

President Murmu To Undertake 4-Day Visit To Odisha From Feb 28

Bhubaneswar(KCN): President Droupadi Murmu is set to embark on a four-day visit to Odisha starting February 28, official sources said. During her visit, President Murmu will participate in various programmes across several districts, including Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Ganjam, Khurda, and Sambalpur. At 4.45 pm on 28th February, President Droupadi Murmu will arrive at Rairangpur in Mayurbhanj Dist, her home town. On Feb 29, the President will visit Maa Kichakeshwari

Transformation Of Railway Stations Through Paintings

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be laying the foundation stone for the Redevelopment of 554 Railway Stations under the Amrit Station Scheme and laying the foundation stone and dedication of 1,500 Road Over bridges (ROBs) & Road Under Bridges (RUBs) through virtual Mode on 26th of February, 2024.

22 stations of ECoR will be redeveloped under Amrit Stations and foundation stone laying/dedication to the nation of 30 ROB/RUB will also be done.

In this connection, a competition among school children on the topic “2047: Viksit Bharat Ki Viksit Rail” was organised in various schools in towns/cities.

About 1?1,000 students from 78 Schools in ECoR jurisdiction have participated in the competition. Outstanding students will be felicitated in the programme being organised on Monday at different nominated places.

Students showed their talents on how Indian Railways is continuously moving on the path of modernization to realize the vision of Prime Minister Modi of a Developed India by 2047.



Temple, Khiching followed by interactions with PVTGs. The president will then arrive in Keonjhar where she will inaugurate a seminar on the Tribes of Keonjhar & address the students of Dharanidhar University. In the evening, she will attend the 53rd Convocation of Utkal University in Bhubaneswar and stay overnight at Raj Bhavan

in the city. On March 1, the President has further programs in Cuttack. President Murmu will attend the 25th Convocation of Berhampur University in Ganjam district on March 1. The next day, she will participate in various programmes in Sambalpur before departing for Delhi. In preparation for the President's visit, a high-level meeting was convened under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary PK Jena attended by DGP Arun Kumar Sarangi and other senior officials.

Voters Have Right To Know Viability Of Parties' Promises: Poll Body Chief



Chennai(KCN): The voters have a right to know about the feasibility of fulfilling poll assurances made by political parties, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said on Saturday and made it clear that the matter is, however, sub judice. Political parties have a right to make promises in their election manifestos and the electorate has a right to know if these are genuine and how these programmes could be funded, he said, adding the entire matter forms part of an ongoing case and the matter was sub judice.

At a press conference here, Rajiv Kumar, answering questions, said the Election Commission has prepared a 'proforma' to make parties to make a disclosure on their election promises. However, this aspect also relates to the pending court matter. He said enforcement agencies have been directed to stay vigilant and prevent distribution of cash and freebies. National Payments Corporation of India too has been tasked to monitor online transactions. To a question on 'fake news,' he said, "Today fake news is running as

Odisha CM Announces Formation Of 34 New Notified Area Councils



upgraded to Karthik Pandian to municipalities. The new NACs to be created are: Pallahara and Chhendipada of Angul, Basta and Simulia of Balasore, Paikmal and

Bheden of Nayagarh, Tangi and
 Bargarh, Agarpada of Begunia of Khurda,
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 Jarka and Chandikhol of Mayurbhanj, Parjang of
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 Kalahandi, Raikia of Boudh.
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India, Bangladesh Recognise Their Constitutions As "Living Documents": Chief Justice




Dhaka(KCN): Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud on Saturday said both India and Bangladesh share the tradition of constitutional and judicial systems largely aiming to ensure stability and both nations recognised their constitutions as "living documents." "Our shared tradition aims to ensure stability, but when stability is desired, the stability must never be confused with stagnation," Chandrachud said as he spoke at the valedictory function of a two-day conference here in the presence of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who was the chief guest.

"We recognise our constitutions are living documents. The constitutions of Bangladesh and India proclaim that they are 'given to the people by the people themselves' as citizens of sovereign nations," Chandrachud said.

Bangladesh's Chief Justice Obaidul Hassan

chaired the event. Bangladesh's apex court judges took part in the conference, which drew many jurists, senior lawyers, and government leaders including Law Minister Anisul Huq. Earlier on Friday, Bangladesh President Mohammad Shahabuddin opened the two-day conference on 'South Asian Constitutional Courts in the Twenty-First Century: Lessons from Bangladesh and India.' CJJ Chandrachud said the Indian and Bangladeshi court systems should encourage the enhanced practice of mediation for dispute resolution, discarding "adversarial litigations" and added, "The adversarial litigation in India and Bangladesh is a colonial import (where) one person wins



and another person loses in the court.” There were other alternative forms of dispute resolution such as mediation which was the “traditional form of dispute resolution in our society” and asserted that “it is important to build on what we have.” The CJI said the mediation reappeared with greater validity to face modern-day challenges like matrimonial disputes while the system suits the South Asian social norms. Chandrachud pointed out how the judge's role in the post-colonial era was undergoing a change (in both countries) as he said, “Our traditional role is to resolve a dispute between ‘A’ and ‘B’ but now the judges should as well perform a role of being facilitators. In colonial times, judges found completely different functions.” “Today, we need to ensure that we look into the needs of our society, ensure social growth and social progress by allowing our marginalised groups to come to the mainstream,” he said. Chandrachud added the proclamation meant that the constitutions were not like that of the colonial period charter which was more inclined to consolidate the power of colonial rulers than the welfare of the people. He also drew attention to the fact that the constitutional courts of India and Bangladesh continued to closely follow and share each others’ decisions and verdicts on common issues such as fundamental rights, equality of rights, and doctrines on death penalty reference or public interest litigation following identical principles.

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan Inaugurates Skill India Centre In Deogarh

Deogarh(KCN): Union Minister for Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan, inaugurated the Skill India Centre (SIC) in Deogarh, Odisha on Saturday.

On this occasion, he said that NSDC Academy serves as a facilitator in harnessing the potential of young talent in future skills by equipping them with toolkits that enable them to apply theoretical concepts in real-world scenarios, partner with renowned organizations and facilitate job placements".

The minister stated, "Delighted to inaugurate Skill India Centre at Deogarh to empower the youth and prepare them for new India to achieve the vision of Hon'ble

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The Government is committed to skilling, re-skilling and up-skilling the youth of India, including Odisha, in the workforce to make them competent and self-reliant. Furthermore, training in specialized courses will benefit the graduates immensely, who envision equipping themselves with in-demand and futuristic skills to facilitate a thriving and rewarding career in their chosen professions in the global markets. “The Skill India Centre (SIC) unlocks the potential of the Yuva Peedhi through comprehensive skill training initiatives, aligning with the Modi Guarantee to transform India into a global skill



hub”, said Shri Pradhan. The establishment of Skill India Centres marks a strategic step towards aligning with the dynamic demands of various industries as these centres will serve as pillars of practical knowledge in these demand-driven sectors—Media, Leather, Tourism

& Hospitality, and IT-ITeS. Built over a 3237 sq. ft area, the centres are equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure, well-equipped classrooms, advanced laboratories, and specialized spaces ensuring that cater to the diverse needs of modern education and skill

development
The centre will impart training to the students by seamlessly integrating academic knowledge with practical, hands-on experience across ten courses including Story Board Artist, Graphic Designer, Stitchers – Goods and Garments, Cutter – Goods and

Garments, Helper, Barista Executive, F&B Service Associate and IT Helpdesk Assistant. To further facilitate placements, the centre focuses on honing the skills of the students in industry-specific courses, building networking opportunities and providing training in emerging technologies that bridge the gap between traditional education and the demands of the modern workforce.

Odisha's youth population is abundant with potential and by equipping them with future skills, the centre unlocks their capabilities and enables them to contribute meaningfully to the current business environment. The centre

will foster futuristic skills, enhance employability opportunities preserve the rich cultural heritage of traditional crafts and promote them in contemporary contexts. On February 20, the Hon'ble Union Minister inaugurated the Skill India Centre in Sambalpur which was followed by another inauguration in Dhenkanal on February 23. These efforts will establish Odisha as a new-age skills hub that will instil confidence in local youth preparing to enter the job market for building lucrative career prospects. This Skill India Center in Dhenkanal is a testament to the Government's

unwavering commitment to empower the youth with the requisite skills for India's progress towards becoming a Viksit Bharat by 2047. To ensure seamless implementation of the training ecosystem, NSDC will designate a Centre Manager who will monitor the implementation of training programs, and ensure adherence to quality standards and the overall functioning of the Centre. As a part of the initiative, the Sector Skill Councils (SSC) will provide sector-specific expertise, identify skill gaps, design training programs and collaborate with industry partners to create a skilled workforce that meets the demand for talent across industries.

“Fish is the Ultimate stakeholder in fisheries sector”- Union Fisheries Minister Shri Parshottam Rupala

Kolkata, (KCN): Hon'ble Parshottam Rupala Ji, Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, urged all stakeholders including researchers, government officials, farmers, industry representatives, civil society organizations, and students to unite in the country's efforts towards increasing production and maintaining sustainability in fisheries and aquaculture sector. He was delivering his inaugural address of 13th Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (23-25 February 2024) organized by ICAR - Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (ICAR-CIFRI) in collaboration with the Asian Fisheries Society Indian Branch (AFSIB), Inland Fisheries Society of India (IFSI), and the Professional Fisheries

Graduates Forum (PFGF), here at Kolkata today. He hoped that this forum will pave the way for a brighter, more resilient future for Indian fisheries and aquaculture, aligning with sustainable development goals (SDGs) and the vision “Viksit Bharat@2047” of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. The minister reminded the gathering that recognizing the importance of this sunrise sector; concerted efforts are underway to harness its potential through effective management, enhancing productivity, technological interventions, infrastructure development, strengthening value chains, and robust governance as prioritized in the Prime Minister's Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). He expressed satisfaction over India's



contribution to global fish production and agricultural GDP of the country, and substantial foreign exchange generation to the tune of Rs. 63,969 crores through exports of fish and related products every year. The Minister made a few key advices such as future research should be based on fishers' need; there

should be an apex forum for scientific communities; technologies to reduce post-harvest losses; smart and digital marketing with catchy slogans; utilisation of “Amrit Sarovar” for fish culture; establishing Matsya Vikas Kendras (MVKs) in the country. He hoped this conference will provide a platform to

all the stakeholders to exchange their ideas for fostering Indian fisheries and aquaculture towards sustainable development goals for enhancing fish production and farmer's income. Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Secretary Dept. of Agriculture Research and Education (DARE) and Director General (DG), ICAR, earlier in

his address emphasized that towards “Viksit Bharat” from “Vikassheel Bharat”, fisheries and aquaculture sector from its fast and sustainable growth rate of 10 % will play a major role. He stressed on nature-friendly, climate resilient and profit making fisheries sector with introduction of genetically improved species, smart and precise practices, proper regulatory mechanism and skill development. Dr. Joykrushna Jena, Deputy Director General (Fishery Science), ICAR, while elaborating on pollution free, sustainable and aquaculture towards sustainable development goals for enhancing fish production and farmer's income. Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Secretary Dept. of Agriculture Research and Education (DARE) and Director General (DG), ICAR, earlier in

production with a pragmatic roadmap for the Amritkaal. Dr. Basanta Kumar Das, Director, ICAR-CIFRI and the convener of the conference earlier in his remark outlined the total of the three days vast programme and informed the house that besides the scientific discussions on progress made and future plans, the conference will also include special lectures, industry, fisheries officials and farmers' conclaves, satellite symposia, student corner and technology exhibition to discuss on issues like climate change, natural farming, gender equality, women empowerment, social upliftment, employment opportunities for the youth in the fisheries sector. On this occasion various awards of national importance such as Prof.

HPC Shetty Award, Professors T. J. Pandian & A. J. Matty Award, Dr. TVR Pillai Award, Dr. M. C. Nandeesha Award, Shri J.V.H. Dixitulu National Award, IFSI fellows and AFSIB Young Scientist Awards and awards to industrial partners were presented by the Hon'ble minister. The contributions of the award winning scientists in their respective fields will certainly motivate the young minds and set new standards for them to follow in future to do more for the fisheries and aquaculture sectors. About 1500 delegates from India and abroad including Galaxy of Scientists, Entrepreneurs including Women Entrepreneurs, Fishers and Fish farmers, Scholars, Government Officials, Industrialists and Students attended the programme.

Chief Postmaster General, West Bengal Circle to unveil logoin Commemoration of 250 years of Kolkata GPO

Kolkata, (KCN): Kolkata GPO is completing 250 years in March, this year. To commemorate the event, the Chief Postmaster General, West Bengal Circle, Shri Niraj Kumar will unveil a logo on February 27, 2024 at the Office of the Chief Postmaster General, West Bengal Circle, Yogayog Bhawan, Central Avenue, Kolkata. The unveiling of the logo

is going to signify a week-long celebration which is going to run between March 14 and 19, 2024, through a number of events like philatelic and postal exhibitions in GPO campus and also in a moving tram, carriage cover from Howrah to Dakshineswar and Fairlie Place across the River Ganges, release of special covers and picture postcards,

painting, photography and sculpture designing contests, heritage walk, cultural programmes and the like. Such events will also showcase the rich heritage and invaluable contributions that Kolkata GPO rendered to the community over two and half centuries and the facelift of the city witnessed by this grand monument. On March 31, 1774, the

GPO of Kolkata started its journey with the establishment of this heritage building by the then Governor General of Bengal, Lord Warren Hastings at Fort William. The old structure was relocated numerous times to various locations during the years 1774 to 1868, till the construction of the present GPO building which was opened to the public on October 2, 1868.

BITM to Celebrate National Science Day Befittingly

Kolkata, (KCN): Birla Industrial & Technological Museum (BITM), a constituent unit of National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), Union Ministry of Culture, popularises science & technology among the students, strives to create a scientific temper in the society and supplement formal science education with discovery-based learning of science in order to nurture creativity in students. As a part of commemoration of National Science Day 2024, BITM, Kolkata intends to organise a series of Popular Science Lectures in English and/or Bengali, during February 27 – 29, 2024 at the BITM premises. To be delivered by stalwarts in their

respective fields, these interactive sessions are meant to provide fascinating insights into Conservation of Biodiversity, Scientific Research and Applications in Physics, Chemistry and Opportunities in Space Sciences. On Day-1, Interactive Session 'Save Bees – Save our Biodiversity' with Dr. Saikat Kr. Basu, Executive Research Director, PFS, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada will be featuring workshop on bee conservation, education & awareness for children - to be live-streamed at <https://youtu.be/mO2L-gY41Zw> on February 27, 2024 from 11:00 am onwards. On Day-2, in collaboration with the

Royal Society of Chemistry, Eastern India Section, Popular Talk 'The Well-kept Promise - A Journey to Cherish' on the story of discovery of Raman Effect and Sir C. V. Raman's Nobel Prize winning research, will be delivered by Dr. Aniruddha Ganguly, Academic Faculty, Dept. of Chemistry, Scottish Church College, Kolkata - to be live-streamed at <https://youtu.be/iLLoWCiYudM> on February 28, 2024 from 11:00 am onwards. This will be followed with screening of BITM documentary 'Characterising Colour- Sir C. V. Raman at Work' and Open-House Quiz on 'Indian Scientists'. On Day-3, in association with United States Consulate General

Kolkata, Popular Talk 'A Session with NASA Scientist Dr. Swati Mohan – Her Personal Journey', by Dr. Swati Mohan, Mars 2020 Guidance, Navigation & Controls Operations Lead, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, California – will be held at the BITM premises and will also be live-streamed at <https://youtu.be/xWebNPVAjpQ> on February 29, 2024 from 10:30 am onwards. The sessions will be attended by registered students from Santoshpur Rishi Aurobindo Balika Vidyapith, Jodhpur Park Boys' School, The New Horizon School, Ruby Park Public School, Naktala High School, Army Public School, PM Shri K V Ballygunge and Patha Bhavan.

BJD engaging govt officers for party-related work: Odisha Congress

Bhubaneswar (KCN): The Odisha Congress Friday alleged that the ruling BJD is engaging a section of state government employees, including senior bureaucrats, for party-related work. OPCC campaign committee chairman Bijay Patnaik said “those employees” were under the Congress scanner, urging them not to act as political party leaders. “You were either



selected by UPSC, OPSC or other recruitment boards. You were not recruited by the BJD. Therefore, you have no reason to be afraid of the ruling party,” he told reporters here. “Such government officers should not go

beyond their limits and act as political party leaders. They are under the Congress scanner,” Patnaik said. BJD leaders could not be contacted for comments. Patnaik claimed that some district collectors in Odisha were “gathering donations for the BJD”, while IPS officers have been threatening opposition party leaders. “We will bring this to the notice of the Election Commission if they do not

mend their ways,” he said. Patnaik, who is also a former chief secretary of Odisha, however, said that the number of such government officials was very small, and the majority of them have “maintained their dignity”. “If these officials continue to work for the ruling party, the Congress will hit the streets, besides making their names public,” he added.



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Bigg Boss Tamil 7: Vanitha Vijaykumar Allegedly Attacked By Evicted Contestant Pradeep Antony's Supporter



Popular south actress and former Bigg Boss Tamil 3 contestant Vanitha Vijaykumar has reportedly been attacked by a man who claimed to be a fan of actor Pradeep Antony, the evicted contestant of the ongoing Bigg Boss Tamil Season 7. Vanitha took to her X (formerly known as Twitter) handle and

dropped a shocking photo of her injured face. Her post showed her injured eye, and visibly swollen and discoloured face. The actress, in a series of posts, alleged that she was attacked by a mysterious man in the middle of the night and suspects a 'Bigg Boss Tamil 7' connection. She alleged that the attacker

was apparently unhappy with the fact that she supported the red card issued to Pradeep in the Kamal Haasan-hosted reality show. 'Bigg Boss Tamil' season seven is currently in full swing on Vijay TV and Disney Plus Hotstar. Vanitha's daughter Jovika is also one of the contestants. Vanitha,

who reviews the show on a daily basis, had a late-night dinner and went to park her car at her sister's place when the unfortunate incident happened. "Ni support vera (You escaped) and hit me hard on my face and fled away. I was in so much pain bleeding in my face and yelling. No one around was around I am I called my sister to come down she urged me to go report this incident to police but I told her I lost trust in the process (sic)", she further wrote. She continued, "I took first aid and left home with rage and not able to identify my attacker. He laughed like a lunatic which haunts my ears. Taking a break from everything as I am not in

a physical condition to appear on screen. For those who support disturbed ppl danger is just a feet away (sic)." Vanitha, who has been active on social media, continues to express her thoughts and comments on the controversies around the 'Bigg Boss 7 Tamil'. Actor Pradeep Antony recently got expelled from the Bigg Boss Tamil 7 over reportedly his inappropriate behavior towards female co-contestants. Ever, since his exit from the show, the actor has been hitting the headlines for his social media posts. "It is my personal space which I use to share my happiness with my friends. It is not that I

don't consider you my friend but I'm not in a place I can trust and let anyone inside my life. My Instagram page has photos of friends and family. I feel social media is a mix of positives and negatives and it can tend to attack you on a very personal level. I can take criticism well, but I don't want my friends and family's privacy to be attacked. I'll share the portion of my life I want to share with the public on Twitter on whatever platform I feel comfortable with, but certain things I only want to share and enjoy with my very close ones and not be judged. I hope you understand my situation," he shared.

Prime Video's Maitri: Female First Collective Hosts Its First Session In Chennai

Prime Video released the latest session of 'Maitri: Female First Collective', hosting its maiden discussion in Chennai. Launched last year, the collective is an endeavour to create a safe space where women from the Indian media and entertainment industry can come together to discuss their experiences, challenges and successes, and offer their perspective on bringing about a positive shift.

The session featured 8 eminent women from India's various entertainment industries, ranging from award-winning prolific actors who have worked across languages like Malavika Mohanan, Aishwarya Rajesh and Madhoo, to women who have left an indelible mark behind the camera, like creator, writer, showrunner & producer Reshma Ghatala, writer & director Swathi Raghuraman, and



cinematographer Yamini Yagnamurthy, in addition to Aparna Purohit, creator – Maitri & head of India Originals, Prime Video, and Smriti Kiran, creator and curator of Maitri & founder, Polka Dots LightBox. Sharing personal anecdotes, the participants discussed the existing gender dynamics in the film industry, the challenges faced by female professionals, including stereotyping, colourism, ageism, and much more.

Surprisingly, the women noted how the issues were similar irrespective of whether they worked in front of the camera or behind it, or whether they worked in production or corporate roles. The core discussion also touched upon the true essence of feminism and empowerment, what gender-equality really means for the trailblazers gathered in the room. An interesting insight that was shared by all was that true

equality can be achieved when the industry stops tagging a particular role, a narrative or a job as woman-oriented or male-oriented. The group as a whole agreed that age-old conditioning often restricts the personal and professional growth potential of women, and can be changed only if it is internalized in one's home and social environment. The interaction also highlighted the critical role that streaming was

playing in improving female representation, creating new opportunities for actors, regardless of their age, body size, or skin colour, and for creators to tell all kinds of unique stories. "Equitable representation opens up a new world for young girls to draw inspiration from, making it all the more important to have women in positions of influence, where they can provide a platform for newer voices and open up doors for more women," said Aparna Purohit, creator – Maitri & head of India Originals, Prime Video. "However, we know that change is a gradual process. It is, therefore, important for us to continue having these discussions across the country, and we are thrilled to have hosted our first session in Chennai. Even though it is only a year old, Maitri has managed to drive change in the right

direction. It is heartening to see people having a conversation about diversity, equity and inclusion when writing or planning their projects." Speaking about the need to have such conversations frequently, Smriti Kiran, creator & curator of Maitri and founder, Polka Dots LightBox said, "There is an undeniable need for spaces where women can voice their stories without any fear. Creating an environment that allows women to share their experiences without judgement is the first step in enabling any change, whether it is in the industry or society. This is precisely why we have to keep the conversation going relentlessly. Thrilled that Maitri is in Chennai today, tomorrow it will be in another part of India. We will continue to connect women across sections and states through conversation and collaboration."

Prabhas, Deepika Padukone's Project K To Create History, To Be First Indian Film To Debut At San Diego Comic-Con



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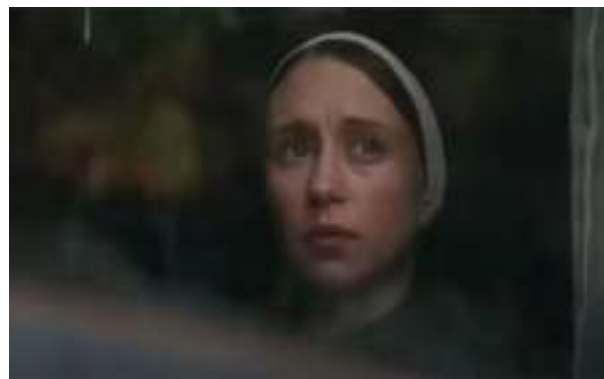
There's good news for Bollywood lovers who have been waiting for a long to get an update on Amitabh Bachchan, Deepika Padukone, Kamal Haasan and Prabhas-starrer 'Project K'. According to Variety, The hugely-anticipated Indian big-budget sci-fi film will unveil exclusive footage in the presence of talent at the San Diego Comic-Con (SDCC). Kicking off the SDCC celebration, Vyjayanthi Movies will offer fans a look at the film as part of an opening night party on July 19.

On July 20, the film's team will host a panel titled "This is Project K: First Glimpse of India's Mytho-Sci-fi Epic" with Deepika, Prabhas and Haasan during which the film's full title, teaser trailer and release date will be revealed, Variety reported. Interestingly, the stars will also feature in a performance on SDCC's largest stage. "This exclusive event will transport guests into India's most ambitious cinematic universe yet with their captivating storytelling, futuristic setting, and 'Spice Punk' aesthetic inspired by the

film," the producers said in a statement. Director Ashwin also expressed excitement. He said, "We are thrilled to present 'Project K's' debut at San Diego Comic-Con. India's storytelling tradition has ancient roots, with its epics serving as the origins for many civilizations worldwide. A world as big as this needs a platform as big to introduce it to the people. Comic-Con felt like the perfect place, where the honesty and enthusiasm needed for 'Project K' will be found."

The Nun 2 Trailer Teases Returns Of 'The Conjuring' Universe

The makers of 'The Nun' are all set to come up with the film's sequel. On Thursday, they unveiled the film's trailer and it has definitely left fans excited. The sequel, which is headlined by Taissa Farmiga, is set to be out on September 8. As per Variety, the film begins in 1956 after a priest is viciously murdered in France. According to the film's official logline, 'The Nun 2' follows Sister Irene (Farmiga) as she once again comes face to face with the demonic Valak. Farmiga returns alongside Bonnie Aarons and Jonas Bloquet who will reprise their roles as Valak and Maurice "Frenchie," respectively. "The Nun 2" will introduce new additions to the "Conjuring" universe, including Katelyn Rose Downey as Sophie, Anna Popplewell as Marcella and Storm Reid as an



unknown new character. The USD 2 billion franchise began in 2013, with the original "The Conjuring" film, starring Patrick Wilson and Taissa Farmiga's older sister, Vera Farmiga. The original film was inspired by paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren's nonfiction book, "The Amityville Horror." "The Conjuring's" first spinoff "Annabelle" premiered in 2014. Soon after, "The Conjuring 2" was released in 2016, "Annabelle: Creation" in 2017 and then the second

spinoff, "The Nun" in 2018. Since "The Nun," the "Conjuring" universe has released "The Curse of La Llorona," "Annabelle Comes Home" and "The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It." Directed by "The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It's" Michael Chaves, "The Nun 2" was written by "M 3 G A N" screenwriter Akela Cooper and "Fear the Walking Dead" screenwriters Ian Goldberg and Richard Naing.

New global disorder and Poly Crises



Uma Shankar Prasad

P.M Rishi Sunak's economic policies. Underlying all Japan's problems is its shrinking population. Japan is showing the changes that overcome a country when population is shrinking rapidly. The once dominant industrial sector is facing shortages of hands. Domestic consumption is down by close to 1% year on year in the last qtr. The Japanese Yen is eroding. It went down by 6.6% over last year, against the US dollar. Germany, which is currently number three economy in the world in terms of its GDP size, is facing deep uncertainties on many fronts. German economy is rather uncomfortably dependant on exports for its survival. Its benchmark industry, automobiles, is facing existential threat from Chinese auto makers. As the world is drifting fast towards electric vehicles, the big German cars are ill-suited to change over to electric traction from international combustion engines. The electric cars demand better technology for energy storage and these need specialised metals. Battery technology so far as not one of the strong

points of the German automobile industry. German is demonstrating a basic shortcoming which is more or less evident in all the developed economies in Europe. These countries are ageing fast and as a result, they are facing shortage of workers. To overcome these shortages by liberalising immigration. Former German chancellor, Angela Merkel had followed particularly liberal immigration policy. Ms. Merkel had banked on cheap natural Gas and other energy supplies from Russia. Now that supply had snapped, leaving the country facing a dire energy crisis.

Above all, China which had long established itself as the second largest economy of the world, and romantically viewing the prospect of becoming the number one in the shortest possible time, is suddenly in the throes of a deep self-made crisis. Its property sector is dragging down the entire economic super-structure. The widely successful technology entrepreneurs of China, starting from Jack Ma, have been virtually

throttled by the Chinese Communist Party. Many other company chief executives have been punished by the top leadership. The latest in the punishment schedule has been the head of the securities market in China. The Chinese stock market was going through a rough patch and the markets slid. The foreign investors had also withdrawn funds from the Chinese market. Even in the midst of an early recession, the observers believe the Japanese economy will climb out of a recession shortly. Nikkei, the Japanese stock market index is at record high at 38k and the index is rising still. There is currently every reason why the global economic situation should turn turtle and nose-drive into a deeper fall. After all, wars are raging in Europe and in the Middle East. America and China are having skirmishes in the South China sea and over Taiwan. Some analysis of the scene are describing that the world is facing "poly Crises", some are describing it as the 'new Global Disorder'.

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MAKE GOD YOUR FRIEND



Prof. Dr. Umesh Chandra Patra

The moment you try to make them to realize about truth of life, positives about spirituality and God. Most unfortunate is, when one is penny less, all the friends would ditch you out from their company. Have the money and honey you see butterfly are hovering around you.

Such friends are migratory. It is difficult to find a true friend who would support one during his sorrow as well be a partner of one's happiness. God is a very strong and supportive friend. One needs to surrender to HIM for all the help. One can talk to God. God listen every one. At time HE helps. Accepting God, as a best friend one is at peace of mind and satisfaction. Friend, friendship is a relation with love. Spiritual love is eternal. One's heart would be full of bliss. Oh! God, could you be my friend?

God in mind, if no one to walk with you, you walk your path alone. Still, is difficult to live in a society without a good friend or well wisher. Lord Krishna Arjuna, Contributions of both,

impossibility was made possible, to win over the evil. Friendship is indeed a good guide and helps to solve many problems during the individual journey, the life. The human mind is full of feelings and emotions. A friend helps support of one's inner necessity of emotional disturbances. Sharing sorrow, sorrow reduces and happiness increases in many fold.

On the journey of earthly life, people take some wealth for expenses and when they finish the journey and reach the goal, they hand over the balance to some trusted friend and sleep soundly. Everyone brings the wealth of love from the moment of his birth. In the field of activity, that is the world, it is difficult to safeguard the wealth of love. Therefore everyone should look for a faithful friend. Today, the only true friend is God. When you hand over the wealth of love to God, it will be easy for you to carry on a life of security and peace.

There is no greater teacher than your heart. Time is a

great preacher. The world is a scriptural text. God is a great friend. With full faith in these four entities, one should lead his life on this Earth. Love is the natural possession of every human being. It is the fruit of the tree of life. There are certain requirements for enjoying the fruit. Before tasting the fruit, you will have to remove the skin and take out the pulp inside and throw away the seed. The fruit of love is covered by the thick skin of the ego. You will have to peel off this skin of mine and you. Then only you can taste the sweet juice. That is why the Vedas describe God as the Essence of Juice.

By pure love, you should establish unity with Divine [god]. The path of love is the straight forward road to realise Divine. The human life is a journey from I to We, from the individual self to the state of merger with the Divine.

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Role of Spirituality & Mental Health

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The world is in the midst of an unprecedented mental health crisis and spiritual well-being is lacking. The statistics are alarming. About 5 per cent of the population may be having moderate to severe clinical depression but much higher numbers are having mild, chronic, subclinical depression. This includes children, youth and the elderly. Depression is the cause for the highest number of suicides as well as self-harm. It has strong linkages with psychosomatic illnesses like diabetes, hypertension, coronary heart disease, cancer, peptic ulcers and irritable bowel syndrome. It could also be the cause of accidents. Hence depression, whatever its intensity, could cause high morbidity and mortality.

Depression is also very closely linked to substance

abuse and alcoholism when the person tries to seek a high from the low of depression by these addictive substances and gets hooked to them. Is there a spiritual dimension in the causation or management of depression? The answer is an unequivocal 'Yes', something corroborated by individuals, spiritualists and international scientific bodies of mental health professionals. The World Psychiatric Association — the umbrella body of 130 psychiatric societies across the world having more than 200,000 psychiatrists as members — has a section on religion and spirituality in mental health. There can be acute or chronic, mild, moderate or severe manifestations of depression; essentially consisting of sadness, lack of interest, fatigue, feelings of doom, insecurity about the future, feelings of guilt about the past, ideas of worthlessness, hopelessness and helplessness, ideas or plans of self-harm and lack of purpose along with inability to carry out day-to-day functioning.

These symptoms may be in the background of acute or chronic stresses like real or perceived loss of job/money/position, death of someone close or inability to cope with the demands of life. It is also about reflection on the purpose of life at any age but especially in the sunset years of the elderly or while facing terminal illness. Depression can be due to information overload and irrelevant, negative, scary information from all sources, especially the media. Depression can then be a subconscious or conscious stepping back, withdrawal, pause or reflection while looking for a purpose in life or in finding a positive role model. Depression can also be a cry for help in overcoming the emotional hurdles experienced in difficult relationships, unfulfilled desires and dissatisfaction with self or life. Depression can be addressed by bringing in culturally sensitive, personally accepted philosophical and spiritual components in the person and in society. This should be as an add-on to any

medication or therapeutic interventions the person may require.

Spiritual management could help prevent future symptoms, improve well-being, promote emotional and spiritual health as well as build resilience. Spirituality can create a connection with God as a source of strength, guide and companion. It may also help if one believes in the afterlife, thereby giving meaning and purpose to life. The belief of events happening with a purpose and sense of benevolence in the universe, helps one deal with internal and external stresses. These are not seen as the 'end, but as a bend' which may take us to a new experience. Positive role models and learning by experience, a spiritual lifestyle, apart from support of a spiritual group are all protective and promotive forces. It also helps focus on gratitude for that which is still fine in life and receiving grace from the universe and higher power. It helps to become aware of

karmic patterns in life and the acceptance of the world as play or drama.

Spirituality helps us focus on forgiveness — self and others; past or present — a key component in handling depression. The core issue in depression is faulty and negative thinking and distorted perceptions for which cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT) has been found to be very useful. Spiritually augmented CBT is the process of modifying one's thinking, belief systems, perceptions and behaviour through spiritual belief systems. Some useful principles are learning to put a 'full stop' to the past or recurring thoughts; 'letting go' of negative thoughts, situations or persons; 'checking and changing' disturbance of the mind; 'being a witness' to events and remaining a little detached; 'being a trustee' and not take excessive, sometimes self-burdening responsibility; 'stepping back, observing and steering the negative into positive) and being cognisant that whatever the thoughts or situation, 'This too shall pass'.

There is now a lot of research into the effect of

prayers, focused breathing and pranayama, mantra chanting and spiritual music for mental health promotion. There is a lot of research, indicating the positive role of hope, empathy, compassion, contentment, unconditional love and selfless service for overcoming depression. A spiritual way of life can be very useful for family members and caregivers, including healers and medical professionals, to overcome their own stress and compassion fatigue. Intense, inward looking meditative practices for those in severe depression can be dangerous. One also needs to guard against imposition of religious and spiritual beliefs or exploitation of a depressed person, including guilt-inducing, or involvement in violent means to an end. This is neither spiritual nor should be acceptable by sects or religious organisations and societies.

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Letter to Editor

Sir

In Ameen Sayani's demise India has lost one of the greatest of radio world entertainers, the pioneer of RJ's and one of the greatest anchors in the Indian radio broadcasting world.

Whoever can forget Ameen Sayani saheb and his immortal ' Binaca geeth mala ' aired by Srilanka broadcasting corporation during 1970s, 80s and 90s. His "bhaiyon aur beheno" remains etched in the radio listeners hearts. With his golden voice Sayani saheb mesmerised the young and the old alike and the radio show became one of the greatest in the world with one man hypnotising millions with his magical voice!

Those who have listened to the ' Binaca Geethmala ' episodes aired by Radio Ceylon and later by Vividh barthi would definitely reminisce those beautiful punch lines, catchy phrases and quotes and the entertaining tid bits that Ameen sayani catered to his voracious music buffs who savoured every bit of it like sugar candy! Going down memory lane who can ever forget those Wednesday evenings when Ameen sayani transported his fans to an exhilarating and soul stirring world of film songs! His ability to blend music, along with insightful commentary, excellent humour and beautiful anecdotes, created an exhilarating experience for millions for so many decades.

He also championed progressive social causes, addressing topics like women's empowerment and national unity. The nation conferred him with the Padma Bhushan and the Padma Vibhushan.

for his unlimited contributions to radio entertainment that will remain eternal.

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Kolkata's 'Unnamed' Wins Best Experimental Film at Asian Talent International Film Festival 2024

Kolkata(-ADVAITA SETH):In a moment of recognition for the burgeoning young talent in Kolkata's experimental genre, "Unnamed," a film crafted by a young crew, has recently been honoured with the Best Experimental Film award at the Asian Talent International Film Festival 2024. The festival, held in Aurangabad and organized by the Asian International Cultural Centre, featured over 700 films from 23 countries, with only 100 films officially selected for the 10 main competitive categories, and "Unnamed" stood out among the top contenders. Scripted and directed by Sauvik Pandit, an alumnus of the esteemed Satyajit Ray Film & Television Institute (SRFTI) in Kolkata, "Unnamed" had already garnered acclaim by winning the Best



Experimental Film award at the West Bengal International Film Festival. This recent recognition at the Asian Talent International Film Festival further solidifies the film's unique position in the realm of experimental cinema. "Unnamed" is a 63-minute black-and-white film that pushes the boundaries of film form, language, visual

grammar, and non-diegetic sound. The experimental narrative weaves a complex structure, exploring the never-ending journey of the protagonist, portrayed by Aadesh Gupta, in a non-linear fashion. The film delves into the conflicts of a character on a quest for identity, intricately tied to an enigmatic antagonist, played by Aarshi Roy

Chowdhury. The narrative unfolds as a tribute to world cinema, incorporating visual and textual references from various films. The film's synopsis reveals a psychological journey where the protagonist, Aadesh Gupta, embarks on a quest to rediscover his identity. Along this journey, he encounters the antagonist, Aarshi

Roy Chowdhury, who leads him through intricate psychological conflicts. As the protagonist seeks resolution to his existential crisis, he discovers that the journey is incomplete without the presence of the antagonist. The narrative evolves into a loop of time and space, where each ending marks a new beginning, creating an eternal unnamed journey. "Unnamed" was crafted on a modest budget of 5,000 INR, showcasing the filmmakers' dedication to pushing the boundaries of experimental cinema without the need for extravagant production costs. The film's success at the Asian Talent International Film Festival 2024 underscores the potential and innovation within Kolkata's emerging experimental genre, setting the stage for more groundbreaking productions in the future.

5-Day Integrated Pest Management Training Programme for State Agriculture, Horticulture Extension Functionaries by RCIPMC Kolkata

Kolkata, (KCN):A five-day IPM orientation training programme was conducted by RCIPMC Kolkata under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India from February 19-23, 2024. Total 40 trainees participated in the training programme from the State Agriculture-Horticulture department and WBADMI (Purulia & Bankura Districts) department comprising ATM, BTM, KPS & Field Consultant and some progressive farmers. The Inaugural ceremony was attended by Dr. Manas Ghosh, Director, SAMETI cum Principal, Agriculture training Centre; Dr. Molay Roy, AD, HQ, Alipur, South 24 Parganas, Govt. of West Bengal along with Head of office of RCIPMC Kolkata, Dr. Pabel Mazumder, Asst. Director (PP). In this training

programme basic principle and component of IPM, concepts of Agro EcoSystem Analysis (AESA) followed by field visit and Chart Preparation, role of different bio-pesticides in alternative to chemical pesticides were discussed. IPM management practice for Vegetable/Rice/Mango/Cashew nut crops, Safe and judicious use of pesticides, RCIPMC bio-control lab visit, demonstration of bio-pesticides and bio-control agents' production/ multiplication methodology etc. were also carried out.

The main objective of the training programme was to introduce the trainees with latest IPM technologies to reduce the application of harmful chemical pesticide which will result in pesticide free agricultural and Horticultural products. It will enable the farmers to

reduce expenditure on chemical pesticide application as well as it may promote export in future. The valedictory programme was attended by Dr. Manas Kr Ghosh, Director, SAMETI, Dr. Arun Kr Ghosh, Additional Director (Special), Jessop Building, Department of Agriculture; Dr. Aiub Ali Khan, Joint Director (PP&QC), Department of Agriculture, Govt. of West Bengal along with Officer-In Charge of RCIPMC Kolkata, Dr. Pabel Mazumder, Assistant Director (PP) & Ms. N Anita Devi, Assistant Director (PP). All the dignitaries appreciated the efforts made by RCIPMC Kolkata and requested to conduct such training programmes on a frequent basis. The programme concluded with a note of Vote of thanks by Ms. N Anita Devi on behalf of RCIPMC Kolkata.

Union Petroleum & Natural Gas Minister flags off Customised Fuel for FIM Asia Road Racing Championship 2024 Season



Kolkata, (KCN):The Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri virtually flagged off 'STORM', a customised fuel specially curated by IndianOil for FIM Asia Road Racing Championship (ARRC) 2024 season from Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), Nava Sheva on Friday (February 23, 2024). The high-octane Ultimate Racing Fuel has been specially developed by IndianOil for premium superbikes in the racing circuit and will be positioned as the fuel of the champions at racing events globally. Shri Pankaj Jain, Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas; Shri Shrikant Madhav Vaidya, Chairman, and Mr. V Satish Kumar, Director (Marketing), IndianOil also participated in the flag-off ceremony. Flagging off the premium fuel, Shri Singh Puri said that for the first time IndianOil has commenced the production of category 2 race fuel, aptly named STORM, from Gujarat refinery. This race fuel, along with other offerings such as AVGas 100 LL, reference fuels, etc., adhere to stringent international specifications and align

with India's recent endeavour towards self-reliance. Shri Jain commended IndianOil's abilities to develop niche products that require exacting standards and deliver outstanding performance. He said that this product portfolio shows that IndianOil is a world-class company that can provide solutions as per customers' evolving and futuristic demands. On the occasion Shri Vaidya elaborated on the Company's sustained success in developing world-class products that set new industry benchmarks globally. "IndianOil is immensely proud to launch 'STORM', the ultimate racing fuel, by leveraging in-house resources. We are confident that IndianOil 'STORM' will deliver exceptional performance and contribute to the thrilling racing experience for which these championships are known. The flag-off by the esteemed Union Minister will prove to be another benchmark in our collective endeavor towards Make in India and Make for the World," he said. The launch of 'STORM' that is being produced entirely in India, marks a significant boost to the spirit of self-reliance and the 'Make in India'

mission. The collaboration with FIM is a strong demonstration of India's capabilities in developing advanced automotive solutions meeting stringent international standards and amplifies India's presence on the international stage. The niche offering will fuel the modern automobiles at prestigious racing events like the FIM Asia Road Racing Championship, catalysing India's journey towards technological self-sufficiency and excellence. IndianOil is already marketing similar high-octane fuels like XP100, XP95 as well as high precision niche fuels like Reference gasoline & diesel, and aviation fuel AVGas 100 LL, which have been well appreciated by the customers. FIM (Federation Internationale De Motocyclisme), the global governing body for motorcycle racing which oversees various motorcycle racing disciplines, including road racing, motocross, trials, enduro, and more, also undertakes Asia Road Racing Championship (ARRC) every year other than MotoGP, Moto2 & Moto3 events. ARRC attracts riders and teams from different countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

Kolkata, (KCN):A satellite symposium on 'Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture in Northeast India' was organized as part of the 13th IFAF on 24.02.2024. The session was Chaired by Dr. V. V. Sugunan and Prof. R. K. Saha. The lead speakers for the session were Prof. A. B. Patel, Dean, College of Fisheries, Tripura; Dr. S. K. Majhi, Head of Centre, ICAR-CIFRI, RC, Guwahati; Dr. B. K. Bhattacharjya, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIFRI, RC, Guwahati and Dr. C. Basudha Devi, Principal Scientist, ICAR RC for NEH Region, Manipur Centre. Prof. Patel highlighted the importance of the aquaculture sector in NE India with emphasis of



diversification of species, systems and feed resources that have local availability and significance. Dr. Majhi high-lighted cutting-edge technologies for conservation and revival of vulnerable species of local importance. Dr. Bhattacharjya emphasized on ecosystem-based fisheries management in floodplain wetlands of Northeast India for

sustainable enhancement of fish production from these vast and highly productive resources. Dr. Basudha Devi high-lighted about the rich and highly-priced ornamental fish diversity of NE India with emphasis on opportunities for entrepreneurship development. The session also included six oral presentations on

emerging aspects including ichthyofaunal diversity in floodplain wetlands in relation to seasonal habitat variables, meat quality of grass carp as affected by paragrass feeding, use of weighted water quality index for determining suitability of a waterbody for fisheries, concept of floating pens (phumdi-based) for polyculture of small indigenous fishes

(such as mola) with major carps (such grass carp and rohu) in Loktak lake of Manipur, and basic research on color patterns of Bariline fishes of Arunachal Pradesh. Dr. Sugunan emphasized the importance of Northeast Region in terms of aquatic open water resources and their untapped potential and expressed satisfaction on the type of research work done in the region.

"Don't Give Another Competitive Country Veto Over Our Policy Changes": S Jaishankar

New Delhi(KCN): External Affairs Minister, S Jaishankar on Friday said that India should not give power to other countries to influence its policy changes and should be confident enough to "leverage the international system to create the best possible outcome" for itself. "Today, when I say think through your own solutions is don't give another country which is clearly a competitive country a veto over our policy changes. Unfortunately, in past, it has happened. We should be confident enough to leverage the international system to create the best possible outcome," he said while participating a panel discussion at the Raisina Dialogue 2024 in the national capital. Addressing a question on India-China bilateral relations, the External Affairs minister said that

the biggest challenge for both the countries would be that instead of getting caught up in "mind games", India should harness other factors to get better terms to arrive at an equilibrium and then maintain it. He said that the immediate issue between India and China was the latter's decision to make a departure from border agreements put in place in the late 1980s. "There was a departure after almost after 30 years, a departure on their side in terms of how they behaved on the border. And there is a pushback from our side. So, I think arriving at equilibriums then maintaining those is going to be one of the biggest challenges for both countries. It is not going to be easy," Mr Jaishankar said. "The mind games which were being played, would

be just between the two of us (India and China), there is nobody, other 190 odd countries in the world don't exist in our relationship. That will be the mindgame which will be played. I don't think we should play it. Because if there are other factors out there in the world, which can be harnessed by me to get better terms on an equilibrium. Why should I forgo that right," the minister said. "The problem is both of us are rising at a different pace with different starting point. the Chinese started off earlier, much more intensively and robustly than we did, but it's in the nature of things that you know at some stage everybody flattens out. there will be period where they will be flattening out and we will be growing. I am not in denial of what would be

the stage. look for example at the Goldman Sachs prediction, we will both really to by about 2075 end up and its USD 50 trillion-dollar economy and will be the too closest to each other, he added. Mr Jaishankar said further, "Now, the international relations version of that issue would be if both of us are moving vice versa each other or vis-a-vis the world. How do we construct an equilibrium? There will be occasions when one or the other would want to change to do something to press form a particular advantage, the other will resist." On February 19, India and China held the 21st round Corps Commander level meeting at the Chushul-Moldo border to defuse tensions along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh since

the standoff between the two countries in May 2020. "The discussions built on the previous rounds, seeking complete disengagement in the remaining areas along the LAC in Eastern Ladakh as an essential basis for restoration of peace and tranquillity in the India-China border areas," an official statement read. Raisina Dialogue is India's flagship conference on geopolitics and geoeconomics, committed to addressing the most challenging issues facing the global community. The ninth edition of Raisina Dialogue commenced on Wednesday and today will mark the final day of the summit. It is being organised by the Ministry of External Affairs in collaboration with the Observer Research Foundation.

IMI Bhubaneswar hosted its 11th Annual Convocation

BHUBANESWAR, (KCN):- The International Management Institute, Bhubaneswar proudly hosted its 11th Annual Convocation Ceremony to confer Post Graduate Diploma to the graduating students of PGDM 2021-23 batch. Dr. Santrupt Misra, Former Group HR, Birla Carbon; Director Chemicals, and Director Group HR, Aditya Birla Group graced the event as Chief Guest. Mr. V.C. Agrawal, Advisor (HR), RPSG and Dr. Himadri Das, Director General, conferred the

diplomas to the graduating students. The convocation ceremony commenced with the light lamping ceremony by the Chief Guest, Director, and other guests. At the outset, Prof Ramesh Behl, Director IMI Bhubaneswar, delivered the welcome address and presented the annual academic report. He extended a warm and hearty welcome to graduating students and their parents. Prof. Behl highlighted the achievements of the institute in terms of NIRF rank 67th; international accreditation by



Association of MBAs (AMBA); and accreditation by NAAC. He appreciated the efforts of faculty towards research and publications as the institute published 48+ research

papers, 2 Books and 22 Book Chapters in last academic year as a joint effort. Prof. Behl congratulated students on achieving their desired placements as a joint effort and also expressed his

gratitude to companies who came forward and had faith in the institute. He highlighted the adoption of Let's Drive E-Vehicles, as a step towards green initiatives. It was followed by the

address of Mr. V.C. Agrawal, where he highlighted the importance of IQ, EQ, and SQ in an individual's life which helps them in excelling in their careers. The Chief Guest

Dr. Santrupt Misra presented gold medal to Ms. Masooma Shamim and silver medal to Ms. Laxmi Sarawgi, and Prof. Ramesh Behl presented the SIP Project Awards to Ms. Kanika Bhattacharyya, Ms. Pratyusha Mishra and Ms. Ananya Agarwal, students of PGDM 2021-23 batch. Dr. Santrupt Misra also awarded "Dr. Rama Prasad Goenka Best Student Medal" to Ms. Charitrika Rajpal and the "Director's Medal for Overall Contribution" to Mr. Rounak Kar. He delivered the Convocation

Address and congratulated the passing out PGDM batch. On a last note, he highlighted that the purpose of education is not to receive degree and placements, but it is to continuously rediscover yourselves and to build a curious and questioning mind. The vote of thanks was delivered by Prof. Bindu Chabbrato the graduating students, their parents, media, faculty, guests and the administration, who all made this event a success via their constant support and presence.

Prep For Co-op Week

Bhubaneswar (KCN): The State Government has decided to celebrate the 70th All India Cooperative Week 2023 throughout the State from November 14 to 20 on a larger scale. This was decided at a preparatory committee held under the chairmanship of Cooperation Minister Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak here today. The meeting held at Lok Seva Bhawan was attended by Co-operation Secretary Arvind Agrawal, Special Secretary Satish Kumar Mishra, Registrar of Co-operative Societies Uddhav Charan Majhi, State Co-operative Bank President T Prasad Dora, Co-operative Union President Prabashini Sarangi, Joint Secretary Sangram Keshari Rout and other department officials. The celebrations provide an opportunity for Cooperatives to highlight their success stories,



project their achievements and chalk out a future action plan which will provide a direction to the growth of the Cooperative movement. A detailed discussion about the celebration of the Cooperative Week was held during the meeting. Co-operative societies are playing an important role in strengthening the economy of the State and also country as well as the livelihood of farmers and small traders. There is a need to further expand the cooperative movement,

said Nayak. Under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, the Odisha Government is committed to building a "New Odisha, Strong Odisha", he said. The Minister said Odisha has topped many agriculturally advanced States in the country and has achieved a unique success rate of 100% in its agricultural market under all RMCs. Therefore, with the aim of spreading the message of co-operatives to every household and involving

more and more people, it has been emphasized in the meeting that this year's Co-operative Week should be widely celebrated. In this regard, various programs have been planned. A commemorative guidebook and a special issue of Cooperative Newsletter will also be published on the occasion. Minister Shri Nayak advised to make the celebration of Cooperative Week a success with active cooperation of all stakeholders.

5T Empowers Urban Zones

Bhubaneswar (KCN): In a bid to streamline urban planning services in the State under 5T framework, the Government has initiated a series of transformative measures in the recent times. The latest being a reform in the institutional setup which is intended to augment the capacity of the Development Authorities. G Mathivathnan, Principal Secretary Housing & Urban Development is spearheading 5T



Initiatives in Urban Sector. In all the Municipal Corporations except Bhubaneswar, the Commissioners have been designated as the

Vice-Chairpersons. This will not only add to the strength of the Development Authorities by bringing in decision making closer to the local senior functionaries, it will also fast-track delivery of town planning services to the citizens in a time-bound manner. The alignment of the Municipal Corporations and the Planning Authorities will improve the efficacy of the institutions by optimization of the resources.

Notifications have been issued by Government in H&UD Department in respect of Sambalpur Development Authority and Rourkela Development Authority today. The government has already migrated to a state-of-the-art and modern online platform-SUJOG for delivery of hassle-free municipal services including Building Plan Approval. These progressive initiatives are expected to bring the urban Governance closer to the people and enhance the quality of service.


Kalahandi Foundation Day: CM Naveen Inaugurates Saheed Rendo Majhi Medical College

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has inaugurated the newly built Rendo Majhi Medical College in Bhawanipatna and flagged off the most ambitious Laxmi Bus Service. The Chief Minister also inaugurated and laid foundation stones of various developmental projects worth more than Rs 1200 crore.

During his visit to Bhawanipatna, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik interacted with the students and also announced that the Kalahandi University will be known as Maa Manikeswari University from today. The medical college & hospital has been constructed on 43 acres of land at an expenditure of Rs 325 crore. The college has

100 MBBS seats while the National Medical Commission has granted permission for admissions. The facility has been named after the legendary freedom fighter from the district, Rendo Majhi. Kalahandi MP Basanta Panda, Health Minister Niranjana Pujari and 5T Chairman VK Pandian were present

at the inauguration ceremony. Worth mentioning, the Central Government had in 2020 approved the establishment of the medical college & hospital in the district. The newly-inaugurated facility is expected to cater to the healthcare needs of the people of the region. On the occasion, the CM also renamed Kalahandi University as Maa Manikeswari University.



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Pandey, DIG Central Kashmir; Mr. Jahangir Ahmad Bakshi, Secretary DLSA, Srinagar, Mr. Tahir Ahmad Magray, Revenue Officer to Divisional Commissioner; Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman Aryans Group of Colleges; Dr. Tauseef Bhat, Chairman Kashmir Concern, Adv. Syed Junaid Sadaat, Chairman White Globe, representatives of supporting partners of the event; by Frolic Funcity, karim's & Evento, members of print and electronic media, influencers, staff and para legal volunteers of DLSA, Srinagar, volunteers of Kashmir Concern and White Globe. The seminar addressed multifaceted dimensions of substance abuse, highlighting its prevalence, especially

among school-aged children, and emphasizing the pivotal roles of teachers, counselors and media in combating this societal challenge. Notable remarks were delivered by distinguished speakers, each shedding light on the distinctive contributions of their respective domains in mitigating the menace of Substance abuse. Mr. Jawad Ahmed, Chairman DLSA (PDJ), Srinagar, underscored the indispensable role of the judiciary in addressing the complexities of substance abuse within the framework of law and justice. He also stressed upon building adequate infrastructure for dealing with the challenges of substance abuse. He explained the legal consequences that individuals face if they engage in drug-related activities, including severe



penalties such as imprisonment and fines, in place to deter drug trafficking and possession and the consequences of violating these laws. He also highlighted the legal remedies available to victims of drug abuse and their families. Mr. Rajiv Om prakash Pandey, DIG Central Kashmir,

emphasized the crucial role of law enforcement agencies, outlining strategies for effective intervention and enforcement. He highlighted the importance of media in amplifying the message and building a drug free society. Mr. Tahir Magray, (JKAS) Revenue Officer to

Divisional Commissioner emphasized insightful perspectives on the vital contributions of administration department and various initiatives for fostering a supportive environment for prevention and rehabilitation. Secretary, DLSA, Srinagar, Mr Jahangir Ahmed Bakshi, in his opening remarks emphasized the need for collective action to address this issue and urged participants to play an active role in raising awareness and discouraging drug use. Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman Aryans Group of Colleges, elaborated on the proactive role of educational institutions in nurturing holistic development and resilience among students. Dr. Tauseef Bhat, Chairman Kashmir Concern, emphasized the

devastating impact of drug abuse on individuals, families, and communities. He highlighted the alarming rise in drug addiction among youth and the urgent need for collective action to address this crisis. He encouraged participants to actively participate in these efforts, such as awareness campaigns, counseling services, and rehabilitation programs, to create a supportive network for students struggling with substance abuse. Adv. Syed Junaid Sadaat, Chairman White Globe, emphasized the imperative of collaborative efforts among NGOs and stakeholders to address the root causes of substance abuse and provide comprehensive support to affected individuals and communities. He also highlighted the role of

parents, teachers, and community leaders in fostering a drug-free environment. In a heartening gesture, journalists were felicitated by the dignitaries for their commendable efforts in amplifying societal concerns and fostering public awareness. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Iram Aziz, staff member of DLSA, expressing gratitude to all participants and supporters. The proceedings were conducted by Mr. Nauman Ali, a committed member of White Globe NGO. The "Koshish" seminar served as a catalyst for collective action, inspiring renewed commitment and collaboration towards building a healthier and more resilient community, free from the scourge of substance abuse.

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."

FOUNDATION STONE LAYING OF AMRIT BHARAT STATIONS & DEDICATION OF ROB/RUBs



Sambalpur,(KCN): Today Shri Tushar Kant Pandey, Divisional Railway Manager, Sambalpur conducted a press conference to brief media regarding the redevelopment of various Railway stations under "Amrit Bharat Station Scheme" and laying foundation stone/ dedication of Road over bridge/Road under bridge over Sambalpur Division. He informed that the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will be laying the foundation stone for Redevelopment of 554 Railway Stations under Amrit Station Scheme and Laying foundation stone and dedication of 1500 Road Over bridges (ROBs), Road Under Bridges (RUBs) through virtual Mode on 26.02.2024. 4 stations i.e. Sambalpur City, Titilagarh, Kesinga and Jharsuguda Road stations of Sambalpur Division will be redeveloped under Amrit stations. Laying foundation stone of ROB, RUBs over Sambalpur Division are Level Crossing gate no. RV-34 (ROB) at Mahasamund Yard, Level Crossing gate no. RV-123(RUB) at Kantabanji Yard, Level crossing gate no. JT-34(RUB) between Godbhaga-Attabira near

Koshala School, Level Crossing gate no. JT- 43 (RUB) between Deobahal-Bargarh Road and dedication of ROB, RUB over Sambalpur Division are Level Crossing gate no. ST-24 (RUB) Jujomura Yard, Level crossing gate no. JT-48 (RUB) Bargarh Road yard and Level crossing gate no. JT 1 & 2 (ROB) Jharsuguda Road yard. Indian Railways is continuously moving on the path of modernization to realize the vision of our Hon'ble Prime Minister of a Developed India by 2047. Under Amrit Station Scheme launched by Government of India, 554 stations are going to be redeveloped in Phase - II into World Class Railway Stations with State of the art facility. The scheme also envisages improvement of building, integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration, amenities for Divyangjans, sustainable and environment friendly solutions, Roof Plazas as per necessity. It involves preparation of Master Plans and their implementation in phases to improve the amenities at the stations like improvement of station access, circulating areas,

waiting halls, toilets, lift/ escalators as necessary, cleanliness, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products through schemes like 'One Station One Product', better passenger information systems, Executive Lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping etc. keeping in view the necessity at each station. The beautification of the circulating areas is considered in line with the cultural identity. Even the opinion of the local public is sort to align the redevelopment work with the needs and aspirations of the people. Not only these stations will play an important role in promoting the economic and commercial activities in the area but will also serve as a pride for the city. Road Over bridges and Road Under bridges will provide a safe passage for the people allowing them to cross busy roads or railway tracks without hindering traffic flow. Besides, it also reduces the risk of accidents at Railway crossings. During the press conference ADRM Sambalpur, Shri Anand Singh along with other Divisional officers were present.

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.

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