

"It is a historic day for the people of Balasore. The state government's effort to preserve the memory of two great sons of this soil has made the people of the district happy. The memorial houses items collected from Bhubaneswar and Pondicherry which will be of help to researchers and litterateurs in future," Language Literature and Culture Minister Aswini Patra said. On the occasion, Patnaik also launched the LABHA Scheme in Nilagiri area which provides proper MSP to tribals on forest produces. He also gave land rights certificates to the residents of Remuna Notified Area Council.



AN AESTHETIC AFTERNOON

By Santyona Jena

After a long season of summer,
This afternoon has a relieving weather,
As the sun looks shy,
And the clouds have covered the sky.

With the flow of cool breeze,
Happily dances the green trees,
Along with the jewel like yellow flowers,
Filling my heart with joy and cheers.

In this cloudy calm sky,
The flock of birds is flying very high,
Also the kite of playful child,
To which my dear heart smiled.

My eyes are filled with pleasure,
Admiring the beauty of nature's treasure,
And this surrounding makes me feel majestic,
This afternoon is so aesthetic.

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NATURE

Mr. Sadyant Satapathy

A beautiful forest is a nature,
Which is helpful for our future,
It gives us wood and shelter,
And to pray God, it gives us flower.

Everything is covered with green,
Which touches our brain
Pollution is not there,
As I can't find it anywhere.

Here is a child who clambers,
For gather brambles,
And here is a river,
Filled with clear water.

Here are some birds and there are some animals,
And all of them are mammals
We saw everything there
And nothing is there to see anywhere.



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Quotation of the Day

Just in case...
no one has told you today.
YOU are amazing!
Have a really great day.



A visit to Imphal

Prof.MANAS RANJAN MAHAPATRA



Manipur is burning. I remember my visits to Imphal, its Capital City and friends there. I was keen to see the Royal Palace of Manipur for many reasons. It was the place where the king was converted to Vaishnavism. It was the place from where Rash Lila and other Radha -Krishna love story related dance and musical forms emerged in the distant north east. The Manipuri kings possibly came from Tibet via Thailand and Burma about six hundred years back. The ethnic population had their own religion. It so happened that the palace coup compelled the crown prince to flee and take shelter in the mountains way back in 17th century. After many years the prince

,by then a mature adult, came back and re-occupied the throne. However, he faced a lot of resistance from the people of ethnic main group (They were possibly the Maiteis). Then the Bengali Pandit (Gosain as they called him) came and preached Vaishnavism which the king embraced as a defense mechanism to face the opposition. Like European Churches, the Vaishnav Pandits stood by the king to protect the monarchy and enjoy all the benefits. It is on record that people at the lower strata of the society were not allowed to come to the fold of Vaishnavism, for people of the upper caste, the Maiteis in due course compromised with the king and took the lead in spreading the new belief. Virtually, they made it distant from the commoners. History is the witness that



common people were never allowed to mainstream unless they revolted like French Revolution. In India, unfortunately, it never happened and people those who enjoyed good will of the king, always enjoyed the resources. They were from all religions and all castes, opportunists are a class themselves ! I had heard about a place called Andro which has an immortal fire in a place of worship. On reaching Manipur, I

first went to see the place. The place is not maintained like all historical monuments. More significantly, the fire appeared to me to be not a part of History, it appeared as if a group has created it a few years back and popularized it as Immortal Fire. I jokingly said to me after seeing it....Some of our street hotel kitchens around Sri Jagannath Temple, Puri are also Immortal Fires. The Rosa Ghara (Kitchen) of Sri Jagannath

Temple is also an Immortal fire itself. And, it has survived without any Govt Grant, with people's support for centuries. Alas, now a days people in power do not move an inch without support from the government, more prominently in the tribal belt throughout the country. That has created a disparity in the society and is one of the reasons for Naxalism or Maoism in tribal states like Chhatisgarh, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha.

But my disillusion ended when I found the deity. The priest said that it is the the Guru of the God. Interesting, all of us go to God for our vested interests, but why to go to God's Teacher ! Will he advocate for us before the God... I was amazed. Then I came to know that the people of Andro were once the main population of Imphal. Fire was their God like Aryans. They were from the lower strata of the society. When

Vaishnavism spread, they had to leave Imphal and were driven out to Andro. A similar ethnic population was already there and they accepted the Imphal group. But, they are scheduled castes, not tribes. They all preach the Guru of the God. Some say that the deities are parents of the God. Some of them believe that God is in all creatures and creations, he does not live inside four walls. The fire is an invocation of God, they believe. By knowing it I started believing that if not immortal, the fire at Andro has been there for centuries and obviously, it depicts a part of History which has not been highlighted by our so called researchers. We were coming back. My Protocol Officer Mr Babu took me to a Park. So good, but not properly maintained. Most probably waiting for another Govt Grant for maintenance....

We reached the town. Imphal was under economic blockade by a group for months. A litre of Petrol was costing then Rs 500/-, all essential commodities were also high priced. Now normalcy has come back. 'What about visiting the Palace ?' I asked Babu. 'Sir, tomorrow is Jal Keli, a Festival in the Palace. You have already an invitation from Somi Roy, son of M K Vinodini Devi. Now it is evening, We can go tomorrow.' He replied. We headed for the hotel as Somi Roy was already waiting. **Visiting Professor of Development Communication Former Director, I & PR and Culture, North Eastern Council Ministry of DoNER, Govt. of India Former Director, Book Publishing Courses & Editor, NCCL National Book Trust, Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India**

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'Tera Kya Hoga Lovely' trailer: Film offers bold take on India's fair skin obsession

The makers released the trailer for 'Tera Kya Hoga Lovely' on February 27, starring Ilena D'Cruz and Randeep Hooda. This marks Ilena's return to the screen after her role in the 2021 film 'The Big Bull'. Directed by Balwinder Singh Janjua, the film sheds light on India's fixation with fair skin and dowry. Set in the backdrop of Haryana, the film portrays Ilena as Lovely, a dark-complexioned girl seeking a suitable match for marriage, but later deciding to pursue further education instead. Enter Randeep Hooda, who falls for her irrespective of her skin tone. However, complications arise when his family discovers his affection for a dark-skinned woman. The makers released the



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Suriya Gets Injured On Sets Of Kanguva, Film Shoot Halted



Actor Suriya has been busy with the shooting of his upcoming film 'Kanguva', a Tamil period-drama. The film is directed by Siruthai Siva and the shooting has been taking place at a film city in Chennai. According to TOI report, a grand set has been erected by the makers for the shoot of film.

The latest report stated that a rope camera lost

control during the shooting of 'Kanguva' and it fell on Suriya, thus leaving him injured. The report further mentioned that the actor suffered injuries on his shoulder after which the shoot was halt. Fortunately, it was a minor mishap and no major injury was caused to Suriya. According to another report, the actor has

been advised by the doctor for a two-week bed rest. Meanwhile, Suriya was expected to wrap up the film for his portions in 'Kanguva' this month and the entire filming was slated to be over by next month. However, with the latest development, there may be a slight delay in production. 'Kanguva' was announced in August

2022 with the tentative title 'Suriya 42' as it became Suriya's 42nd film in a leading role. The shooting of the film has taken place in Goa, Kerala, Kodaikanal, and Rajahmundry. The official title 'Kanguva' was announced in April 2023.

'Kanguva' stars Suriya in six roles, leading an ensemble cast that includes Disha Patani and Bobby Deol, alongside Natarajan Subramaniam, Jagapathi Babu, Yogi Babu, Redin Kingsley, Kovai Sarala, Anandaraj, Ravi Raghavendra, K. S. Ravikumar, and B. S. Avinash. The film will mark the Tamil debut of Disha and Bobby. It is scheduled to be released theatrically in early 2024 in standard, 3D and IMAX formats. The official release date of the film is yet to be announced.

Al Pacino to Zendaya, meet the first round of Oscars 2024 presenters

The first round of Oscars presenters has been announced by the Academy. The 96th Academy Awards will be streamed live on March 10. Zendaya, Michelle Pfeiffer, and Oscar winners Nicolas Cage and Al Pacino are among the first set of presenters that were announced on February 27.

Other names in the first set of Oscars presenters are Mahershala Ali, Jamie Lee Curtis, Brendan Fraser, Jessica Lange, Matthew McConaughey, Lupita Nyong'o, Ke Huy Quan, Sam Rockwell, and Michelle Yeoh. More presenters will be announced in days to come. Jimmy Kimmel returns as the Oscars host after three years. The 96th Academy Awards is being executive produced by



Raj Kapoor (who also serves as showrunner), Molly McNearney, and Katy Mullan. The nominations for Oscars 2024 were announced on January

23 (IST). The nominations list was dominated by Christopher Nolan's acclaimed 'Oppenheimer', which led with 13 nods. Nisha

Pahuja's 'To Kill a Tiger' is nominated for Best Documentary Feature at the Oscars. The 96th Oscars will be held on Sunday, March 10, 2024, at the Dolby

Vikrant Massey's 'The Sabarmati Report' on 2002 Godhra incident to release on May 3

Vikrant Massey, who is basking in the success of his last film '12th Fail', has announced his next. Titled 'The Sabarmati Report', the film will be about the unfortunate burning of the Sabarmati Express in Gujarat's Godhra exactly 22 years back, on February 22, 2002.



Vikrant Massey announced the film with a short video. In the video, he plays a journalist, Shrabhan Kumar, who is breaking the news of the Godhra incident. As he reads on the teleprompter that it was an accident, he fumbles and then sternly claims that it wasn't any accident. Sharing the teaser, he wrote, "Paying homage to the 59 innocent people who lost their lives in the Godhra train burning incident 22 years ago, today. Presenting 'The Sabarmati Report', in cinemas on 3rd May, 2024. (sic)" 'The Sabarmati Report' will also feature Raashii Khanna and Ridhi Dogra, apart from Massey. Directed by Ranjan Chandel and produced by Shobha Kapoor, Ektaa R Kapoor, Amul V Mohan and Anshul Mohan, the film will be hitting the screens on May 3.

Diljit Dosanjh shares fun BTS clip from 'Crew' set with Kareena Kapoor

Singer Diljit Dosanjh recently posted a fun video from the sets of the Crew film. The fun clip also features Kareena Kapoor and Kriti Sanon in it. Dosanjh, who is famously a fan of American celebrity Kylie Jenner, posted the video with a caption that read, "Kylie Shado, Ethey Poori KAREENA KAPOOR (sic)" (Forget about Kylie, this is Kareena Kapoor). In the clip, Diljit is seen having the time of his life on the sets of the Crew movie. The clip sees him rehearsing a scene with Kareena Kapoor. It also features Kriti Sanon and Farah Khan. As soon as the video was shared by the singer, a lot of fans dropped comments underneath it. Rapper Badshah, who also featured in the clip, wrote, "Paaji is the not remember the lyrics the song of (sic)." The video was posted with Diljit's voice-over, which worked as some sort of audio guidance for the viewers.



Theatre at Ovation Hollywood and televised live on ABC at the new time of 7 pm EDT/4 pm PDT in more than 200 territories worldwide. Alternatively, Indian

viewers can watch the Academy Awards live on Disney+ Hotstar. The event is expected to open at 4 am (IST) with the red carpet, followed by the main event.

How to Get Healthy Glowing Skin with Fruits

Shahnaz Husain



Your journey to getting healthy and radiant skin begins with your diet. The foods we consume play a crucial role in the overall health and appearance of our skin. Your skin will only glow if you are healthy from the inside out, regardless of how many cosmetics you use. That's why getting the right amount of nutrients through your food is a must. Fruits are an abundant source of nutrients and essential vitamins and minerals. And, eating fruit is the key to improving your overall skin health too. From preventing acne and blemishes to keeping your skin radiant, fruits do it all. If you don't

know where to begin, we have curated a list of the best fruits for glowing skin to include in your diet and skincare routine.
1--Papaya
This tropical fruit is a rich source of vitamins A, B, and C containing minerals such as copper, potassium, and manganese.

An enzyme present in it, papain, is capable of treating acne, removing blemishes, and tanning. It also cleanses and unclogs the pores. it is a great fruit to maintain glowing skin. Additionally, it contains antiviral, antibacterial, and antifungal qualities that can treat various skin problems such as moles, eczema, and ulcers. Papaya can be consumed daily in a bowl or you can even apply it topically as a face pack. A single cup of fresh papaya contains a whopping 86.5 milligrams of vitamin C and 1 milligram of vitamin E.

Eating papaya can aid in avoiding constipation, which is one of the factors contributing to unhealthy skin. It is a good choice for skin problems like warts, ulcers, and eczema. Use papaya in your diet and cosmetic routine if you suffer from digestion problems, scars, or discoloration.
2 Orange -----
This sweet, juicy, and pulpy fruit is one of the most well-known sources of vitamin C. Orange can decrease oxidative damage, photodamage, DNA damage, lessen inflammation, and promote the production of collagen. It has natural citrus oils which keep your skin hydrated from the inside and plump on the outside. The natural oils present in oranges protect our skin from harmful UV rays, flush out the toxins from our skin, increase hydration, and slow down premature ageing. It also helps to build

natural collagen that prevents premature ageing. Every day, eat half an orange. Start adding oranges to your salad, stew, cakes, and chocolates. Add a little orange juice to your smoothie. Orange juice can be applied topically wherever there is pigmentation. After ten minutes, rinse. Combine 2 tablespoons of gram flour, 1/2 teaspoon of turmeric, 3 tablespoons of orange juice, 1 teaspoon of lemon juice for oily skin. Use as a pack. Combine 3 tablespoons of orange juice, 1 teaspoon each of lemon and milk, along with 1/2 teaspoon each of turmeric and honey, to treat dry skin
3--Lemon
This round yellow fruit is popularly used in several skincare products. From anti-acne creams to anti-aging lotions, this citrus fruit can prevent a host of skin issues. Lemon

available all year round is the superfood for a healthy skincare regimen. Brimming with vitamin C, It serves as a natural bleaching agent that brightens skin complexion and also improves skin's barrier function to protect it against harmful environmental aggressors. Lemon is rich in antioxidants that help release toxins from your skin and also help protect the skin from hyperpigmentation and clear acne. Having a glass of lemon juice each day will intensely hydrate the skin, effectively reduce a c n e, hyperpigmentation, dark patches, and even minor scarring. Lemon juice water with a teaspoon of honey added to it should be the first thing you drink in the morning. You can add lemon juice to your salad and even your curries while you consume them
4---Cucumber
Cucumbers, water-

rich fruit contain a whopping 96% water content. Unpeeled cucumbers are incredibly rich in fiber and vitamins K and C, both of which are essential for making your skin appear bright and glowing. The hydrating properties of cucumber make it the best food for people with dry and acne-prone skin. Daily intake of cucumber in any form is essential for the development of healthy cells. A bowl of sliced cucumber can help in puffy eyes, swelling, sunburn, acne, or even cleansing of the skin. Placing a slice of cucumber over each eye is a great way to reduce puffiness, dark circles as well as fine lines and wrinkles around the eye area. Cucumber tastes good when eaten raw. Just peel them, sprinkle some salt, and black pepper, and your evening snack is ready. Add it to your salads

and sandwiches. Cucumber juice can also be eaten first thing in the morning. To moisturize dry skin, grate a cucumber and add 1 tablespoon of milk to it. Add a teaspoon of coconut oil to the mixture and apply it to your skin. Rinse off after 10 minute. Mix grated cucumber with 1 tablespoon of milk and 1 tablespoon coconut oil. Apply the mixture to your skin. Rinse off after 15 minute. It's a natural moisturizer for people with dry skin
5----Strawberries
Apart from being great ice cream flavors, Strawberries are as beneficial as they are tempting! This sweet, citrus fruit contains vitamin C that increases the skin's ability to produce collagen, evens out skin tone, and gives you a more radiant appearance. The fruit is rich in salicylic acid, which acts

as a chemical cleanser for all skin types. It removes dirt, bacteria, and debris from your pores, thus opening all clogged pores and giving you glowing skin. Ellagic acid, found in strawberries, has been shown to prevent UV damage and reduces the appearance of signs of aging. Strawberries are inexpensive yet super effective natural chemical exfoliators. Have a bowl of strawberries with your breakfast. You can also add strawberries to your desserts. Mash a few strawberries. Apply the mashed pieces to your skin and wash off after 10 minutes for glowing and radiant Skin. Mash a few strawberries and add a tablespoon of lime juice to it. Apply to the affected area. Wash off after 10 minutes with lukewarm water for pigmentation and tanning.

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National Science Day 2024 & Its Transformative Power Today!

Vijay GarG



On February 28, India celebrates National Science Day, a commemoration that honours the groundbreaking discovery of the Raman Effect by Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman in 1928. This day is not just a tribute to a singular scientific achievement but a celebration of the spirit of inquiry, exploration and the relentless pursuit of knowledge that drives the scientific community worldwide. Every year on February 28, India celebrates National Science Day, a commemoration that honours the groundbreaking discovery of the Raman Effect by Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman in 1928. This day is not

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The Discovery that Changed Physics
The Raman Effect, discovered by CV Raman, unveiled the scattering of photons when light traverses a transparent material, changing their energy and wavelength. This phenomenon not only provided deep insights into the quantum nature of light but also laid the foundation for the field of Raman spectroscopy, a technique widely used today in various scientific disciplines, including chemistry, physics, and biology for analysing the molecular composition of materials. Raman's work was groundbreaking and earned him the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930, making him the first Asian to win a Nobel Prize in the



sciences. His discovery was a testament to the global significance of scientific research conducted in India and has since inspired generations of scientists in the country and around the world.
The Enduring Legacy of CV Raman
Sir CV Raman's legacy extends far beyond his Nobel Prize winning discovery. He was a visionary who believed in the power of science to transform society and was deeply committed to education and the dissemination of scientific knowledge. Raman was instrumental in establishing research institutions in India,

including the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore, where he served as a professor and later as a director.
National Science Day 2024
Today is not just a day to reflect on Raman's contributions to science but also an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of scientists across the country and to foster a scientific temper among the masses. The theme for National Science Day 2024, 'Indigenous Technology for Viksit Bharat (Developed India)', devised to reflect the evolving challenges and opportunities in the

sphere of science and technology in present day India, is a clarion call to the nation's scientific community and innovators to delve deep into the wealth of indigenous knowledge and technologies that have sustained our country through the centuries. This thematic approach fosters a forward-looking attitude towards harnessing traditional wisdom in tandem with cutting-edge science to pave the way for a sustainable, self-reliant and technologically advanced India. It underscores the significance of local innovations in solving global challenges, promoting the development of home-grown technologies that are both environmentally sustainable and economically viable. As India strides towards becoming a 'Viksit Bharat,' the theme of the year serves as a reminder of the power of blending the old with the new, creating a future where tradition and innovation

coexist harmoniously, driving growth and prosperity for all.
Celebrating National Science Day
As we celebrate National Science Day, let us remember the contributions of CV Raman and countless other scientists who have pushed the boundaries of our understanding of the world. National Science Day is a tribute to the spirit of scientific inquiry and a reminder of our collective responsibility to foster a culture of curiosity and innovation. It is a day to celebrate, reflect, and look forward to the infinite possibilities that science holds for the future. Let this day be a catalyst for young minds to explore the realms of science and technology and for society to appreciate the indispensable role of science in driving progress and innovation!

Retired Principal Educational columnist malout Punjab

Letter to Editor

Sir
The farmers protest and the various disturbing episodes occurring on the outskirts of the national capital is giving sleepless nights to citizens and has now turned into a crisis effecting the day to day life of the commoners. With the main roads taken by the protesters and internet interrupted, the public have begun to experience the brunt of the agitation. Some years ago a march was taken by the farmers of Maharashtra called the long march. The march never caused any issues for the common people. It was a march with a clear purpose and conducted in a peaceful manner, getting support from the public irrespective of political parties and finally achieving its purpose in making the government to promise and assure to the demands of the peasants. The long march protestors on reaching Mumbai never caused any inconvenience to its citizens and did not put the heavy city traffic out of gear causing panic to the commuters and examinees as it was an examination time. The March was exemplary clearly showing that they were protesting peacefully and the aim was clear - to make the government not to ignore the rustic souls of India, the main back bone of the nation. The long march finds a significant place in today's era where such marches and rallies backed by political parties and groups often end up in clashes, riots and blood shed. The present agitation now sadly expose that the so called sympathisers, who are political by nature, in the name of supporting the peasants are only trying to be opportunists to make gains for their political and selfish motives. It is high time true peasants understand the motive of these elements and not to be victims to their vile scheme.

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Union Finance Minister Urges Youths of West Bengal to Rise and Help in wiping out Gradual Degradation of State in Economy, Technology, Intelligence, Productivity, Growth

Kolkata, (KCN):The Union Finance Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman today lamented the gradual degradation of West Bengal so far as economic & technological advancement, efficiency in productivity, growth and the like and urged the youths of the State to come forward and participate in rejuvenation of the State. In a lecture session at National Library, hosted by a cultural organisation called Khola Haoa in Kolkata today, Smt Sitharaman said, among the 112 aspirational districts of the country, chalked out by the NITI Aayog for reforms under five broad socio-economic themes like

health and nutrition, education, agriculture and water resources, financial inclusion and skill development and infrastructure, 42 belong to Odisha, Jharkhand and Bihar from the eastern part of the country. But nowhere is West Bengal. While deliberating on the talk on 'Viksit Bharat and Eastern India' today in the city, the Union Finance Minister deliberated on the various Union schemes, chalked out by the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi to transform India to 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047. She spoke about the targeted people chosen by the Prime Minister in the interim budget for the facelift of the country, like garib



(poor), women, yuva and annadatas (farmers). According to Smt Sitharaman, their needs, their aspirations, and their welfare are the government's highest priority, because the country progresses,

when they progress. In this context, she mentioned about the Pradhanmantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, Pradhanmantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Svamitva Scheme and urged West Bengal to avail the

benefits of these schemes to increase productivity in respective fields. Smt Sitharaman also traced the journey of West Bengal from being one of the richest States in India in 1960s to a

growth rate of 5.5% in 1993-2000, when the national growth rate was 4.6%. Over the next two decades, the State's growth rate only declined from 4.9% in 2000-2010 to 4.2% in 2010-2010; whereas the country's growth rate increased by 5.5% in the first decade and 5.2% in the second decade of the 21st century, she said. "The annual per capita growth of West Bengal has been lower than the national average for the past two decades," she said. Around 35% of the total revenue of West Bengal was spent on debt servicing and pensions, leaving no fiscal room for the implementation of new

schemes, she added. The Union Finance Minister also pointed out the fact that in the past two decades about 1.1 million workers — both high-end and those at the bottom of the workforce — have migrated out of West Bengal, which was a labour recipient State till 2010, Smt Sitharaman also mentioned about the ailing healthcare infrastructure of the State. She said, despite being given the option like Ayushman Bharat, Bengal has not grabbed the benefits of the scheme. She also lamented saying the people residing in the State have to go elsewhere for good

treatment at low cost. She urged the youths of the state to rise and help in transformation of the State in this sector also. While deliberating on the industrial production status, the Finance Minister said, in 1947, West Bengal shared industrial production at 24%. In 2020-21, it has come down to 3.5% only. She reminisced West Bengal's past history and said, once people imbibed the thought-what Bengal thinks today, India thinks tomorrow. Smt Sitharaman at the end urged the youths to rise and help West Bengal revive its position and help in the process to be a part of the Viksit Bharat by 2047.

Hon'ble Governor inaugurates CHIASHMA 2024 at AIIMS Bhubaneswar

In his first visit Governor Shri Raghubar Das wishes the national institute to be the nation's top institute



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): AIIMS Bhubaneswar has played a pivotal role during COVID pandemic. Youth of the country are in the forefront in fulfilling the true sense of Vikashit Bharat. Also, the young citizen of the nation is playing a significant role in start-up, khelo India and many other youth centric initiatives of Prime Minister of India, said Hon'ble Governor of Odisha Shri Raghubar Das on the occasion of inaugurating the student's fest extravaganza CHIASHMA 2024 at AIIMS Bhubaneswar today evening.

In his first visit to the national institute, Governor Shri Raghubar Das wishes AIIMS Bhubaneswar to be the nation's top medical institution. Shri Das expresses happiness over inclusion of sports, culture and literature like events in CHIASHMA. Amalgamation of students from different institutions of the nation will certainly make this mega event a grand success fulfilling the true sense of unity in diversity, added Hon'ble Governor. Executive Director Dr. Ashutosh Biswas welcomed his excellency Governor of Odisha to the premiere health institute

and conveyed about various successful achievements. Dr. Biswas also welcomed the students coming from other institutions into AIIMS Bhubaneswar and wished a great success of the four days fest. Among others DEAN Dr. P R Mohapatra, MS Dr. Dillip Kumar Parida, Registrar Dr. Debapriya Bandyopadhyay, DDA Rasmi Ranjan Sethy, students Union President Dibyajyoti Panda shared the dais with the Governor. It may be noted here that one of the largest college organized by the students

Association of AIIMS Bhubaneswar will continue till 3rd March. Various institutes of national importance from all over the country have participated in this mega event to uphold their pride in various cultural, literary, sports, gaming and academic competitions. Chiasma also boasts of a rich history of mega stars who have set the stage on fire and this year the Bollywood sensation Mohit Chauhan on 2nd March (Saturday) evening and the wittiest of them all Abhishek Upmanyu on 29th Feb (Thursday) are all set to set the air high.

Folklore honor to Dr. Laxman Sahoo



Cuttack (KCN) :Dr. Laxman Sahoo, Principal of Mahanadi Vihar Women's Degree College, Cuttack, and prominent researcher and columnist, has been honored with Folklore Honor by Kevaliya Sahitya Sansada Cuttack. Dr. Sahoo was felicitated as the best poet in the state-level Chuli Mund Folklore Festival-24, organized by the founder of the Sansada, S. J. Sangram

Keshari Samantharai, and Dilip Routaray, Director of Odia Language Literature and Dr. Prasanna Swaib, Dr. Laxman Sahoo is well known as a successful author and columnist but he is also a successful novelist. His stories have been widely published in the Sunday literature pages of various newspapers and magazines. His story "God is coming" has been translated into

Bengali language and has won the second place in Bengali short story book and has brought fame to Odisha. His novel "Sesa7 Vetii" written in Samaj Sunday Sahitya page is popular with the readers till date. While researching on ancient to modern literature, his written stories, poems, discussion articles and features on current affairs are being published in various magazines and

daily newspapers. His book 'Srastha Srushti Drasta' of Odiya language literature has gained great popularity among students. Earlier, he has received Sri Ganesh Honor, Prabandha Honor, Eminent Educator Honor, Bagmi Speaker Honor, Mayadhar Mansingh Smuti Honor, Columnist-2020 Honor, Wisdom Sarathi Honor, Saraswat Honor-2022 etc. from various institutions.

Lalu Yadav's Wife Rabri Devi, 2 Daughters Get Bail In Land-For-Jobs Case

New Delhi(KCN): A Delhi court on Wednesday granted bail to former Bihar chief minister Rabri Devi and her daughters Misa Bharti and Hema Yadav in the Railways' land-for-jobs case.

Misa Bharti, the eldest of RJD president Lalu Prasad and Rabri Devi's children, is a Rajya Sabha MP from Bihar. Special Judge Vishal Gogne granted relief to the three after the Enforcement Directorate (ED) did not oppose the bail applications. The central probe agency submitted that considering the serious nature of the case, stringent conditions should be imposed on the accused while granting them bail. "Reply has been filed on behalf of ED to the applications for regular bail moved on behalf of accused persons, namely Rabri Devi, Misha



Bharti, Hema Yadav and Hridayanand Chaudhary. The counsel for the ED has adverted to the nature of allegations involving money laundering and submits that the same are grievous in nature and if the court were to consider admitting the accused persons to bail, stringent conditions may be imposed," the judge noted. The counsel for the accused submitted that since the investigating agency did not find it necessary to arrest them during the investigation, there was no plausible

reason for the court to deny them the relief of regular bail now. "It is the apparent scenario that the accused persons were not arrested consciously by the investigating agency. Hence, there is no reason for the court to employ any further stringent standard to speculate whether the accused persons are likely to flee from trial or influence witnesses if they are admitted to regular bail. All bail applications are allowed," the judge said. The judge granted the relief to the accused on a personal bond and

surety bond of ₹ 1 lakh each. He directed them to not leave the country without prior permission of the court and not contact, influence or coerce any person or witnesses connected with the case. "The accused persons shall appear before the court when directed. The accused persons shall inform the ED regarding their mobile phone numbers and address, as well as any change in the same," the judge said and posted the matter for further hearing on March 16, 2024. The judge had on February 9 granted them interim bail after the ED said it needed time to advance arguments on their regular bail applications. The accused appeared before the court after it took cognisance of the ED's charge sheet and issued them summons.

Congress Will Resolve Himachal Crisis Very Soon: Sachin Pilot

Jaipur(KCN): As the Sukhu government in Himachal Pradesh faces threat, Congress leader Sachin Pilot on Wednesday expressed hope that the party will resolve the political crisis in the hill state very soon. Pilot also targeted the BJP-led government at the Centre and said it failed in tackling rising inflation and unemployment. "Our party has appointed observers in Himachal Pradesh...they will talk to everyone and

hopefully the matter will be resolved very soon," he told reporters in Sikar. The Congress-led Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu government in Himachal Pradesh is in crisis triggered by Tuesday's cross-voting by six party MLAs in the Rajya Sabha election for the lone seat from the hill state. Targeting the Centre, Pilot said, "Look at the 10-year report card of the Centre...this government has broken its promises, especially

promises made to farmers and youth." "Only publicity is happening on every front, but on the ground, they have not been able to succeed in matters of inflation and unemployment," he added. The former deputy chief minister claimed that the opposition INDIA bloc is strong and united. He said, "Many people come and go before the elections. This happens before almost every election...but this time the fight is between the

NDA and the INDIA grouping. Our alliance is strong. We have almost finalised seat sharing. We will contest elections on issues and win them." Pilot also targeted the BJP-led Rajasthan government, saying it has not lived up to the expectations. "What we are seeing in the work of this state government is the disagreements among themselves. People have understood that this government will not be able to live up to their expectations," he claimed.

CBI Can Also Arrest Trinamool Strongman Apart From Bengal Cops: Court

Kolkata(KCN): The Calcutta High Court on Wednesday directed that Trinamool Congress leader Shajahan Sheikh, the main accused in sexual atrocities on women and land grabbing at Sandeshkhali, can be arrested by the CBI, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) or the West Bengal Police.

On a request by the state's advocate general, the court clarified its order of February 26 in which it had ordered the arrest of Sheikh by the police authority. A division bench presided by Chief Justice TS Sivagnanam clarified that the court in its February 7 order had only stayed the constitution of a joint

special investigation team (SIT) of the CBI and West Bengal Police by a single bench to probe an attack on ED officials. The division bench directed that it will be "well open to the CBI or the ED also to arrest" the absconding Sheikh, noting that he has been on the run for a substantial

period. ED officials were attacked by a nearly 1,000-member strong mob at Sandeshkhali in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas district on January 5 when they went to search the premises of Sheikh in connection with its probe into an alleged ration distribution scam in the state.

Representatives Of 14 Organisations Meet 5T Chairman



Bhubaneswar(KCN): The office bearers and representatives of 14 organisations on Tuesday

met 5T and Nabin Odisha Chairman Kartik Pandian. They have expressed their gratitude

to the 5T Chairman for resolving their various problems. Earlier, the delegations of

these organizations met the 5T Chairman at Naveen Niwas and apprised him of the

problems of the organisations.

Kartik Pandian brought all these problems to the notice of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and immediately resolved them.

For this, today the organisations' representatives expressed their gratitude to the Chief Minister and 5T Chairman.

Pandian said that the Chief Minister is making efforts to build a new Odisha, a strong Odisha. He requested all to work together towards the creation of this new Odisha of the Chief Minister.

The representatives of organizations that met the 5T Chairman included Meher Samaj, Kulta Samaj, Odisha Kendu Leaf Workers Association, Santha Kabi Bhima Bhoi Trust, Agharia Samaj and Unit IV Masjid Committee.

Live Pangolin Rescued In Nuapada, Six Held



Nuapada(KCN): The joint task force of Odisha-Chhattisgarh Forest Department Officials rescued a live pangolin in Nuapada district and arrested six wildlife criminals. The accused have been identified as Chitman

Hati (56), Duryodhan Majhi (29), Gobandhan Satnami (35), Balasingh Gahir (62), Bablu azhar (24), and Basudev Rohidas (28). Based on an intelligence, the officials conducted a raid in Jhakriguda village under Sinapali range in

Nuapada district and rescued the live pangolin weighing about 11 kg, while the accused persons were dealing it. The pangolin was sent to the District Veterinary Hospital in Nuapada for treatment.

AP'S 'POWER' GAME



Nandapur(KCN): The ongoing border dispute between Odisha and Andhra Pradesh has reached another level as, this time, the neighbouring state is playing spoilsport in supplying electricity to Raipahad village under this block of Koraput district.

According to sources, power discom Tata Power South Odisha Distribution Ltd (TPSODL) has completed all the groundworks for electricity supply to the households of Raipahad and has installed a transformer as well as utility poles. However, Andhra Pradesh's electricity department was quick enough to install all the required infrastructure and supply power to the households of Raipahad spoiling

Odisha's move. Now, the houses of Raipahad have been lit up with power supplied by Andhra. TPSODL has put up utility poles from Dumuriguda to Raipahad and even installed a transformer in the village. However, in a bid to strike a chord with Raipahad villagers, Andhra lost no time and connected the households with power supply before Odisha could do it. This has left the district administration red-faced while the neighbouring state is drawing appreciation from some of the villagers. On the other hand, the villagers and public representatives of Golor panchayat alleged that Raipahad village has been deprived of the benefits of the developmental initiatives as the district

administration and block officials have remained silent. Sources said the non-descript Raipahad village in Golor panchayat under Nandapur block is situated on the border of the neighbouring state. The neighbouring state is frequently straying into the village and trying to wean away the villagers from Odisha by implementing various developmental projects and doling out the benefits of welfare schemes. This has created a dispute between the two states for which the officials of both states had twice held meetings to sort out the issues.

However, Andhra had failed to give any proof of its claim over Raipahad village and agreed to withdraw from the village. It also decided to stop all the

developmental works it was implementing in the village and stopped the power supply that it had started in the village. However, it went back on its promise and resumed power supply to the village much to the chagrin of the district administration and block officials. TPSODL engineer Bikash Choudhury said two project executive engineers of the department visited Raipahad village and supervised the electrification works. They informed us that the power supplied by Andhra should be disconnected first before Odisha could connect the households with power. The state government has awarded houses under Biju Pucca Ghar Yojana to all the households in the village. Some of the villagers have already started building their houses under the scheme. Locals have demanded the district administration and block officials visit their village and resume power supply to their village by disconnecting the supply from the Andhra side.

Mangala Kissan's move throws all off balance

Rourkela(KCN): At a time when political weather is gradually getting hotter with elections drawing closer, Mangala Kissan, one of the political heavyweights of Sundargarh district and a former minister, has blown the election bugle, though odds are heavily pitted against him in Rajgangpur. His move has certainly thrown all off the balance. Political observers, his followers, and adversaries alike feel that Mangala may not be the party nominee from the prestigious Rajgangpur constituency this time. Mangala, an associate of late Biju Patnaik, is 76 and, his health is not on his side. These two reasons have made all believe that BJD might think otherwise while deciding candidate for the Rajgangpur seat



this time. However, even his detractors admire Mangala's indomitable spirit. "He belongs to the Kissan tribe who are known for their fighting spirit. They don't give up easily," said one of Mangala's detractors. Recently Mangala was given a royal welcome at the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) workers' meet where a large number of party supporters from Kutra, Lathikata, Rajgangpur, and party members of Rajgangpur urban local body were present. He, as

usual, urged his followers to put up a strong fight for the seat and wrest it back from Congress. He also gave them the 'mantra' for the election and how to execute it. What was more intriguing was the presence of Anil Kissan, his elder son. Everybody was astonished when Anil accompanied his father to the meeting. This was certainly interesting in the backdrop of the rising number of aspirants in the party, and factors against Mangala. One of his critics said, "Why should he be given the ticket

when he lost last time and his health is not supporting him."

However, Anil's presence was surprising as the discussions revolved around Mangala's younger son Sunil. This has certainly given an entirely new turn to the rumour mill. When asked, Anil said, "I came here after I got a call to attend the function. I will carry out with dedication whatever duty the party assigns me and also give it a proper conclusion." He ducked more questions. Meanwhile, Mangala was more politically correct, when he asked whether Anil was his political heir apparent. "Whoever becomes the candidate by our high command Naveen Babu, we will accept him and ensure his victory," he said.



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Innovative Internship in Academic Curriculum can enhance employability at graduate & higher level of Education

Kolkata (PARTHA ROY): The new National Education Policy has opened up wide range of opportunity for innovation in educational methodology, as well as for educational institutions, faculty and students. National Education Policy opened opportunity for academia - Industry collaboration. A symposium on "Connecting Academia and Industry through Internship" was organised by Calcutta Chamber of Commerce in association with Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal on 24th February 2024 in Kolkata. This was unique chamber led initiative to deliberate on various options available to

corporates, educational institutions faculties, students under new National Education Policy (NEP) to prepare youths of India with focus on West Bengal for wide range of professions from entrepreneurship to committed employees of large corporates including Research and Development. The symposium was attended by Mr. Manish Jain, IAS Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education & School Education, Govt. of West Bengal (Chief Guest), Mr. Hari Mohan Bangur Managing Director, Shree Cement Ltd., Prof. Saibal Chatterjee, Director-In-charge, Indian Institute of



Management, Kolkata, Mr. Sajan Bhajanka Chairman, Century Plyboards (India) Ltd (Special guests). Mr. Rudra Chatterjee Managing Director Luxmi Tea Co. Pvt. Ltd. was keynote speaker during inaugural session while Prof. Dhruvajyoti Chattopadhyay, Vice Chancellor, Sister Nivedita University was keynote speaker during Business

session. Rudra Chatterjee during his address mentioned Employers /Corporate houses need to have open mind while inducting interns in various work functions in their organisation as well as nurture and reward creativity of interns so that interns can

productively contribute during their internship. Mr. Chatterjee suggested building healthy working relationship with interns including inculcation of sense of pride as well as happy learning experience for interns. Mr. Bangur suggested using of interns productively by giving

freedom to interns to express their thoughts & ideas to find solutions to various issues/problems. Mr. Sajan Bhajanka suggested transforming internship into memorable learning experience will facilitate interns to perform better when inducted in regular workforce in corporate houses.

While addressing the symposium Mr. Manish Jain mentioned West Bengal Government is open to facilitate innovation in education and training methodology across wide spectrum of subjects involving arts, science, technology to prepare youths of the

State to face evolving challenges in future as well as productively & sustainably engage in various work-functions where innovative Internship methods can enrich both academic & practical learning experiences of the students. Enriched & successful Internship experience of the students will enhance employability of the students after completion of academic program.

Prof. Dhruvajyoti Chattopadhyay mentioned Internship will provide young students with opportunity for self-discovery.

Shri K. K. Kejriwal past

President of Calcutta Chamber of Commerce played important role in organising the symposium when academic curriculum and educational landscape undergoing fastpaced evolution with implementation of new National Education Policy. Calcutta Chamber of Commerce lead path breaking initiative will go long way to promote academia - industry collaboration not only in West Bengal but across the country and will promote academia - industry cooperation and collaboration, significantly benefiting the society at large.

The French Institute in India, in collaboration with Apeejay Trust, announced "Divan Staliner" as the winner of the Romain Rolland Book Prize

Kolkata, (KCN): The French Institute in India, in collaboration with Apeejay Trust, announced that "Divan Staliner", Pankaj Kumar Chatterjee's translation of Jean-Daniel Baltassat's Stalin's Couch, has won this year's Romain Rolland Book Prize. This Bengali translation has been published by New Bharat Sahitya Kutir.

Established in 2017, the Romain Rolland Book Prize awards the finest translation of a French title into any Indian language, including English. The prize aims to promote and acknowledge the efforts of Indian translators and publishers but also nurtures a love for literature that transcends boundaries. This is the second time that a Bengali title has received the prestigious award, following the translation of Kamel Daoud's Meursault, contre-enquête as "Myorso Birudhyo Saksho" by Trinanjan Chakraborty, and published in 2022 by Patra Bharati.

This year's winning title was originally published in French as Le Divan de Staline. It was longlisted for the prestigious Goncourt Prize in 2013 and later adapted for the cinema by Fanny Ardant, with Gérard Depardieu playing Stalin. Jean-Daniel Baltassat imagines the intimate life of the Soviet ruler, and far from rehabilitating Stalin as being tender and affable, portrays him as a cruel and ruthless man who evokes terror and demands submission. He approaches Stalin as a writer with a remarkable evocative

power, where imagination takes over from historical truth. Mr. Emmanuel Lebrun-Damiens, Counsellor for Education, Science and Culture, Embassy of France, and the Director of the French Institute in India, said: "Jean-Daniel Baltassat belongs to a tradition of French writers excelling in the art of historical fiction. With the Romain Rolland Translation Prize, we aim to bring contemporary French literature to the forefront, and award the efforts made by Indian publishers and translators to make these works available in India."

The winning publisher will be invited by the French Institute in India to the Paris Book Market in May 2024 and the winning translator will be invited to the Paris Book Fair in April 2024. Expressing his happiness, translator Pankaj Kumar Chatterjee said: "I am delighted as my first translation from French into Bengali has been honoured with the Romain Rolland Book Prize. I am grateful to the French Institute in India for their support during the past two years - from arranging funds under PAP Tagore programme to my selection as the awardee. I expect that more and more French books would be translated into Bengali. I promise to do so."

Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India registers 3, 53,188 unit sales

Gurugram: Noting a positive upward movement during the month, Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India today announced its sales numbers for May 2022.

The company's total sales for the month stood at 3,53,188 with 3,20,844 domestic sales and 32,344 exports compared to the subdued market performance for same period last year amidst multiple lockdowns owing to impact from second wave of pandemic.

Commenting on the sales performance in May '22, Mr. Atsushi Ogata, Managing Director, President & CEO, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India said, "The market is gaining back strength as disturbances in terms of supply side are subsiding coupled with rise in physical presence at office and educational institutions. The sales figures this month remain incomparable from May '21 as frequent lockdowns in wake of second wave marred the performance during this period last year. Growth in domestic as well as international trade continues to complement each other as we approach an early monsoon."

TVS Motor Company registers sales of 302,982 units

Hosur: TVS Motor Company sales was at 302,982 units in May 2022. The year-on-year growth is not comparable due to the low base of sales in May 2021 because of the localised lockdown imposed by the Government of India during that period.

Two-Wheeler Total two-wheelers sales grew from 154,416 units in May 2021 to 287,058 units in May 2022. Domestic two-wheeler sales grew from 52,084 units in May 2021 to 191,482 units in May 2022.

Motorcycle sales grew from 125,188 units in May 2021 to 148,560 units in May 2022. Scooter sales of the Company grew from 19,627 units in May 2021 to 100,665 units in May 2022.

The shortage in the supply of semiconductors has impacted the production and sales of

premium two-wheelers. We are working aggressively with alternate sources and taking every effort to improve supplies at the earliest. Some improvement has been seen this month. We are optimistic that volumes will revive to normal levels once the semiconductor supplies improve.

The Company's total exports registered sales of 110,245 units in May 2022 as against 114,674 units in May 2021. Two-wheeler exports recorded sales of 95,576 units in May 2022 as against 102,332 units in May 2021.

Three-wheeler of the Company grew by 28% from 12,473 units in May 2021 to 15,924 units in May 2022.

The domestic two-wheeler sales include TVS iQube Electric sales of 2,637 units in May 2022.

Largest Fleet of Electric Lithium-Ion Forklifts

New Delhi: Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, has commissioned India's largest electric fleet of 27 forklifts, powered by lithium-ion batteries. Done in partnership with GEAR (Gemini Equipment and Rentals Private Limited) India, this sets the ball rolling on Vedanta

Aluminium's plan to decarbonize its industrial vehicle fleet. All 27 forklifts arrived last month and are being operationalised at the company's aluminium smelter at Jharsuguda, in Odisha, which is the world's largest single-location aluminium smelter, ex-China. Further, as testimony to its endeavours towards

increasing gender diversity in core manufacturing operations, Vedanta Aluminium is recruiting and training women to operate these top-of-the-line forklifts. The company has previously hired transgender employees as forklift operators in its aluminium operations at BALCO in Chhattisgarh.

These electric forklifts make use of the cutting-edge 'Smart Fleet Management' system to help ensure the highest levels of safety at site. The Smart Fleet Management system uses IOT (Internet of Things) technology to integrate the data collected by intelligent terminals and provide

Vedanta Aluminium insights on a real-time basis with respect to forklift speed, access to operate, collision avoidance, optimization analysis for operational efficiency and equipment maintenance, among others.

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