scoop' was released on Netflix in June 2023. Recently, Hansal Mehta's 'Scoop' won in two categories at the 2023 Busan Film Festival's Asia Contents Awards and Global OTT Awards. Actor Karishma Tanna has won the 'Best Lead Actress' award for the series 'Scoop' at the Busan Film Festival 2023. She played the role of a journalist seeking justice in a politically volatile country in the web show. In response to her win, Karishma Tanna expressed her gratitude and enthusiasm, stating, "I am truly humbled and elated by this recognition at the Busan Film Festival. It has been an incredible journey bringing Jagruti Pathak to life in 'Scoop'! Big thank you to



boundaries and delivering powerful performances in the future." Karishma Tanna wore a black saree on the red carpet of the Busan Film Festival, exuding cultural pride. Director Hansal Mehta spoke of the Best Asian TV Series win at the Asia Contents Awards and Global OTT awards, saying, "This is a really proud moment for us to have received this recognition for Scoop as the best Asian TV Series in Busan. Our attempt at bringing alive a story that gripped India has been received with so much love, well beyond our

borders. This award bears testimony to the spirit of Jigna Vora. Without her baring her heart to us, we would not have a story. To my creative partner Mrunmayee Lagoo Waikul, the hard work of all those who worked behind the scenes, and the highly collaborative efforts of Netflix and Matchbox Shots." He added, "I am happy for our exemplary team of actors and crew who have made this show what it is! I'm also happy that this cautionary tale of our times is getting this recognition. There could be no more crucial time to tell this urgent story of moral, ethical, personal and journalistic hubris."

Income from Business or Profession Part -1



Adv. Narayan Jain & CA Dilip Loyalka

1. Income chargeable under the head "Income from Business or Profession": The following types of income are chargeable to tax under the head "Income from Business or Profession", under section 28:

- (a) profits and gains of any business or profession;
- (i) a any compensation or other payments due to, or received by any persons specified in section 28(ii); any person, by whatever name called, managing the whole or substantially the whole of the affairs of an Indian company, at or in connection with the termination of his management or the modification of the terms and conditions relating thereto;
- (ii) any person managing the whole or substantially the whole of the affairs in India of any other company, at or in connection with the termination of his office or the modification of the terms and conditions relating thereto;
- (iii) any person holding an agency in India for any part of activities relating to the business of any other person, at or in connection with the termination of the agency or the modification of the terms and conditions relating thereto;
- (iv) any person, for or in connection with the vesting in the Government, or in any corporation owned or controlled by the Government, under any law for the time being in force, of the management of any property or business;
- (v) W.e.f. asst. year 2019-20 any person at or in connection with the termination or the modification of the terms and conditions, of any contract relating to his business;
- (b) income derived by a trade, professional or similar association from specific services performed for its members;
- (c) profits on sale

of a license granted under the Imports (Control) Order, 1955;

(d) cash assistance received or receivable by any person against exports under any scheme of the Government of India - Sec. 28(iiib);

When DEPB is sold by a person, his profit on transfer of DEPB would be the sale value of DEPB less its face value which represents the cost of the DEPB and not the entire sum received by him on such transfer; DEPB is chargeable as income under clause (iiib) of section 28 in the year in which such person applies for DEPB credit against the exports whereas the profit on transfer of DEPB by that person is chargeable as income under clause (iiid) of section 28 in his hands in the year in which he makes the transfer- Topman Exports v. CIT [2012] 342 ITR 49 (SC). The above view has been reaffirmed in Vikash Kalra v. CIT 345 ITR 557 (SC).

(e) any duty of customs or excise repaid or repayable as drawback to any person against exports under the Customs and Central Excise Duties Drawback Rules, 1971;

(f) any profit on the transfer of the Duty Entitlement Pass Book Scheme being Duty Remission Scheme,

under the Export and Import policy formulated and announced u/s 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992;

(g) any profit on the transfer of Duty Free Replenishment Certificate, being Duty Remission Scheme, under the Export and Import policy formulated and announced u/s 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992;

(h) W.e.f. Asst Year 2024-25, the value of any benefit or perquisite arising from business or the exercise of a profession, whether convertible into money or not in cash or in kind or partly in cash and partly in kind [section 28(va)].

The above is also known as Non compete fee.

(m) any sum received under a Keyman insurance policy including the sum allocated by way of bonus on such policy.

(n) the fair market value of inventory as on the date on which it is converted into, or treated as, a capital asset determined in the prescribed manner- Sec. 28(via) w.e.f. asst. year 2019-20. Refer Rule 11UAB for valuation.

(o) W.e.f. asst. year 2010-11, clause (vii) was inserted in section 28 to provide that any sum whether received or receivable in cash or kind, by reason of any capital asset other than land or goodwill or financial instrument being demolished, destroyed, discarded or transferred

the case of the partnership firm.

(l) W.e.f. asst. year 2003-04 as amended w.e.f. asst. year 2017-18 any sum received or receivable in cash or in kind under an agreement for not carrying out any activity in relation to any business or profession or an agreement for not sharing any know- how, patent, copyright, trademark, licence, franchise or any other business or commercial right of similar nature, or information or technique likely to assist in the manufacture or processing of goods or provision for services. [section 28(va)].

Prior to the amendment by Finance Act 2023, the said section read as under:

the value of any benefit or perquisite, whether convertible into money or not, arising from business or exercise of a profession.

(i) profits and gains of managing agency;

(j) income from speculative transactions; and

(k) Interest, salary, bonus, commission, remuneration etc. due to or received by a partner of the firm, if the same has been allowed as expenses in

shall be chargeable to income tax under the head 'profit and gains of business or profession', if the whole of the expenditure on such capital asset has been allowed as a deduction u/s 35AD.

(p) in the case of an undertaking which develops, develops and operates or maintains and operates an industrial park/SEZ notified in accordance with the scheme framed and notified by the Government, the income from letting out of premises/developed space along with other facilities in an industrial park/ SEZ is to be

charged to tax under the head 'Profits and Gains of Business' - Velankani Information System Pvt. Ltd 35 taxmann.com 1 (Karn); CBDT Circular No. 16 dated 25/04/2017.

(q) If letting out of properties was the business of the assessee, then its income would be chargeable to tax under the head 'profits and gains of business or profession - Rayala Corporation (P) Ltd. v. ACIT [2016] 72 taxmann.com 149 (SC); 386 ITR 500 (SC); Chennai Properties & Investments Limited v. CIT [TS-238-SC-2015].

2. Type of compensation for termination or modification of agreement will be taxed u/s 28(ii)(e): As per section 28(ii)(a), (b), (c)

and (d) compensation or any payment, due to or received by, any person in connection with termination or modification of management agreement, or agency agreement or in connection with vesting in government of the management of any property or business, was taxable under the head business or profession. However, there are certain compensation received for termination or modification of agreements which are capital receipt and are not covered by section 28(ii)(a), (b), (c) and (d) mentioned above. For example, a hotel company had entered into an agreement to manage a hotel for a particular period and thereafter it had a first right for taking ownership of the hotel. The hotel company by way of a supplementary agreement relinquished its first right of taking over the ownership of the hotel and received compensation. It was held that the said compensation was a capital receipt - Oberoi Hotel (P.) Ltd. v. CIT [1999] 103 Taxman 236 (SC).

Similarly, Parle Soft Drinks had entered into an agreement with Coco Cola as per which it had a first right of bottling within the territory of Pune and Bangalore. But Coco Cola in complete breach of its agreement

went ahead with the bottling in Bangalore. The case of breach of agreement was filed by Parle and finally Coco Cola settled the matter by paying a compensation of Rs. 16 crores. It was held that the compensation is capital receipt - CIT v. Parle Soft Drinks (Bangalore) (P.) Ltd. [2017] 88 taxmann.com 24 (Bombay) [Revenue's SLP dismissed by the Supreme Court [2018] 97 taxmann.com 136 (SC)]. In order to tax such compensations section 28(ii)(e) has been inserted to provide that w.e.f. asst. year 2019-20 any compensation received in connection with the termination or modification of a contract is taxable. This amendment may bring into the tax net the transactions of Oberoi Hotels as the same may be on account of modification of an agreement. But the amendment may not bring the compensation received by Parle into the tax net as the compensation was for breach of terms of contract and not for termination or modification of the contract.

(Contd.)

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Keep Exam Stress at Bay

Bijaya Kumar Parhi



In the recently concluded men's cricket world cup the performance of team India in the league stage was impeccable. The players played like a close-knit unit and the contribution from all the members of playing eleven to the cause of winning the match was brilliant. Even in the semifinal the team outplayed the mighty Kiwis in all sections. Besides, Team India was considered the overwhelming favorite of winning the silverware from the beginning of the tournament. But India faltered when it mattered in the final. In the crunch situation all the plans went pear shaped. It was a come from behind win for the Australian team as it was tottering at the bottom up to the semifinal. There are many reasons tantamount to the win-loss binary, but the main cause is unnecessary hype in the media and too much pressure put on the team by more

than one hundred forty crore Indians. Earthen lamps were lit in the temples. Soothe sayers cum astrologers were consulted, prayers and rituals went on before the final, but everything was a complete fiasco. Even two batting stalwarts like Indian skipper Rohit Sharma and King Kohli, who have redefined the limited overs cricket could not save the final match. Such is the case of today's examinees who are getting ready to write board examinations conducted by different boards. They are cracking under pressure because of vaulting ambition of their parents, guardians and teachers.

Examinations in the midst of academics are a continuous process. Beginning from the Gurukul System of Education hitherto modern education system examination is sine qua non. So, children, parents, teachers and even kith and kin are thrown into consistent panic, fear, tension and apprehension. It's seen that helicopter parents are more concerned and unnecessarily anxious for the result of the examinations, be it competitive examinations or board exams. The result is disastrous and children

are thrown into the state of dole drums and miasma of depression. Very often parents keep them under the pump, pushing them into the feeding frenzy. There is no harm if exam is taken in the spirit of sportsmanship, but it's highly mortifying and counterproductive if the result of examinations is treated as the yard stick of success in life. Consequently, the children are found in trepidation. The future of our children looks bleak and children find no way out to come out of such gloom and doom.

With the onset of examination season the cases like suicide, flee from parents by some weak-minded children get published in the media. They resort to end the life because of fear of failure. The city of Kota in Rajasthan has become the hot bed of cases like suicide. Many talented children take drastic steps and meet the tragic end of life. Is it the solution? Who is responsible for such kind of cowardice shown by the children? Should the sun set in the forenoon? Is it the right way to draw curtains on the most invaluable life? Abraham Lincoln, the president of the U.S.A. was a man of failures. After repeated

failures in his life, he got the gargantuan success in his life. Similarly, the launching of CHANDRAYAN-3 to the moon was not an overnight successful story. Out of many setbacks, bottle necks and stumbling blocks, emerged the glory of ISRO. Suffice it to say that the goal of education is life itself, not merely providing instructions how to earn livelihood. The fruition of mankind lies in moral and ethical life, not in establishing oneself in the exalted position.

Human life is full of swings and roundabouts, twists and turns. There is a yawning chasm between what life of the children was and the present situation. In such a juncture children must learn how to live a meaningful life. Each child is unique in its own way. Inculcation of confidence, gumption, significance of hard work, dignity of labor in a child works wonder. Lord Krishna appealed to the good sense of Arjun in the battle of the Mahabharat when the third Pandav was reluctant to fight in Kurukshetra. He said the higher the ideal, the greater is energy, the enthusiasm and creativity. If you think of the goal, the mind

shifts from the present actions to the fruit. It is implied that struggle is life and hard work is the key to success. William Shakespeare, the father of English drama, Greek philosopher, Heraclitus were not fatalist. Make no mistake, Man is the maker of his own destiny. Shakespeare believed in the concept "Character is Destiny". APJ Abdul Kalam, the missile of our country clearly mentioned "Failure will never overtake me if my definition to succeed is strong enough". Parents, teachers and elders must infuse the values like confidence, tenacity and intrepidity in children so that they will overcome the practical problems in life. In the last stanza of the poem 'The Village Blacksmith' by the celebrated poet H.W. Longfellow gives a hint about the capability of man to build his own destiny. The lines "Thanks, thanks to thee, my worthy friend/ For the lessons thou hast taught! / Thus, at the flaming forge of life/ Our fortunes must be wrought;/ Thus its sounding anvil shaped/ Each burning deed and thought." succinctly delineate hard work is the fundamental to success and what human is capable of.

The flip side of the coin is that some don't come out with flying colors despite perseverance. There is nothing to worry or panic, remain phlegmatic as that is not the end of the journey. One failure does not proclaim one loser as long as one continues to keep one's feet on the pedals. The glaring example is that TeamIndia could not win the mace in the limited over cricket world cup despite the amazing performance in the entire series. Can we say that the team's performance was below par? Is it justified to say Indian skipper a substandard one? One bad performance would never decide one's status. It is axiomatic that class is permanent, only form is temporary. Children must learn to take it on the chin.

It is highly imperative that elders should teach children that the road which leads to success is not straight at all. All things do not come in the way. There are trials and tribulations and other circumstantial factors which impede the path of success. Crisis reveals character. The phenomenal personalities like Albert Einstein, Thomas Alva Edison, Evelyn Glennie and Helen Keller reached the zenith of success in the respective fields having faced many obstacles on their way. On the occasion of PARIKSHYA PE CHARCHA- 2024, honorable prime minister stressed upon the mental health of children. He appealed to parents and guardians not to keep too much pressure on children. Consistent motivation, encouragement and inspiration to children can only act as stress buster in such critical juncture. He also exhorted children not to be addicted to cell phones, Instagram and other distractors. Rather children should win the confidence of their parents sensibly and judiciously utilizing the available time. He averred in his address to children 'Exams come and go, but life is to be lived fully'. Besides, children should devise their own strategies to prepare for exams in consultation with parents. Parents are required to help, guide, monitor and assist children without imposing pressure on them. Questions are the same for all in examination. How one deals with each question makes one different from others. When it begins to rain, all birds return to the nests, but an eagle never returns to the nest. It flies above patches of clouds in order to avoid the rain. Problem is common to all, but attitude brings only difference. Keeping all the factors in view NEP-2020 focusses on the inculcation of life skills in every child. Core life skills like- Self Awareness, Empathy, Critical Thinking, Creative Thinking, Problem Solving, Decision Making, Coping with Stress, Coping with Emotion, Interpersonal Relationship and Effective Communication are given the top most priority in the syllabus. Needless to say, it is going to be a paradigm shift in the entire education system. Not for nothing, must all the stakeholders keep supporting it. It is incumbent upon parents, teachers, educationists and intellectuals to keep boosting up the morale of children instead of being arm chair critics. Give them lee ways, let them feel the heat of life with a splash of bravado.

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Ganga Puja Followed by Sar Punti Ranching for Conservation by ICAR-CIFRI



Kolkata,(KCN):ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, Barrackpore, carried out the River Ranching Program-2024 at Barrackpore as part of the 'Namami Gange' mission, with the goal of conserving and reviving the Ganga river. The event had a holy outset with Ganga arti. Shri G. Asok Kumar, IAS, Director General of the National Mission for Clean Ganga, Ministry of

Jalsakti, Govt. of India; Dr. Sandeep Behera, a Senior Biodiversity Consultant at NMCG; Sri Saurav Barik, SDO, Barrackpore; Dr. Basanta Kumar Das, Principal Investigator of the project and Director of ICAR-CIFRI, a group of fishermen, and other project team members and officials of ICAR-CIFRI formally honoured the occasion with their presence. It commenced at Du



Paisar Ghat, Barrackpore, West Bengal. 1,00,000 native Sarana (Sar Puti) were released into the Ganga River with the goal of restoring the riverine stock. 30 fishermen took part in the ranching programme. Mr. G. Asok Kumar, the Director General of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), gave an overview of the targets of Namami

Gange initiative and emphasised its recent accomplishments. He also mentioned the difficulties that can come up in the future. Principal Investigator Dr. Basanta Kumar Das, Director of ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (CIFRI), reviewed the accomplishments of the previous phase of the Namami Gange fish conservation programme and gave an update on the

most recent phase. It was underlined how crucial it is to keep the Ganga river system healthy in order to protect the variety of native fish species. Dr. Das gave an account of the extensive work and noteworthy accomplishments from NMCG Phases I and II. These included surveying fish diversity, assessing the stocks of economically significant species such as Hilsa, producing seeds from wild germplasm of particular fish kinds, and putting ranching programmes into action in river segments that have run dry. He also provided some insights of Phase III's current state of development. The successful execution of this landmark event may strengthen river Ganga's sustainable future.

PM dedicates to the nation and lays foundation stone for multiple development projects worth around Rs 7300 crores in Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh

Delhi(KCN): The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation and laid the foundation stone for multiple development projects worth about Rs 7300 crores in Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh today. These development projects of today will benefit the significant tribal population of the region, strengthen the water supply and provisioning of drinking water while also giving a boost to road, rail, power and education sectors in Madhya Pradesh. The Prime Minister disbursed monthly instalment of Aahar Anudan to about 2 lakh women beneficiaries from specially backward tribes, distributed 1.75 lakh adhikar abhilekh (record of rights) to beneficiaries of SVAMITVA Scheme and transferred Rs 55.9 crores for 559 villages under Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana.

The vision of Antyodaya has been a guiding light for the initiatives taken by the Prime Minister. One of the key focus areas has been ensuring that the benefits of development reach out to the tribal community,

major sections of which were not able to gain these benefits even several decades after independence. In line with this, the Prime Minister dedicated and laid the foundation stone of multiple initiatives that will benefit the significant tribal population of the region. The Prime Minister disbursed the monthly instalment of Aahar Anudan under Aahar Anudan Yojna to about two lakh women beneficiaries. Under this scheme, Rs 1500 per month is provided for nutritious food to women of various specially backward tribes of Madhya Pradesh.

The Prime Minister distributed 1.75 lakh adhikar abhilekh (record of rights) to beneficiaries of SVAMITVA Scheme. This will provide documentary evidence to people for the right to their land.

He also transferred Rs 55.9 crores for 559 villages under Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana. This amount will be utilised for various kinds of construction activities

including Anganwadi Bhawans, Fair Price Shops, Health Centres, additional rooms in schools, and internal roads among others. The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of 'CM Rise School' in Jhabua. The school will integrate technology to provide modern facilities like smart classes, e Library etc. to students. He also laid the foundation stone of the Tantya Mama Bhil University which will cater to the youth from tribal-dominated districts of the state.

The Prime Minister dedicated to the nation and laid the foundation stone of multiple projects that will strengthen the water supply and provisioning of drinking water in Madhya Pradesh. The projects whose foundation stone will be laid include 'Talavada Project' which is a drinking water supply scheme for more than one thousand villages of Dhar & Ratlam; and 14 urban water supply schemes under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0, benefitting

more than 50 thousand urban households across multiple districts of Madhya Pradesh. He also dedicated to the nation, 'Nal Jal Yojna' for 50 Gram Panchayats of Jhabua which will provide tap water to about 11 thousand households. The Prime Minister dedicated to the nation and laid the foundation stone of multiple rail projects during the programme. These include laying of foundation stone for the redevelopment of Ratlam railway station and Meghnagar railway station. These stations will be redeveloped under the Amrit Bharat station scheme. The rail projects dedicated to the nation include projects for doubling of Indore-Dewas- Ujjain C cabin railway line; Itarsi- North - South grade separator with yard remodelling; and third line connecting Barkhera- Budni-Itarsi. These projects will help strengthen rail infrastructure and reduce travel time for both passenger and goods trains.

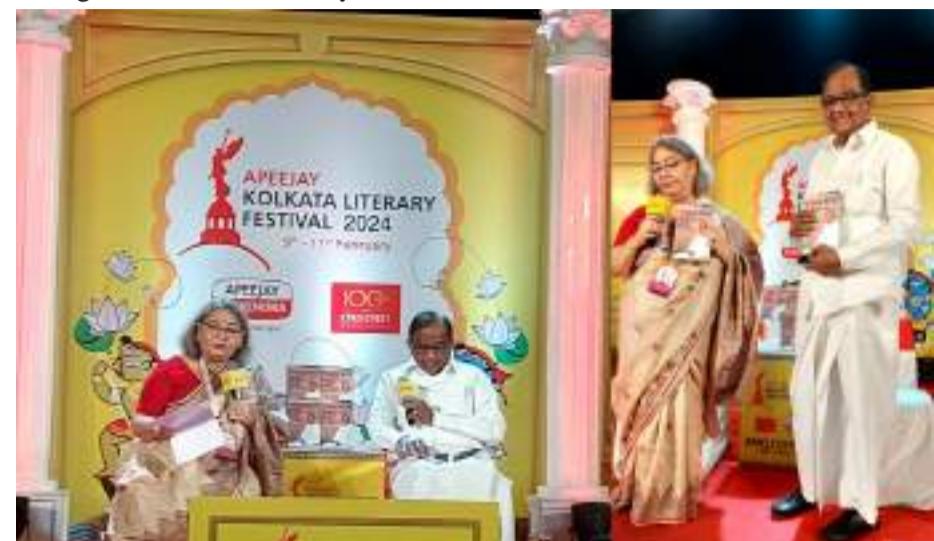
The Prime Minister

dedicated to the nation, multiple road development projects worth more than 3275 crore in Madhya Pradesh including four-laning of Harda-Betul (Package-I) from km 0.00 to km 30.00 (Harda-Temagaon) of NH-47; Ujjain Dewas section of NH-752D; four-laning (16 km) of Indore-Gujarat MP Border section of NH-47 and four-laning of Chicholi-Betul (Package-III) Harda-Betul of NH-47; and Ujjain Jhalawar section of NH-552G. These projects will improve road connectivity and also help in economic development in the region.

Further, he also dedicated and laid the foundation stone of other development initiatives like waste dumpsite remediation and electric substation, among others.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by the Governor of Madhya Pradesh, Mangubhai C. Patel, the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Mohan Yadav, and the Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Shri Arjun Munda among others.

Modi Government implemented some of the Welfare Schemes of Congress in a better way : P. Chidambaram former FM



Kolkata(PARTHA ROY):Shri P.

Chidambaram former

Finance Minister of India who presented eight full budget & one interim budget admitted Modi Government has implemented even some of the welfare schemes planned & launched during previous Congress party led UPA Government in a better way while speaking at a book discussion at Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival in Kolkata on 10th February 2024 while talking with veteran

journalist Monideepa Banerjee.

Mr. P. Chidambaram was

discussing his new book "A Watershed Year" with Monideepa Banerjee. Modi Government's effort to promote biometric based identity through Aadhar no., implementation of "JanDhan ,Aadhar , Mobile "(JAM) , fixing of priferage, transfer of cash to beneficiaries electronically were conceptualised during Congress regime.

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Haldwani On Track For Normalcy, Schools To Open But Not In Riot-Hit Area



New Delhi(KCN): The situation in Uttarakhand's Haldwani is slowly returning to normal after Thursday's violence.

Thirty people have been arrested in the matter and the district is still under security blanket.

Tomorrow, schools in the district will open and the administration is making all out efforts to restore normalcy. The riot-hit area, Vanbhpura, though will remain under the stern eyes of the administration. Schools will remain closed and curfew will stay in place. A platoon of paramilitary forces reached the area

today and four others are on way.

Five people died and more than 250 people were injured during

Thursday's violence after

an illegal madrasa and

space for namaz in

Malik's Garden was

demolished by the local

municipal corporation.

The civic team and police

had gone to the area with

a court order. But they

were met with massive

protests by local

residents, who hit the

streets and threw stones.

Many vehicles including

four JCB machines of the

Municipal Corporation

were set ablaze by the

mob. Around 50

policemen -- besides administration officials, protesters and journalists -- were injured.

The city was placed under curfew. Shoot-at-sight orders were issued against rioters and internet services completely shut down.

As tension spiked in the area, people started migrating. At present most houses stand empty and locked.

Main accused in the case Abdul Malik is on the run but the police said he would be arrested soon. Malik had allegedly built the illegal structure whose demolition triggered the violence.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has reiterated his determination to deal sternly with those involved in the violence. "Action is continuously being taken against the rioters and unruly elements involved in the Haldwani violence.



PM dedicates to the nation and lays the foundation stone of multiple development projects at Jhabua, in Madhya Pradesh

Mahotsav Showcases Chhau



Bhubaneswar(KCN): organized by Odisha and Orissa Dance Academy in association with Department of Odia Language, Literature & Culture, Government of Odisha Sangeet Natak Akademi, Bhubaneswar.

Akademi and Art Vision witnessed a beautiful blend of Indian classical and martial dance forms by renowned artistes showcasing Kathak, Odissi and Chhau dance. Ace Administrator, Vishal Kumar Dev, Principal Secretary, Finance and Energy graced the occasion and lighted the lamp. Hemant Sharma, Principal Secretary, Industries, Lalit Mansingh, Former Indian Ambassador to USA; Ashok Jain, Vice Chairman, SPICMACAY; Guru Aruna Mohanty, Secretary, Orissa

Dance Academy and Guru, Ileana Citaristi, Secretary, Art Vision. The program was anchored by Srinivas Ghatuari and Ananya Parida. The opening performance of the evening was Kathak Dance by Aanart Dance Company, Ahmedabad led by Ishira Parikh and Maulik Shah. Their first presentation was *AntarNaad*, an embodiment of a human being's strong connect with the supreme power followed by *Nirvighnam*, aura and energy of Lord

Ganesha that mere chanting of his name brings peace, harmony and prosperity to mankind. Next item was a s RaaghavRaaghuraai, story of Prabhu Shri Raam adored deity of Hindu religion and mythology followed by Bansuriya, mystical melodies flowing from Bansuri resides on Krishna's lips, charming, entralling, intoxicating. Aanart Dance Company last item was Utsav, Joy, Exhilaration, Fervor these are the feelings connected with our

innermost sense of well-being and celebration is the manifestation of the desire to express these feelings. The dance were choreographed by Ishira Parikh and Maulik Shah. Following it was a mesmerizing Odissi performance by Gunjan Dance Academy, Cuttack led by Meera Das. The dancers from Gunjan Dance Academy presented Bindu Rusingh depicting the women's character beautifully and unanimously to the course of the river. Script was prepared by Kedar Mishra and

Meera Das, Dance was composed and Choreography by Guru Meera Das and Music and Rhythm was composed by Ananda Prasanna Pattnaik. The concluding presentation of the evening was Mayurbhanj Chhau Dance by Abhishek Tripathy & Group (AK Creation, Khurda). They were presented Sannidhya, emphasizes on single use of plastic harms life on earth and to maintain the ecosystem for the future generation. The dance was choreographed by Ileana Citaristi.

Is BJP planning something big for 2024?

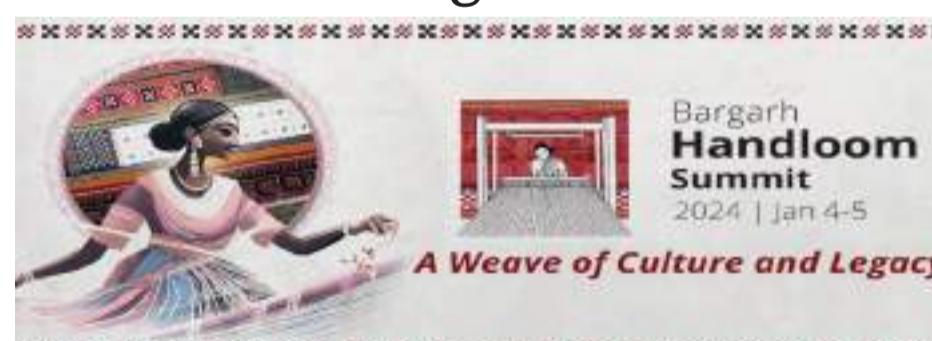
Rourkela(KCN): Is there a big political plan afoot for Odisha by the BJP and its parent organisation RSS? The answer to this question seems to be positive keeping in mind the unfolding of the situation here. Suddenly, Rourkela, which is generally not on the map of any political party for any activity, has found itself in the middle of it. The Steel City has hosted RSS supremo Mohan Bhagawat for the last two days and will continue to do so for the next two days. Speculation is rife in the media circle that most of the top functionaries of the organisation are here to participate in a five-day 'Chintan Shivir'. When such camps are generally held at Nagpur, why Rourkela this time, is the question every one has in mind. And adding to



that, this is his second visit within a year. As usual there is no media briefing in this regard. The RSS meet ends January 5. Adding to that, now the BJP state unit is going to hold its 'Chintan Baithak' for the 2024 general elections. The meeting will start January 4 evening and will continue till next day evening. Top saffron leaders like Sunil Bansal, Ashwini Vaishnav, Dharmendra Pradhan, Bishweswar Tudu, Aparajita Sarangi and not to forget, state president Manmohan Samal will be present in the meet. The meeting will also host most of the MPs and some MLAs. With everybody being tightlipped about the meet, a source confirmed the duration of the 'Chintan Baithak' and the names of the leaders coming here. The meeting was originally scheduled to be held in the picturesque location of Khandadhar. However, in the last

minute, it has been shifted to Rourkela and will be held at Hotel Mayfair. The source added that the party is taking the state elections very seriously. A party functionary requesting a n o n y m i t y commented, "Two very important developments taking place at one venue just cannot be coincidence." Meanwhile, mobile phones of most of the leaders were found switched off.

Chance for Bargarh weavers to show talent



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Weavers are all set to unfurl the vibrant tapestry at the National Handloom Summit which will be held January 4 and 5 in Bargarh town. It will be right platform for them to exhibit the rich cultural heritage and craftsmanship prevalent in the district. The summit is a joint initiative by the Bargarh district administration, the Handlooms, Textiles & Handicrafts department and Western Odisha Development Council. The handloom summit is

conducted on the 4E model for impact: 'Engage, Educate, Enable, Empower'. Known for its commercial viability, mature trade practices and growing popularity, the handloom industry in Western Odisha, particularly in Bargarh, plays a vital role in the local economy. It has earned recognition for its unique craftsmanship and designs. These hand-woven textiles and fabrics are not only popular in Odisha but are also in demand across India and abroad, making them an essential part of the region's cultural and economic heritage. Bargarh alone is home to more than 40,000 weavers and allied handloom workers and the artists create 'Ikkat' hand-woven sarees that are globally recognised. The District Magistrate and Collector of Bargarh, Monisha Banerjee, called the summit an ideal opportunity for talented weavers to showcase their talent. "The event

will felicitate handloom awardees from Odisha and celebrate our handloom heritage while hosting over 50-plus exhibitors from 20 states across the country especially from the east and the northeastern states. Among the exhibits on display will be the globally famous bandha kala (tie and dye) work of Bargarh. The product is renowned for its intricate patterns and vibrant hues,” Banerjee informed. “The summit is not just a platform for display but a marketplace for opportunities. The summit will enable interactions that transcend geographical boundaries, resulting in the signing of MoUs to drive the growth of the handloom industry in the district,” Banerjee stated.

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'UnserHaus' by BSH Home Appliances - Kolkata's new luxury address

Bhubaneswar: BSH Home Appliances Group, one of the world's leading home appliances companies today launched its first 'UnserHaus' in Kolkata. This is BSH's only experience center in India to house all its three brands – Bosch, Siemens and Gaggenau under one roof. Located at Salt Lake city's Adventz Infinity @ 5, this new experience center is all set to welcome customers as well as Kolkata's strong architecture & design community. The company already has two other stores in Kolkata – a multi-channel Bosch & Siemens Brand Store in Dhakuria and a Bosch Studio in Shakespeare Sarani. UnserHaus is the German name for "Our House". It is a place where comfort,

convenience, inspiration, and memories reside in every corner. The philosophy and core ethos of BSH's UnserHaus are focused on building long-lasting trust with all customers & business partners. Keeping this in mind, the space is designed to ensure that all visitors feel at home when they visit, helping them experience the products as if they were in their own house.

Commenting on the launch of UnserHaus, Kolkata, Neeraj Bahl, MD & CEO, BSH Home Appliances (India & SAARC) said, "Kolkata is one of our high performing markets and we're thrilled to further expand our presence here by opening doors to our 101st retail space*. The new-age Indian consumer continues to look for offline

Mahagram offers door to door banking services through Kirana stores

Bhubaneswar: Mahagram is a social enterprise focusing on Financial Inclusion that has enabled banking from the mom-and-pop store around the corner through fintech solutions. The company's mission is to enable rural women to save money at the local Kirana (or grocery) stores, instead of traveling miles to the nearest bank branch.

Recently, Mahagram has tied up with a public sector bank – the Bank of Maharashtra to roll out the 'Bank Sakhi' project in Odisha. The

fintech would provide financial technology and infrastructure support to augment rural financial inclusion. As part of the tie-up, the company has onboarded more than 11,000 bank sakhis (women) on the Bharat ATM platform to help the rural citizens avail themselves of basic banking services at their doorstep or the next door Kirana stores.

Mahagram aims to increase the ratio and habit of household savings in rural India. "At Mahagram, we are indulged in offering basic banking services like

Amazon.in launches 'Back to School' store

Bhubaneswar: With the opening of schools and resuming of offline classes, Amazon.in announced the launch of 'Back to school' store – a one stop destination to simplify the shopping needs of children. The specially curated store offers deals on a wide range of products across study essentials like stationery, laptops, tablets, mobile phones, PCs, headsets & speakers, printers, Amazon devices, home furnishing among others

to help parents, teachers and students with school supplies and to create an effective learning and productive environment. The offers and deals will be available till 12th June 2022.

Here are some popular products customers can choose from the 'Back to school' store on Amazon.in. All offers & deals are from participating sellers. HONOR MagicBook X 15, Intel Core i3 Anti-Glare Thin and Light Laptop – It has stylish

appearance with premium aluminum metal body with 16.9MM thickness, 5.3 MM narrow bezels and the weight of the laptop is only 1.56kg, which allows you to carry it easily, making it very convenient for school, travel, and work. It is available for starting INR 37,990 on Amazon.in.

Lenovo Tab M10 FHD Plus Tablet, Platinum Grey - Make way for the stylish 8.1 mm Tab M10 FHD Plus.

OSL Group founder bags 'Lifetime Achievement Award' for reshaping Shipping & Logistics scenario in Eastern India



Bhubaneswar (KCN) : On the August occasion of the 4th Edition of prestigious Times Business Awards Odisha 2023, Orissa Stevedores Limited (OSL) founder Sri Mahimananda

(Mahima) Mishra was conferred with the coveted 'Lifetime Achievement Award' for reshaping the shipping and logistics scenario in eastern India.

Rise of non-communicable diseases in India

Bhubaneswar : India has a high burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as diabetes, hypertension, obesity, and dyslipidaemia, a cross-sectional and population-based survey of 33,537 people aged over 20 in urban and 79,506 in rural areas across 31 states and Union Territories has found. This study also demonstrates that although all metabolic NCDs are more common in urban regions, rural areas have significantly greater prevalence rates than previously reported. However, experts agree that NCDs are largely preventable and controllable by adopting healthier lifestyles, engaging in regular physical activity and

improving dietary habits. In the battle against NCDs, the significance of a well-balanced diet cannot be overstated. Even taking small yet mindful steps to improve your diet can prove to be beneficial in the long-term. Incorporating nutritious and natural foods instead of HFSS (High Fat, Salt, and Sugar) foods can be an excellent way to boost your health. Almonds are one such food that holds immense potential for promoting overall health. Almonds are a natural source of 15 essential nutrients such as healthy fats, dietary fibre, protein, vitamin E, zinc, copper, magnesium, calcium, and phosphorus, amongst others. Multiple research



studies have indicated that incorporating almonds into a well-balanced diet can positively affect cardiovascular health, cholesterol reduction, blood sugar, and weight management. Additionally, almonds have satiating properties that promote feelings of fullness, which may help to manage hunger between meals and keep cravings for unhealthy food away. Ritika Samaddar, Regional Head –

Dietetics, Max Healthcare, Delhi, said, "I believe that prevention is key to reducing the burden of non-communicable diseases. This makes it very important to be mindful of our lifestyle habits. Hence, I would urge everyone to make a commitment to prioritize their health and well-being by making healthier choices such as including natural and nutritious foods like

Godrej Appliances offers wide range of home appliances and enhanced shopping experience to consumers

Bhubaneswar: Godrej & Boyce, the flagship company of the Godrej Group announced that its business Godrej Appliances plans to strengthen its presence and expand its network of exclusive brand outlets further, inaugurating its first

store in Chandol, Kendrapara district in the state of Odisha, India. This will be the brand's 26th exclusive outlet in Odisha under Bhubaneshwar branch.

Towards strengthening the supply chain and creating a next-level experience for customers in Kendrapara, Godrej Appliances has launched its exclusive brand outlet called Godrej Inspire Hub spread over 1200

sqft, strategically located on the Chandol main road, in collaboration with its channel partner Jagannath Electronics.

Convenience and comfort are primacies for consumers today. This is evident from the gradual increase in demand for premium products, even in tier II and tier III cities. Moreover, with the pandemic in the backdrop, appliances have emerged as a necessity in every Indian home.

EBOs solidify Godrej Appliances' already extensive network across the country, fulfilling the premium product requirement of its customers and most

importantly give them a much wider display to choose from thus enhancing their purchase experience. The brand currently has 120+ exclusive outlets across the country and aims to have 140+ EBOs by this financial year.

Speaking on the occasion of the launch, Sanjeev Jain, National Sales Head - Godrej Appliances said, "We have always endeavored to be as close to our customers as possible. We believe our Exclusive Brand Outlets will give even greater value to our loyal customers. With our exclusive showroom, we have the opportunity to showcase our entire range of best-in-class

appliances at a single location. Odisha is an important market for us and we look forward to delighting our customers with the best shopping experience."

Adding further, Sanjay Kumar Behera, Owner of Jagannath Electronics said, "We are extremely delighted to have partnered with Godrej Appliances, which is a highly respected and trusted brand. We are sure that our outlet will prove to be a great destination for the discerning customers of Chandol through its unique offerings from Godrej Appliances."

The exclusive brand outlet will display the entire range of Godrej appliances including

refrigerators, washing machines, air-conditioners, dishwashers, air coolers, deep freezers, microwave ovens, the remote electric technology-powered Godrej Qube and UV-C technology-based Godrej Virosield. To top it, there are inaugural assured gifts on purchase of select models for customers. Consumers will also be able to avail one-year free extended warranty on select models and one year of product insurance, exclusively, at every Godrej Appliances' exclusive brand outlet. The brand also provides priority after-sales service to every Godrej exclusive store customer.

Raj Petro Specialities strengthens its leadership team with Prasad Vaze's appointment

Bhubaneswar : Mr. Prasad Vaze has been appointed as the Senior Director – Lubricants Business at Raj Petro Specialities Pvt Ltd., a Brenntag Group company. He will lead the comprehensive lubricants Business Units, including Speciality, Industrial and Automotive lubricant businesses.

Mr. Prasad Vaze is a result-oriented business leader with more than 25 years of extensive experience in customer-centric roles. Mr. Vaze has served in numerous senior leadership roles, including leading retail operations, profit centre management, developing business strategy and channel

taking on the important hat of managing Raj Petro's Lubricants Business, and we wish him all the best for his journey! With his knowledge and extensive experience, we are confident that Prasad will assist Raj Petro in reaching new heights."

On his appointment Mr. Prasad Vaze said, "I am very thrilled to take on this new role. My vision is to create a world class experience for our consumers and channel partners. Our aim is to leverage Kyros, Onwo and Zoomol brands, explore humongous potential that India and international markets offer and grow the Lubricant business profitability."

Ms. Archana Ghate - Head HRS said, "We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Prasad Vaze, our newest member to the LT team. He will be

Annual General Meeting of Vitesco Technologies

Regensburg: Vitesco Technologies, a leading international developer and manufacturer of cutting-edge drive systems for sustainable mobility, held its first Annual General Meeting (AGM) today. The AGM was held virtually due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

In separate votes, the shareholders formally approved the actions of all the Executive Board members during their term of office in the 2021 financial year. The actions of all members of the Supervisory Board in office in 2021 were also approved for their respective terms. "We are delighted to have received this vote of confidence from the Annual General Meeting.

We regard this outcome as a clear mandate to continue the successful collaboration and positioning of Vitesco Technologies as a supplier of sustainable drive solutions with a clear goal," said CEO Andreas Wolf.

All current members of the Supervisory Board representing the shareholders who were up for election were re-elected to office. The members of the Supervisory Board who represent the employees will be elected separately.

A complete list of all Supervisory Board members and the results of the voting at the AGM are available on the Vitesco Technologies website under 'Annual General Meeting'.

Bhubaneswar: L V Prasad Eye Institute's Mithu Tulsi Chanrai Campus in Bhubaneswar organized a Retinoblastoma Awareness Walk on 8th May 2022. This walk is part of the 'Whitathon' event organized by LV Prasad Eye Institute across its campuses in Bhubaneswar, Hyderabad, Visakhapatnam and

Vijayawada. Celebrity actor, Mr. Sabyasachi Mishra, will be flagging off the walk.

Whitathon is LV Prasad Eye Institute's annual cause-related event focusing on raising awareness and funds for early diagnosis and treatment of Retinoblastoma – a life and vision-threatening Eye Cancer in Children. One of the most common

symptoms of Retinoblastoma is White Reflex (white glow) in a child's eye. Through this walk, LVPEI aims to raise awareness among the public that if they spot a 'White Reflex' in a child's eye, it could be a sign of eye cancer that needs immediate medical intervention. Hence, the event is named 'Whitathon'.

Dr. Devjyoti Tripathy, Ocular Oncologist, Mithu Tulsi Chanrai Campus, Bhubaneswar, L V Prasad Eye Institute said, "Our aim is to raise awareness about early detection and treatment of retinoblastoma eye cancer in children. No child should die of eye cancer because of lack of awareness and treatment. We extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Sabyasachi Mishra for joining us for

the Retinoblastoma Awareness Walk and spreading awareness about Retinoblastoma. We also acknowledge the support received from Aroh – Giving Hope, an NGO working for children with Cancer and their families."

Dr. Tripathy further added that it is time to make detailed eye check-ups a part of mandatory paediatric examinations.

LV Prasad Eye Institute Organizes a Retinoblastoma Awareness Walk

The OSL Group founder received the honour at a glittering event organized by the TIMES Group at the Central Hall, Mayfair Convention here in the state capital city.

Notably, the TIMES Group organizes such a glorious event in a bid to celebrate and honour outstanding business houses and business leaders who have made significant contributions to their respective fields and communities as decided by a renowned research agency.

Didn't expect Test call-up to come so soon - Akash Deep

New Delhi: In the middle of his latest Ranji Trophy fixture for Bengal on Saturday, Akash Deep got the news he was hoping would come sometime in the future. India announced their squad for the last three Tests against England and the Bengal pacer had been drafted in to replace Avesh Khan.

"I was hopeful that in the near future I might get a Test call-up if I keep performing but I didn't expect that it would come by the third match itself," Akash told PTI.

The call-up comes as a reward for Akash's toil in the domestic circuit, where he has 103 wickets in 29 matches for Bengal since making his

debut in 2019. He also benefited from performing right when it mattered as he impressed with 11 wickets in the two unofficial Tests against England Lions last month.

Akash Deep was also with the ODI squad on India's recent tour of South Africa, and took away valuable lessons despite not making his debut.

"Inswing is my stock delivery, but at this level, you need to have outswing and reverse swing and more importantly need to control the swing," he says. "I was in the ODI squad in South Africa and realised that more than skill, at this level, it is

more about mental strength of being able to execute plans under pressure," Akash said.

The 27-year-old finds himself at a stage in his career that he always envisioned for himself, but the road to this point has been rather rocky. When he was 15 and aspiring to play the game, life wasn't as simple as picking up the bat or ball for the youngster.

"In Bihar [suspended by the BCCI at the time], there was no platform and especially from the place where I came from, Sasaram, playing cricket was a crime.

"Lots of parents would ask their children not to mingle with Akash as he only plays cricket and

your studies would go for a toss. But I don't blame them. What would you have achieved playing cricket in a place like that? You would be wasting time and not even become a cricketer, and also ignore academics. Your future would be ruined and they were worried. So, were my parents," Akash revealed.



government's Class IV staff [peons], my father used to say. He would fill up those government job application forms and I would go for exams and come back submitting blank forms. In my mind, while cricket was my passion, I just wanted to be happy and never thought about making it a career."

Tragedy however, changed his life in a span of six months. "My father and my brother died within six months. I had nothing to lose, and the motivation was that I had to take care of the family," Akash Deep said.

"I would play proper leather-ball matches for my club, but initially there was no money. So three

to four days a month, I would play tennis-ball matches around the district and earn Rs 6000 per day. So I would earn 20,000 per month, which helped me run my expenses," he added.

In Rajkot, Akash will walk into a dressing room with a familiar face already there in fellow Bengal pacer Mukesh Kumar.

"This is a matter of pride that myself and Mukesh bhai will be in the Indian dressing room together in a Test team," Akash Deep said. "Bengal is our state and it has given us everything. This national call-up is my way of showing my gratitude to Bengal."

Maxwell's record ton powers Australia to series win

New Delhi: Glenn Maxwell smashed his way to an unbeaten 55-ball 120, a record-equalling fifth century in the format as Australia beat West Indies by 34 runs in the second T20I at the Adelaide Oval on Sunday (February 11). Maxwell's feat put him at level with Rohit Sharma for the most centuries in T20Is and helped Australia to post the highest-ever T20I total in their country. With early wickets lost in pursuit of a big chase, West Indies were never really in the hunt. Rovman Powell (63 off 36), Andre Russell (37 off 16) and Jason Holder (28* off 16) all threw their bat around but could only help in limiting the margin of defeat.

Roller-coaster start for Australia

Earlier in the day, Australia got off to a bumpy start after being put into bat as Josh Inglis fell early after a scratchy



start to his innings. However, skipper Mitchell Marsh set the tone with an ultra-aggressive cameo to create momentum into the innings. David Warner played second fiddle to his captain as the partnership flourished but the pair fell in the space of eight deliveries to give West Indies some respite. The Big Show puts on another freak show. On a good batting

surface with short square boundaries, the carnage was only about to start. Maxwell took a few balls to get in before hitting top gear. Such was the level of Maxwell's dominance that his 82-run stand with Marcus Stoinis had the latter contributing just 16 of those. Tim David (31* off 14) then combined for an unbroken 95-run stand as Australia raced away to a daunting total. All of Maxwell's trademark strokes were on display

- the loft over cover, slice over backward point mixed with the occasional switch-hits and reverse sweeps. One outrageous reverse-pull against Akeal Hosain was the jaw-dropping shot of the lot. West Indies lose the plot early. For West Indies to make a game of this, they needed a near-perfect run chase but that wasn't to be. Johnson Charles and Nicholas Pooran got brisk starts after Brandon King's early dismissal but both fell along with Shai Hope within the powerplay to further Australia's dominance. From then on, it was only about the margin of victory as West Indies' chances of getting anywhere close was near impossible. Even with the extreme batting conditions and boundary dimensions on offer. Powell and Russell entertain briefly for

damage control. Powell and Russell showed their power-hitting skills with some brutal hitting but the task at hand was a bridge too far even for them. Their knocks along with Holder's cameo at the end made the game seem like a closer contest than it actually was. Australia's bowlers on their part did well to ensure that batters were forced to hit down the ground where the dimensions were longer as opposed to the short square boundaries. All of them were among the wickets with Marcus Stoinis being the most successful of the lot.

Brief scores: Australia 241/4 in 20 overs (Glenn Maxwell 120*, Tim David 31*) beat West Indies 207/9 in 20 overs (Rovman Powell 63, Andre Russell 37; Marcus Stoinis 3-36, Josh Hazlewood 2-31) by 34 runs

Sourav Ganguly's Phone Valued At Rs 1.6 lakh Stolen From Kolkata House, Raising Concerns Over Potential Exposure Of Personal Data

In a shocking incident, former India captain Sourav Ganguly's phone has gone missing. The ex-BCCI chief has reached out to the police to help protect data in his phone. He has filed a missing diary complaint at the Thakurpukur police station. As per Times of India, his phone was last traced around 11.30 in the morning on Saturday. A senior police officer said that the police may interrogate some of the workers who are currently painting the house situated in Behala Chowrasta.

Ganguly as per livemint, was using a smartphone worth Rs 1.6 lakh. It is not the cost of the phone that bothers Ganguly after he lost but the important information that is inside the phone.

"I think my phone was stolen from home. I last saw the phone around 11:30 am on January 19. I tried to find the phone but couldn't find it. Deeply concerned about the loss of my phone. Because the phone has multiple contact numbers and access to personal information and accounts. I request you to trace the phone or take

say it's a loss-making tournament. Most World Cups not featuring the senior men's teams are non-profit. But that's not the reason the U-19 World Cup hasn't been played in India. And I think it's going to be held in India. The final of the ICC U19 World Cup will be played between five-time champions India and Australia today at Benoni in South Africa. The Uday Saharan-led team reached the final of the tournament after beating hosts South Africa in the semis while Australia got better of Pakistanis to reach the summit clash. India will look to defend the title for the first time.



Jack Leach ruled out of remainder of India tour



New Delhi: Left-arm spinner Jack Leach has been ruled out of the remainder of the Test series against India. Leach had sustained a knee injury during the opening Test of the series in Hyderabad after which he missed the second fixture in

Vizag. England have decided not to name a replacement. A statement from the ECB stated that he will fly home from Abu Dhabi in the next 24 hours. The England squad has been in Abu Dhabi since the second Test in Vizag came to an end. They will now travel to Rajkot without Leach for the third Test that starts on Thursday (February 15). Leach will now work closely with the England and Somerset medical teams for his rehabilitation.

New Delhi: Sunrisers Eastern Cape comprehensively defended their SA20 title as they demolished Durban Super Giants in the final of the second season on their way to an 89-run victory at the Newlands in Cape Town. A flying effort with the bat, courtesy the quartet of Jordan Hermann (42 off 26), Tom Abell (55 off 34), Aiden Markram (42* off 26) and Tristan Stubbs (56* off 30) saw them amass a total in excess of 200, after which Marco Jansen picked a five-wicket haul to rise to the top of the bowling charts for the season and secure his team's victory. While he finished with 20 wickets for the season, Otniel Baartman and Daniel Worrall bagged two wickets each to take second and third spot with 18 and 17 wickets, establishing the authority and impact of the SEC



bowlers on the entire season. With the bat, they didn't rake up the numbers but still had four of them in the top-12 who made all the difference on Saturday night. Markram had the rub of the green at the toss and decided to put runs on the board and pressure of a target on the Super Giants. His top-order carried out the plan

to perfection even as they lost Dawid Malan - trapped leg before by Reece Topley - in just the second over. Hermann and Abell then forged an 80-run stand off 58 balls to lay the foundation for the batting side. After starting solidly, Abell maximised the final over of the PowerPlay from Wiand Mulder by tonking him for one six and two fours as SEC finished the period on 55/1.

Gears were further shifted in the four overs after the PowerPlay, as they nearly doubled the total inside the next four overs to drag the team past 100 in 10 overs. Keshav Maharaj stepped up and gave his team a potential moment to turn things around as he

dismissed both batters in the 11th over. That however, opened the floor for Tristan Stubbs - SEC's highest-scorer on the night and the season - to take control of the situation in the company of his captain Markram. The pair went on to amass 98 runs for the fourth wicket off 55 deliveries - 59 of which came off the last four overs. Markram and Stubbs quickly shrugged off the double-wicket over to get a move on, pushing the team to 145/3 in 16 overs. Even from here, the Super Giants could've restricted SEC to a sub-200 total but couldn't, as the two batters blazed away. The death-over fireworks began with Markram pulling Naveen-Ul-Haq for a massive six in a 13-run 17th over. Junior Dala then conceded 20 in the 18th with two sixes and a four.