

Bhubaneswar Reverberates with Spiritual Splendor: Maharshi Mahesh Yogi's 107th Birth Anniversary Celebration Takes Center Stage



Bhubaneswar (KCN): The 107th birth anniversary celebration of the globally renowned scientist, philosopher and meditation pioneer Maharsi Mahesh Yogi unfolded at the Buddha temple meeting hall in Kharvel Nagar, Bhubaneswar.

This grand event recognized globally as Jnan Yuga Day since

January 12, 1972, turned the city into a hub of excitement as dignitaries, scholars and devoted followers came together to honour the revered Maharsi Mahesh Yogi. The air was charged with spiritual energy as the ceremony kicked off with the soul-stirring Vedic recitation by Pandit Divakar and

Jatadhari setting a sublime tone for the proceedings. At the helm of the festivities was Dr. Pabitra Mohan Samantray, one of the prime disciples of Maharsi Mahesh Yogi orchestrating various activities that added to the auspiciousness of the celebration. The ceremonial lighting of

the lamp by esteemed dignitaries further elevated the spiritual atmosphere. Prominent figures including Chief Guest former MLA and ex-state Housing Board Chairman Priyadarshi Mishra expressed profound admiration for Maharsi's extraordinary contributions to human welfare. The program

featured illuminating speeches by Vijayananda Mishra, State coordinator, and senior Transcendental Meditation teacher Raghunath Mishra, providing profound insights into the life and teachings of Maharsi Mahesh Yogi. This commemorative event served as a tribute to Maharsi's profound

impact on education and Vedic science, producing scholars and experts recognized both nationally and internationally. The special presence of senior Transcendental Meditation teacher Murali Sahu, senior journalist Sanjay Das, Vijay Das, eminent artist Pradyumna Das, distinguished labour leader Satyabrata Nayak,

prominent social worker Lokanath Das along with numerous followers added immense significance to the celebration. The program was moderated beautifully by senior Transcendental Meditation teacher Manoranjan Mishra. The 107th birth anniversary celebration of Maharsi Mahesh Yogi not only marked a momentous occasion but also underscored the enduring impact of his teachings on meditation and Vedic science. This event serves as a living testament to his legacy, resonating globally in the pursuit of knowledge and spiritual enlightenment. Vote of thanks given by TM & Yoga Coordinator Ashok Kumar sahoo.

Fog Alert Issued For Several Odisha Districts



Bhubaneswar (KCN): Winter chill is back across Odisha. Shallow to moderate fog has occurred at one or two places in Odisha with dense fog at one or two places over Kandhamal and Ganjam districts. In its mid-day bulletin, the IMD mentioned, "Minimum temperatures observed appreciable fall at one or two places over the districts of South Interior Odisha and no large change at elsewhere over the districts of Odisha. They were appreciably below normal at one or two places, appreciably above normal at a few places over the districts

of Interior Odisha, below normal at one or two places, above normal at one or two places and normal at elsewhere over the districts of Odisha." Temperature forecast: No large change likely in Minimum (night) temperature at many places over the districts of Odisha during next 4 to 5 days. The highest maximum temperature of 31.4°C was recorded at Paralakhemundi and the lowest minimum temperature of 8.7°C was recorded at Rourkela in the plains of Odisha. Weather forecast and warning in Odisha

districts for next two days:

For Sunday (Valid up to 0830 hrs IST of 15.01.2024)

Dry weather is very likely to prevail over the districts of Odisha.

Shallow to moderate fog is very likely to occur at a few places over the districts of Coastal Odisha and one or two places over the districts of Interior Odisha.

Yellow Warning: Dense fog is likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Sundargarh, Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Cuttack, Khurda, Puri, Nayagarh, Ganjam, Kandhamal, Kalahandi and Koraput.

For Monday (Valid from 0830 hrs IST of 15.01.2024 to 0830 hrs IST of 16.01.2024)

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Delhi's Air Quality 'Severe' Again

Delhi (KCN): The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) on Sunday reimposed restrictions under the stage-3 of anti-pollution measures GRAP, banning all non-essential construction

work and plying of BS-III petrol and BS-IV diesel vehicles in Delhi-NCR, the air quality in the national capital and NCR returned severe again. "CAQM Sub-Committee for operationalization of GRAP called on an emergency meeting today morning in view of sudden deterioration of air quality of Delhi-NCR from last evening. The Sub-Committee decides to invoke 8 point action plan as per Stage-III of revised GRAP in the entire NCR with immediate effect," the panel said. Delhi continued to reel

under severe cold conditions as the minimum temperature dropped to 3.5 degrees Celsius – this winter's lowest – and a thick layer of fog was seen in several parts of the city, weather officials said. This was a marginal dip from Saturday's 3.6 degrees Celsius and Friday's 3.9 degrees Celsius – both of which were the season's lowest on the day. Delhi's minimum temperature recorded on Sunday was four notches below the season's average, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD). This is the

policy of President Dr Mohamed Muizzu and that of this administration," he said. Maldives and India have set up a high-level core group to negotiate the withdrawal of troops.

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The meeting was also attended by Indian High Commissioner Munu Mahawar, the report said. Nazim confirmed the meeting and said the agenda for the meeting was the request to withdraw troops by March 15. The Indian government did not immediately confirm the media report or comment on it. Soon after taking oath as



the President of Maldives November 17 last year, Muizzu, who is regarded as a pro-China leader, formally requested India to withdraw its military personnel from his country, saying the Maldivian people have given him a "strong mandate" to make this request to New Delhi. The request for the withdrawal of Indian military personnel comes amid a row between the two nations in the backdrop of derogatory comments posted by three deputy ministers of the Muizzu government against Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Muizzu suspended the three ministers after their social media postings, which stirred concern in India and calls for a boycott by Indian tourists who ranked highest in numbers followed by Russia. Chinese tourists figured third. During his just-concluded state visit to

China, Muizzu sought to align Maldives closer to Beijing.

Speaking to the press on Saturday after returning from China, President Muizzu indirectly attacked India.

Without naming any country, he said, "We may be small, but that doesn't give you the license to bully us."

He also announced plans to reduce the country's dependency on India, including securing imports of essential food commodities and medicine and consumables from other countries.

"We aren't in anyone's backyard. We are an independent and sovereign state," he said, addressing the reporters gathered at the Velana International Airport.

Maldives asks India to withdraw troops by March 15

Male (KCN): Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu has asked India to withdraw its military personnel from his country by March 15, a senior official here said Sunday, nearly two months after Male sought their removal. According to the latest government figures, there are 88 Indian military personnel in the Maldives.

In a press briefing, Abdulla Nazim Ibrahim, the public policy secretary at the President's Office, said that President Muizzu has formally asked India to withdraw its military personnel by March 15, the SunOnline newspaper reported. "Indian military personnel cannot stay in the Maldives. This is the

policy of President Dr Mohamed Muizzu and that of this administration," he said. Maldives and India have set up a high-level core group to negotiate the withdrawal of troops. The group held its first meeting at the Foreign Ministry Headquarters in Male' on Sunday morning.

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Odisha Focuses On Farm Mechanisation, Crop Diversification: Minister Ashok Panda

Bhubaneswar(KCN): In a significant stride towards empowering women in agriculture and fostering agricultural innovation, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed today between the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), Mission Shakti, and the Director of Agriculture & Food Production. This momentous occasion took place on the 2nd day of Krishi Odisha 2024, a flagship event organized by the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of Odisha, in association with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

On the evening session, Minister for Science and

Technology Mr. Ashok Panda said, "After the super cyclone of 1999, there have been many changes in Odisha. The budget size of the state has increased from Rs 11,000 crore to Rs 2,30,000 crore. Odisha focuses on farm mechanisation, crop diversification. Odisha has now become the most happening state of the country. The state has become an example in disaster management. He said that organizations like the United Nations have praised Odisha in the field of disaster management and food management.

He called upon the farmers to understand the technology and machinery displayed in Krishi Odisha 2024 and use them properly in farming.

Hon'ble Minister of



Women & Child Development Department, Smt. Basanti Hembram, emphasized the indispensable role of women farmers in the development of both the

state and the country's agriculture sector. She stated, "Without women farmers, our state, as well as the country's development in the agriculture sector, could

not be imagined."

Chief Secretary, IAS, Mr. Pradeep Jena, expressed the vital importance of women's participation in agriculture for its

development. He urged farmers to scale up their produce, transforming themselves into agri-entrepreneurs and every Self-Help Group (SHG) into a Micro, Small, and

Medium Enterprises (MSME) unit. "I hope our Mission Shakti Program becomes a role model for the country," he added.

The event witnessed the recognition of 30 SHG groups at Krishi Odisha 2024, further highlighting the outstanding achievements of these agricultural entities.

To commemorate this landmark event, two coffee table books, namely "Mission Shakti" and "Mukhya Mantri Krishi Yojana," were unveiled, providing a comprehensive overview of the initiatives and achievements under these impactful programs.

Under Mission Shakti, approximately 70 lakh women are actively participating, marking a

transformative era for female entrepreneurs in agriculture. The Chief Minister's Mission Shakti Yojana has empowered mothers with enhanced efficiency and stability, providing them with a unique identification as entrepreneurs. The integration of advanced agricultural technologies has resulted in the production of a diverse range of value-added products, including Strawberry, Dragon fruit, pickles, Ginger, turmeric, vegetables, Rice, Sugarcane, and more.

With a total of 250 stalls, including 218 indoor and 32 outdoor stalls, Krishi Odisha 2024 continues to serve as a platform for knowledge exchange, innovation, and collaboration in the agricultural sector.

Ashwini Vaishnaw Lays Foundation Stone For 4G Mobile Tower In Mayurbhanj Village



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways, Communications and Electronics & IT, Government of India laid the foundation stone

for installation of 4G Mobile Tower at Manatapal Village under Betnoti Block in Mayurbhanj district on 13th January 2024 as part of 4G Saturation Project

using indigenous 4G Technology stack under Atmanirbhar Bharat initiatives of Government of India.

About 94 mobile towers in Mayurbhanj district

which will benefit the local citizens for digital connectivity. Better data communication facilities will provide many opportunities including employment generation, access to online services, digital inclusion and empowerment of common people.

It may be noted that the first time any minister visited Manatapal, a remotely located village. Local villagers were enthralled over this act of Ashwini Vaishnaw. These Santhal and Odia villagers thanked Hon'ble PM and Hon'ble Minister for considering their welfare.

Paradip Cocaine Seizure: Detained Crew Member Jumps Into Sea, Rescued



Paradip(KCN): In another event following the seizure of cocaine worth Rs 220 crore from a cargo in Paradip, a detained crew member jumps into sea after allegedly slitting his hand.

Following this act, officials rescued and admitted the accused to Port hospital.

Meanwhile, it is not clear whether the crew member

attempted suicide or it was an escape bid. Notably, in the biggest drug haul in Odisha, customs

officials, on Friday, seized 22 kg of cocaine —estimated to be worth around Rs 220 crore in the

international market — from a container ship at Paradip Port in Jagatsinghpur district. The cargo ship arrived in Paradip from Indonesia and was about to depart to Denmark.

Different agencies like police, excise, customs and directorate of revenue intelligence have been seizing brown sugar and ganja at regular intervals in the state.

Corporate Doubles Competition-2024



Bhubaneswar(KCN): We are delighted to announce that the "Corporate Doubles Competition-2024" will be held on 13th January 2024 at the Indoor Sports Complex (U-I) in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. This tournament will be organized by the Delhi-based sports event

Consulting Pvt.Ltd., in collaboration with the state-level Badminton Association of Odisha (OSBA). Five Visions Consulting, sports Event Company based in Delhi, has recently started its operations in Odisha. It has been involved in sports management and promotion in different

states of India since 2013. The objective of this tournament is to bring together well-known State & Central Government organisations, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and Private sectors.

The tournament will feature Men's Doubles with a best of 3 set format, with 21 points as the deciding point. 16 teams from Central and State Governments, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), Banking, Insurance, Food and Drug Control, Automobiles, IT Sectors, etc. will take part in this one-day knockout competition. AD9 Group will be the main sponsor, IQEMS will be the



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Did You Find Shahid Kapoor-Kriti Sanon's 'Laal Peeli Akhiyaan' Similar To Ranbir-Deepika's Badtameez Dil?



While Shahid Kapoor and Kriti Sanon have set the stage on fire with a groovy track, 'Laal Peeli Akhiyaan', fans have been quick to draw similarities from the iconic dance number 'Badtameez

Dil'.

Taking to the comment section of the song, fans compared it to Ranbir Kapoor and Deepika Padukone's banger. One fan commented, "Why does everything look

like Badtamiz Dil from YJHD?" Another fan said, "Doesn't it look like batamiz dil song season 2?" A third fan mentioned, "Kriti's look is similar to Deepika from the

#LaalPeeliAkhiyaan is out now." Sung by Romy and Tanishk, with lyrics by Neeraj Rajawat, the song is a perfect blend of rhythm and lyrics. And one more fan simply wrote, "Recreate Badtameez Dil."

Marking Shahid's return to the dance floor after nearly a decade, the song also portrays the fresh chemistry between Shahid and Kriti. Taking to Instagram, Shahid treated fans to the full song video. Sharing the video, he wrote, "Shake the whole world today... C a u s e #LaalPeeliAkhiyaan is

an absolute banger! Its beats will make you hit the dance floor instantly. Shahid's infectious energy is definitely the highlight of the song... can't wait to see people groove to this one!"

The trailer is all set to arrive on 18th January. The film 'Teri Baton Mein Aisa Ulja Jiya' is written and directed by Amit Joshi and Aradhana Sah. Dinesh Vijan, Jyoti Deshpande, and Laxman Utekar have produced it. The film will be out in theatres on February 9.

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

Raghuraaman, 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. "Equal 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



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 demon 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

Income from House Property Part 2



Adv. Narayan Jain & CA Dilip Loyalka

(Contd from 8th Jan 2024)

Some other cases, where income has been held to be assessable under the head 'Income from House Property':

(1) Assessee having object of manufacturing food articles and selling them. But for the time being it let out the property which is to be used for manufacturing of food. The rent received is assessable under the head house property - Sheetal Khurana (P) Ltd. v. ITAT [2011] 335 ITR 1 (P&H).

(2) Rent from long term lease of a hotel building is to be apportioned between rent for letting out of building and rent for furniture. Building rent is assessable under the head house property and

rent from letting of furniture under the head income from other sources - Batar Gulati Hotels v. ITO 9 ITR (Trib.) 345 (Mum.).

(3) Rent from Letting out a building with electrical fittings, water closets and Lift facility is assessable under the head house property - CIT v. Indian Metal & Metallurgical Corporation [1995] 215 ITR 424, 429 (Mad).

(4) Rental income during construction period of a hotel business is assessable as income from House Property - CIT v. Hotel Ratanada International (P) Ltd. [2007] 293 ITR 557 (Raj.).

(5) Company formed with an object of developing real estate. It constructed commercial

complex and received rent therefrom. Income from rent is assessable under the head house property - CIT v. Ideal Garden Complex (P) Ltd. [2012] 340 ITR 609 (Mad.).

(6) Income derived from shopping complex by letting out shops to various tenants with inseparable ancillary services is assessable partly as income from house property and partly as income from business - Attukal Shopping Complex (P) Ltd. v. CIT [2002] 178 CTR (Ker.) 469 : 125 Taxman 881 (Ker.).

(7) Annual value of a property is liable to be charged to income tax even in a case where the property is mortgaged and no income is derived from it - S. Ujjannappa v. CIT [2002] 255 ITR 455 (Kar.) : 123 Taxman 422 (Kar.).

(8) Rent from superstructure built on leasehold land and the assessee- lessee has raised the construction over the leasehold land and he is also entitled to sell, mortgage or transfer the property during the lease period as per the terms of the lease, he is

the deemed owner of the property and the rental income of the said property is assessable as income from the house property- CIT v. Estate of Omprakash Jhunjhunwala [2002] 254 ITR 152 (Cal) : 124 Taxman 111 (Cal).

(9) Where theatre was given on hire as per Court's order, rent received for such hiring was assessable as 'Income from House Property' - CIT v. M. S. Menon [2002] 254 ITR 462 (Mad.).

(10) Rent from leasing out of factory, land & building after discontinuing manufacturing activity is income from house property - ACIT v. T & R Welding Products (India) Ltd. [2011] 8 ITR (Trib.) 181 (Chen).

(11) Where assessee lets out the property when his business has come to a close or when he intends to close his business, income from letting out is to be taxed under the head house property - CIT v. New India Industries Ltd. [1993] 201 ITR 208 (Guj.).

(12) Where rent and infrastructure support

fee are separately charged by mall owners rent is taxable under the head Income from House Property and Fees from Infrastructure support service is taxable as business income - ACIT v. Ruchi Malls Pvt. Ltd [T S - 1115 - I T A T - 2021 (DEL)].

(13) Some cases, where income has been held not to be assessable under the head "Income from House Property" are given hereunder:

(1) Rent from vaults for storage of films - CIT v. National Storage (P) Ltd. [1967] 66 ITR 596 (SC).

(2) Income from shops given in Mall with limited rights in Mall management and business center charges is income from business and profession- PFH Mall and Retail Management Ltd. v. ITO [2008] 298 ITR (AT) 371 (Cal.), Commissioner of Income-tax v. Oberon Edifices & Estates (P) Ltd. [2019] 103 taxmann.com 413 (Kerala), CIT v. Prestige Estate Projects (P) Ltd. [2020] 116 taxmann.com 554 (Karnataka).

(3) Rent from furnished accommodation - Sultan Bros v. CIT [1964] 51 ITR 353 (SC) and CIT v. Bosotto Bros. Ltd. [1940] 8 ITR 41 (Mad).

(4) Rent from paying guest accommodation - Manohar Singh v. CIT [1965] 58 ITR 592 (Pun).

(5) Income from letting out the surplus of the non-factory buildings including godown - CIT v. Ajmera Industries Pvt. Ltd. [1976] 103 ITR 245 (Cal).

(6) Warehousing charges received for storing goods in warehouse is assessable as business Income - ACIT v. Popat Jamal & Sons [2009] 313 ITR (AT) 238 (Kar.); Vikram Golecha v. DCIT [2009] 319 ITR (AT) 22 (Jai.); Haryana Warehousing Corporation v. ACIT [2010] 328 ITR 23 (P&H).

(7) Rent from residential quarters for employees - Jamshedpur Engineering Machine Mfg. Co. Ltd. v. CIT [1957] 32 ITR 41 (Pat), Rohtas Industries Ltd. v. CIT [1961] 41 ITR 524 (Pat), CIT v. Delhi Cloth & General Mills Co. Ltd. [1966] 59 ITR 152 (Pun).

(8) Rent from letting out of lodging house with amenities or hotel held to be business income - CIT v. Shanmugham [1984] 147 ITR 692 (Mad); CIT v. Mohiddin Hotels (P) Ltd. 200 CTR (Bom.) 329.

(9) Rent received from letting out of portion of paper mill for setting up Bank, Post office, Police Station, Central Excise office, Railway staff quarters in a way to facilitate assessee's own business income - CIT v. Information Technology Park Ltd. [2014] 369 ITR 460/ 225 Taxman 26/ 47 taxmann.com 239 (Kar.); PCIT v. Khivraj Motors Pvt Ltd. (2020) 118 taxmann.com 224 (Mad).

(10) Service charges received from tenants are liable to be assessed as "income from other sources" and not "income from house property" - Tarapore & Co. v. CIT [2002] 125 Taxman 446 (Mad.).

(11) Letting out of Kutch Plinths on open land is not letting out of house property though there is a house on the land as what is covered by the expression "appurtenant" is the land which is necessary for enjoyment of the building and not the land only-

Gowardhan Das & Sons v. CIT [2007] 288 ITR 481 (P & H), Sudhir Nagpal v. ITO [2012] 349 ITR 636 (P&H).

(12) Rent from letting out building with amenities in software technology park is assessable as business income - CIT v. Information Technology Park Ltd. [2014] 369 ITR 460/ 225 Taxman 26/ 47 taxmann.com 239 (Kar.); PCIT v. Khivraj Motors Pvt Ltd. (2020) 118 taxmann.com 224 (Mad.).

(13) Where assessee having obtained a property on lease, constructed various shops and stalls on it and gave same to various persons on sub-licensing basis, since assessee was not engaged in systematic or organized activity of providing service to occupiers of shops/stalls, Income from sub-licensing was to be taxed as income from house property and not as business income - Raj Dadarkar & Associates v. ACIT [2017] 81 taxmann.com 193 (SC). (Contd.)

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Makar is the best festival of Sankranti

Dr. Laxman Sahoo

Twelve transitions in twelve months. Among them, Makar Sankranti is a unique festival for Indians. Because among all Sankrantis, its significance and importance is not only in India but also outside India. So it is recognized as an all-India festival as well as globally. For example, Romans and Jews like Indians have been seen celebrating this festival with great joy. More than other regions of India, this festival is preferred as the best festival in South India. There Makar Sankranti festival is called Pongal. So instead of celebrating Makar Sankranti festival, Pongal festival is the best of South Indians.

According to astrology, Sun enters Capricorn sign on Makar Sankranti day. Makar Sankranti is considered as the first day of the month of Makar according to solar calculation. Sankranti is the day of Sun's transition or movement from one sign to another sign. On the day of Makar Sankranti, the Sun gradually moves from Sagittarius to Capricorn. From this day, the northward movement of the sun begins. It can be easily said that the sun moves

to one horizon at each conjunction and stays in it for a month. Therefore, on the day of Makar Sankranti, the sun rises and comes to the sign of Makar. On this day, the sun travels to the north and settles for six months, so all auspicious activities such as marriages, vows, marriage ceremonies, houses, and the establishment of temples are held.

It is considered as a holy or auspicious day due to the northward movement of the sun. At this time Suyya worship is performed for abhista siddhi. There is a saying in Odia that 'Days are longer than Makar', which means that from this day onwards, the days grow bigger and bigger. The brightness of the sun also shines from this day. Goddess Sankranti killed Shankarasura on this tithi. Hindus have been believing that those who die during the northward movement of the sun get heaven. Hindus worship the sun, the source of light and life, on this day as the sun moves northward from Makar Sankranti. And in some places Shiva is worshiped on this day. Some worship both Shiva and Surya on this day. It is believed that during the full period of Makar Sankranti, one gets rid of all sins if one takes a bath in the river, pool, and gazes at the sun early in the morning. Of course, the tradition of corn fairs, sadhusangs and festivals in sacred places like Sarovar, river banks, Mahodhi Thiru

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has continued till date. On this day, a huge fair is held at the famous Gangesgar. Many pious people take a dip in the Ganges on this day in the hope of recovery.

On the day of Makar Sankranti, Gudi Uda competition is organized in many places. It is believed that a person who dies during this period gets a place in Vishnu Lok. On this auspicious day, one of the 12 journeys of Lord Sree Jagannath is performed. On this day, after the auspiciousness of Lord Srijagannath Mahaprabhu and the relaxation policy, after wearing the planks of Sri Jivas, Makarchula is placed in Trimundi. After that, the body of Srigrahas grows by being attached to Karpura. After Gopalballabh and Morning Doom Niti, milam, Mahasnan, sarbang, new clothes, malachu, 6 idols and ornaments are added, Makrabesh is added. With the sound of bells, umbrellas, kahali patua, haribol, and the hand of the chief (servant), the joy comes from the kitchen to Shricham. During the Vogtara Vogpuja, the Dhakpala Sahibani principle is performed after the cloth tied in front of the inner black hat door of the shrine is tied to prevent public entry. After the water falls into the pothole, usually the people are removed and the place where the pot is grown is washed and cleaned, then the earth is tied. In this, coconut, ghee, sweets, spices and milk are brought from the warehouse to the kitchen to prepare the corn. Pots, pots, etc. are decorated. Sudu Suvar Servant prepares corn and rice in every

are produced in the agricultural fields, so the farmers offer new grains to the sun during the fullness of the maize harvest.

Especially on the day of Makar Sankranti, many principles of Nath Jagannath are performed. On this day, after the auspiciousness of Lord Srijagannath Mahaprabhu and the relaxation policy, after wearing the planks of Sri Jivas, Makarchula is placed in Trimundi. After that, the body of Srigrahas grows by being attached to Karpura. After Gopalballabh and Morning Doom Niti, milam, Mahasnan, sarbang, new clothes, malachu, 6 idols and ornaments are added, Makrabesh is added. With the sound of bells, umbrellas, kahali patua, haribol, and the hand of the chief (servant), the joy comes from the kitchen to Shricham. During the Vogtara Vogpuja, the Dhakpala Sahibani principle is performed after the cloth tied in front of the inner black hat door of the shrine is tied to prevent public entry. After the water falls into the pothole, usually the people are removed and the place where the pot is grown is washed and cleaned, then the earth is tied. In this, coconut, ghee, sweets, spices and milk are brought from the warehouse to the kitchen to prepare the corn. Pots, pots, etc. are decorated. Sudu Suvar Servant prepares corn and rice in every

Makarvog offered by Srijiu. According to Hinduism, seeing Jagannath on this Makar Sankranti day leads to Rajasuya Yajna. It is believed that the devotee who visits the Lord and circumambulates the Bebadha according to the rules, will be released with benefits.

In the northern part of Odisha, especially in Mayurbhanj and Keonjhar districts, Makar Yatra is a major festival of tribals. The people of Kudumi community living in this area celebrate this festival as Tusu Parya. Before and after Makar Sankranti different

types of Banjans are prepared in everyone's house on different days. Everyone wears new clothes on this festival. The tribals celebrate this festival with great joy through dancing and feasting. The song of Makar festival is very touching. Makar yatra is celebrated for a longer period in the plateau region than in the Odisha plains. Almost every tribal group celebrates this festival. During this time, the tribal areas come alive with mock dances in the joy of traveling fairs. In their tradition Makarayatra is a festival of affection, love and

goodwill. In fact, this festival is not only in Odisha, farmers in Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Bengal and Odisha in India celebrate Makar festival for two or three days. It has already been pointed out that in South India it is known as Pongal and elsewhere as Vogi ??festival. From this day, the New Year begins in the south. This festival is celebrated in the South for three days with great fanfare.

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Letter to Editor

Sir

Right from time immemorial bridges have changed history and the life of mankind and the whole world. Bridges no wonder allow for safe and efficient travel over water, valleys, and other obstacles. Bridges reduce travel time, improve transportation options and provide access to inaccessible areas besides they are the paths to progress and prosperity. The nation is now witness to a number of huge and long bridges connecting hitherto inaccessible areas and providing excellent ways of transportation and communication. Some of the bridges which significantly changed the geography and life of the people in recent years are the Dhola-Sadiya 9.15-kilometer-long bridge in Assam which spans the Brahmaputra River, the 4.94 km Bogibeel road and rail bridge located in Assam, the Chenab rail Bridge - the highest in the world - expected to function soon, the upcoming Pamban Sea rail bridge, the Bandra - worli- sea link and now the very long six-lane trans-harbour 21.8 km long Atal setu sea-link bridge which is sure to change the history and geography of Mumbai. Why not a bridge connecting India and Sri Lanka? During 2002-2004 Peace accord, the then Prime Minister, Ranil Wickremesinghe, came with such a proposal - the Palk Strait Bridge - a 23-kilometre road and rail bridge along with a tunnel connecting Indias Dhanushkodi with Talaimannar on the Sri Lankan side. In 2023 too both nations agreed to conduct a feasibility study for a proposed bridge connecting India and Sri Lanka. The bridge if it materialises can stupendously enhance trade, tourism, and overall connectivity between the two countries. It would economically boost both the nations. With latest technology and India now showcasing its remarkable skills in building engineering marvels, the bridge can become a reality.

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Professor Dinabandhu Sahoo receiving Top Sustainability Laureate Award at Udaipur

New delhi (KCN): Professor Dinabandhu Sahoo from University of Delhi known as the Founder of Cherry Blossom Festivals in India received the Top Sustainability Laureate Award 2023 for his outstanding contributions in the field of Sustainable Development and Climate Change. The former Director of Manipur based Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development (IBSD), Government of India has been championing the cause of Biodiversity Conservation and Bioresources Management at the grass roots both in the Himalayan region as well as in the coastal states of India. Sahoo who was



the Founder Director of Centre for Himalayan Studies, started a Cherry Blossom movement in the North East Himalayas which led to successful Cherry Blossom Festivals and inspired the people to protect the fragile ecosystems. His sustained efforts led to planting of nearly 60,000

cherry Blossom trees alone across North Eastern states. Recently a new cherry blossom plant species Prunus dinabandhuana has been named after him by the scientists. Sahoo, who was the First Indian student to visit Antarctica as well as Arctic said that due to rise in the temperature

the ice in both Antarctic and Arctic regions are melting in much faster rate which he has seen by him self. He further emphasized that the world is going through a major Biosphere Crisis as well as Climate Crisis. Therefore, the time has come to join hands and work together for a better planet. Sahoo received the award from India Green Awards for Environment and Sustainability Excellence in a glittering function held at Udaipur, Rajasthan which was inaugurated by former Union Minister Mr. Suresh Prabhu and attended by several eminent people. Industrial houses like TATA, JSW, Larsen & Tubro, Kanpur Metro Project, Bangalore Metro Rail, Ahmedabad

BOBBY CHAKRABORTY'S 415th ANTI ADDICTION CAMPAIGN ON THE NATIONAL YOUTH DAY AT TIGPS-GARIA

Kolkata (KCN): January 12th marks the birth anniversary of the legendary, Swami Vivekananda, which is also celebrated as The National Youth Day in India since 1984 to inspire the youth of our country to believe and follow his vision and teachings.

The youth are our future and it should be the priority for all of us to guide them towards the correct path of their lives. Keeping that in mind, Techno India Group Public School-Garia in collaboration with yet another youth icon, of our

country, actor/activist/teacher of method acting, Bobby Chakraborty, organised his ever popular, global, free of cost awareness program for the youth, against all kinds of addiction (smoking, alcohol, smart phones, hookah) and harmful social trends (foul language, obscenity online, online gambling, ragging, bullying), titled 'I AM THE KING OF MY MIND', on January 12th, 2023, with a lot of fanfare. This was Bobby's 415th session globally.

We appreciate the

initiative of Goutam Roychowdhury - The Founder Chairman of Techno India Group and Manoshibi Roychowdhury, The Co-Chairperson of Techno India Group, along with the esteemed Principal Tania Sen to join hands with Bobby towards this selfless, noble job of his, for the betterment of the youth. The extremely sparkling, interactive and thought provoking session was perfectly coordinated by Nivedita Ma'am with Kamalika Ma'am and was eagerly attended by students of

the middle and high school. The official photographer of the session was soldier Ahana Banerjee and was assisted by soldier Anirudh Das, who was also designated as the '1st Soldier'. The participation and enthusiasm of the students was remarkable as they could relate to every point of contention that their 'BobbyDada' was putting in front of them, keeping the HCF formula (Health-Career-Family) and the mantra 'I am the King of my

Sahitya Akademi's YUVA PURASKAR 2023 presented on National Youth Day in Kolkata

Kolkata (PARTHA ROY): Sahitya Akademi organized presentation ceremony of its Yuva Puraskar 2023 awards to young writers at Rabindra Sadan Auditorium, in Kolkata on 12th January 2023 which is observed as National Youth Day and happens to be Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.

Awards were presented to 22 Award winners by Sri Madhav Kushik, President of the Sahitya Akademi. The awards were accompanied by an engraved copper plaque and a cheque of ₹50,000. Before the presentation of the awards, citations were read out by Dr. K. Srinivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi. The award winners were felicitated with a bouquet by Professor Kumud Sharma, Vice President, Sahitya Akademi. The award winners were Jintu Thakuria (Assamese), Hamiruddin Middya (Bengali), Mainaosri Daimary (Bodo), Dheeraj Kumar Raina (Dogri), Anirudh Kaniseti (English), Atul Kumar Rai (Hindi), Manjunayak Chellur (Kannada), Nihat Nasreen (Kashmiri), Tanvi Shridhar Kamat Bambolkar (Konkani), Sanskriti Mishra (Maithili), Ganesh Puthur (Malayalam), Thingnam Parshuram (Manipuri), Vishakha Vishwanath (Marathi), Nayan Kala Devi (Nepali),



Dileswar Rana (Odia), Sandeep Sharma (Punjabi), Devi Lal Mahiya (Rajasthani), Madhusoodan Mishra (Sanskrit), Bapi Tudu (Santali), Monika Panjwani (Sindhi), Ram Thangam (Tamil), Takedasila Johny (Telugu) and Tauseef Khan (Urdu). Among them Dheeraj Kumar Raina could not be present in the award presentation ceremony. Dr. K. Sreenivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi, in his welcome address recalled the enthusiastic words of Swami Vivekananda as he was one of the greatest flag-bearers of youth. He referred to the luminaries who had gained excellence across different streams of knowledge in their youth. It is the duty of the society to provide the young minds with necessary reading materials necessary for proper grooming. The

promotion of young writers is needed for the upliftment of society. He also informed the audience of major projects of Sahitya Akademi like Yuva Sahiti, Navodaya Prakalpa and travel grant which are specifically designed to give the young writers a wider platform. In his presidential address, Sri M. A. K. A. U. S. H. I. P. S. Subodh Sarkar, eminent Bengali poet, expressed his happiness for being present in this great occasion of giving recognition to the budding writers. Referring to some of the eminent writers of the world, Sarkar said that every young writer tends to be skeptical about the validity and success of his/her writings. Expressing his regret over the attack on writers all over the world, he expressed his hope that the rebellious spirit of the young writers can give birth to new possibilities. In her concluding remarks, Prof. Kumud Sharma, Vice President of Sahitya Akademi, focused on the importance of proper guidance for the young minds. The young authors must apply their enthusiasm in proper channel, she opined. In this context, she pointed out to the fact that in this age of social media, writers are getting extended platform without much hurdle to get themselves recognized. But she also cautioned the young writers saying that they should take time for mature writing. Large number of writers, scholars and literature-lovers attended the award presentation ceremony.

Metro Rail etc. received other awards for the best Environmental Practices in different categories. The awards were given to celebrate inspiring stories of change, honouring individuals and organizations who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to the well-being of the planet, said Asish Nandan Srivastav the key organizer.

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Seminar on Digital Inclusion at Siliguri, North Bengal



Kolkata (KCN):

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) Regional Office Kolkata conducted a seminar on Digital inclusion: Universal Access to Information and Communication Technology at Siliguri today. The Principal Secretary IT and DGP of West Bengal Police Shri Rajiv Kumar was the chief Guest for the occasion. Shri Roy M Jacob, Additional Director General, DoT, West Bengal LSA was the guest of honour and Shri Yogendra Sharma, Secretary, Information Technology, Government of Sikkim was the special guest for the event.

Dr. S K Samanta, Advisor, Regional Office, Kolkata welcomed all the dignitaries and participants and highlighted the objectives of the seminar for understanding the impact of Digital Inclusion to all people including those at remote areas. Shri Kumar delivered the keynote address emphasized the need of greater collaboration between all stakeholders to build robust telecom infrastructure which he termed informational highways. Shri Sharma in

his speech briefed about the steps taken by the Government of Sikkim and the challenges being faced to achieve digital connectivity and maintenance of quality of service of telecom network in the state of Sikkim. Shri Jacob highlighted the policy initiatives undertaken and strategies adopted by Government both at central and state level to achieve digital inclusion and further scope of fine-tuning efforts in this regard.

The First session was chaired by Mr. A. K. Singh, Advisor (CA&IT) from TRAI Headquarters and the eminent speakers Dr S K Samanta, Shri Chanchal Chakraborty MD & CEO of M/s ATM Towers, Smt Soncharee Das, Asst Super from Malda Medical College and Shri Manoj Mishra, Vice president, M/s Bharti Airtel Limited delivered speeches on various e-governance initiatives in health and public service delivery and initiatives to be taken by MSMEs for digital transformation towards industry 4.0 using emerging technologies.

The seminar concluded with vote of thanks by Shri Amit Ghosal, Joint Advisor, Regional office Kolkata. The following session was chaired by Shri Mahmud Rehman, DDG

Sikkim, Department of Telecom, Govt of India and distinguished experts from the field of technology and networks such as Professor Subhas Barman of Jalpaiguri Government Engineering College, Shri Amit Anand, Regulatory Head, M/s Nokia Networks and Shri Malay Saha from Common Service Center (CSC) delivered talks to address various issues, constraints and challenges in offering affordable digital access for general public at large maintaining safety and security of the common users and emphasis was laid on mutual cooperation and collaboration between various stake-holders involved in Telecom ecosystem.

The seminar was attended by various officers of DoT, representatives of Telecom Service Providers including BSNL, consumer groups, industry associations, corporate users as well as general consumers, students, and academia. The seminar concluded with vote of thanks by Shri Amit Ghosal, Joint Advisor, Regional office Kolkata.

Dr. R.C. Khuntia, Ex- MP, National Vice President and State President of INTUC, Odisha discuss with Telengana Chief Minister on migrant labour issues

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Telengana Chief Minister Anumula Reventha Reddy's in his residence at Hyderabad and discuss with regarding the payment of 5 lakhs rupees to 2000 Telengana migrant labourers family members who died in middle countries while working their as migrant labour. Also creation of migrant labour board and migrant worker commission to address the issues of migrant labour. Dr. Khuntia also discuss with regarding the Odisha Industry



migrant labour who are working in Telengana Hotel, Hospital, Construction, Irrigation project and Bricklin. The complain is non payment of wages proper health care, accommodation

and compensation in case of death and accident. Hon'ble Chief Minister A. Reventha Reddy they have immediate instruction to Special Secretary Ajit Ready to take appropriate action immediately on this issue raise Dr. R.C. Khuntia. Dr. Khuntia also draw the attention of Hon'ble Chief Minister regarding early distraction renewal and disposal of all complain raise by the construction worker in Telengana.

NCSC Chairman Donates Free Ambulance Services to the Poorest of Poor in Different Parts of West Bengal

Kolkata (KCN): The National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) Chairman Shri Arun Halder today ceremoniously handed over a number of ambulances personally in various locations of West Bengal. He personally donated these ambulances in Tarkeshwar, Purshura, Dongle Bridges Arambagh, and Goghat in the Hooghly district, as well as Chandrakona in West Medinipur. The donation signified an important milestone in the commitment to providing free ambulance services to the poorest of the poor in these areas. The gesture serves as a beacon of hope for the community, showcasing the dedication to uplift and empower the marginalised sections of the society. Besides addressing the healthcare needs of the poor, it also reflects the NCSC's unwavering commitment towards the social welfare of the country. Hence, Shri Halder's benevolent gestures hinted at his personal commitment to the well-being of the people in these areas.

Journalist Satish honored with international Kalki Gaurav Award 2024

Berhampur (KCN): Odisha journalist Satish Kumar Dash has been awarded the Kalki Gaurav Samman for the year 2024 by Kalki News and Kalki Foundation Trust, Noida (Uttar Pradesh) for his remarkable contribution in the works of society and country. Let us tell that Mr. Satish Kumar Dash is known for his hard work and honest image in the media and journalism department.

Varun Rastogi, founder of Kalki Foundation Trust, told that journalist Satish Kumar Dash is an inspiration for all of us. Along with this, we have been honoring the personalities who have played an important role in nation building with the prestigious Kalki Gaurav Samman for the past several years. The aim of the organization is to increase the feeling of patriotism among the countrymen.



MEMU Train Service Between Gopinathpur Nilgiri-Balasore Flagged Off



Bhubaneswar (KCN): Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw flagged off Gopinathpur Nilgiri – Balasore new MEMU train service and dedicated to the nation the new Balasore-Gopinathpur Nilgiri passenger line at a colourful function held at Gopinathpur Nilgiri Railway Station today. The Railway Minister congratulated the local people of Gopinathpur Nilgiri for getting the first-ever passenger train connectivity up to Balasore. He said that to extend the Railway Network in Odisha, Indian Railways has

fulfilled the commitment of a New station Building, a New Passenger Line and a New MEMU Service. Pratap Chandra Sarangi, Hon'ble MP and Sukanta Kumar Nayak, Hon'ble MLA were present at the inaugural function held at Gopinathpur Nilgiri. Three pairs of MEMU trains will run over this route daily. The regular run of the MEMU trains will commence from 14.01.2024 and All MEMU Trains will stop at the Sutei Badagan station en route. Later, at a function held at Betnoti station,

Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways laid the foundation stone for Subway at Betnoti station. The Subway will be constructed as a part of providing more passenger amenities. It will ensure smooth entry and exit of passengers and free movement of local people. He has also inaugurated the New PRS Counter at Betnoti Station. The newly opened PRS Counter will provide a convenient and time-saving ticket booking facility for the residents Bishweswar Tudu,

Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti and Tribal Affairs, Pratap Chandra Sarangi, Hon'ble MP and Sanatan Bijuli, Hon'ble MLA were present during the function held at Betnoti. Anil Kumar Mishra, General Manager, South Eastern Railway welcomed the Railway Minister and other guests at both the Gopinathpur Nilgiri and Betnoti functions. K R Chaudhary, Divisional Railway Manager, Kharagpur and other South Eastern Railway principal officers were also present at the functions.

PUNJABIS CELEBRATE LOHRI WITH FUN AND FERVOUR

Bhubaneswar (KCN): The vibrant Punjabi community of Bhubaneswar celebrated Lohri, the grand Indian harvest festival with joy and fervour and all the associated cultural paraphernalia. More than 400 members of the Punjabi community got together at the Punjab Bhavan in Bhubaneswar. The celebration began during the late evening with friends and relatives gathering at the venue. The formal 'Lohri Poojan' was performed before lighting up the bonfire after sunset. Members gathered around the bonfire threw popcorn, sugar-candies, sesame seeds, gur and other things in the fire as per the Lohri tradition. While elders of the community were felicitated, the youth and children were awarded with prizes for their various achievements. Lohri is a popular winter festival of harvest celebrated widely by Sikhs and Hindus across India. It is observed the night before Makar Sankranti and is



celebrated with great pomp and show in the north Indian region. The first of the many Hindu festivals in the year, Lohri holds a special place among the farming community as it is a festival of harvest, marking the end of long, cold nights of the winter solstice. Amidst the winter chill, the vibrant festival of Lohri brings warmth, joy, and a sense of togetherness. Celebrated in the entire Punjabi diaspora worldwide, this

auspicious festival holds immense cultural significance. Amidst the crackling warmth of bonfires and the rhythmic beats of the dhol, the Lohri celebration unfolds, enveloping the community in a tapestry of joy and togetherness. The celebration of Lohri is rooted in various cultural, agricultural, and historical reasons. Agriculturally, it marks the end of the winter harvesting season, providing farmers with

Sahitya Akademi 's Yuva Puraskar 2023 presented on National Youth Day in Kolkata

Kolkata (PARTHA ROY): Sahitya Akademi 's Yuva Puraskar 2023 was presented to 23 young writers from across India in 23 different language on National Youth Day which is observed on Swami Vivekananda 's Birth Anniversary. Awards were presented by President of Sahitya Akademi Shri Madhav Kaushik and Vice President of Sahitya Akademi Prof. Kumud Sharma. Secretary of Sahitya Akademi Dr. K. Sreenivasarao highlighted various initiatives of the academy to facilitate promotion of young writers & their writings. Dr. Subodh Sarkar eminent poet was Chief guest.

Awardees Meet was organised on 13th January 2024 to exchange notes amongst writers as well as facilitate interactions of writers with various officials of Sahitya Akademi. Meet was chaired by Prof. Kumud Sharma.



Narayan Jain Felicitated

Kolkata (KCN): Well known Tax advocate Narayan Jain was felicitated on his election as the president of All India Federation of Tax Practitioners (AIFTP) in a well attended function at Calcutta Club Thursday Evening. AIFTP is an organisation with 11000 Members is an influencer on Tax policy formulation.

CM Bachhwat former Finance Secretary of West Bengal, Dr. SK Sharma ex sheriff of Kolkata, Adv. SM Surana, Attorney at Law O P Jhunjhunwala, Solicitor & Advocate RL Auddy, Rajendra Khandelwal, Consul of Republic of Niger, BG Roy, Samir Dutt, KS Adhikari, Heena Gorsia were among the notable dignitaries who attended the function. The programme was organized by Concern



for Calcutta and Calcutta Citizens Initiative. The programme was chaired presided over by BG Roy, a prominent citizen of Calcutta. In his acceptance speech Narayan Jain expressed his gratitude to both the NGOs and said that devotion and dedicated efforts in life are important virtues for success. On this occasion members also appreciated the efforts of Advocate RD Kakra and congratulated him for his commendable role as Chairman of Convention. The melodious songs were presented on the occasion by Ganga Pachisia, Joeeta Basu, BG Roy, Pinki Saha. On this occasion Kaushalya Jain, Lekha Sharma, Sonali De, Dr. Anjula Binayakia, Seema Mahesh Sonthalia, Gopeshwar Agarwal, Pushpa Agarwal also actively participated.



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CFA Institute in India Expands Student Accessibility with a New Exam Center in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar : CFA Institute, the professional body for excellence and thought leadership in finance, has opened registrations for their upcoming February 2023 intake. Additionally, with the rising demand to increase candidate accessibility and convenience, the institute will have 4 new exam centers in Kochi, Chandigarh, Bhubaneswar and Guwahati for the CFA Program. These centers will take the total number of test center cities for the CFA exam to 16 across India and over 400 worldwide.

The recent CFA Institute Investor Trust survey showed that Indians place a high level of trust on the potential growth in job opportunities in the financial services sector. However, in the post-pandemic era, students as

well as professionals are prioritizing safety, accessibility and ease of travel while accomplishing their life and career goals. Ease of accessibility to exam centers is expected to improve a candidate journey through the program and reduce costs associated with travelling to take exams.

The CFA Charter continues to be the global gold standard for professionals aspiring to work in the investment management industry. We constantly work to make the CFA Program affordable, accessible, meritocratic and relevant. During the pandemic we moved our examinations to Computer Based Testing from Paper Based Exams and started offering examinations four times in a year. By expanding of our test center

Experience the best-in-class customer services at 11 new Alpha Service Centers across India

Bhubaneswar : Sony India is expanding its Alpha Service Network across 11 cities in India including Mumbai, Coimbatore, Jaipur, Pune, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Trivandrum, Chennai, Indore, Bhubaneswar and Guwahati. This is expansion for Alpha Camera body and lens repairs facilities is a testament to the brand's continued dedication to customer satisfaction. Sony now has the widest service network of after sales support for Digital Imaging products with 8 service centers for lens repairs, 18 service centers for Alpha Camera Body repair, 40+ service centers which can offer basic services like CCD

Imager cleaning and firmware updates and 220+ collection centers pan India.

The service centers are equipped with necessary jigs and tools to deliver best quality repair of Alpha camera body, Camera Lens, Professional Cameras and other digital imaging products like Digital Still Cameras and Camcorders. Customers can also avail instant services for basic supports like CCD Imager cleaning and getting the latest firmware update to enjoy best performance from their products. The friendly customer care staff at these service centers will help customers to register their in-warranty products on

Sony Alpha Community portal to enable them avail free of cost additional one year warranty on applicable products.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Mukesh Srivastava, Head of Digital Imaging Business at Sony India, said, "By supporting and assisting partners in local markets, Sony aims to ensure customers receive exceptional service and satisfaction along with quicker and faster turnaround at all outlets across the country. The new service centers will offer customers a seamless experience across multiple touchpoints to provide a consistent brand experience that surpasses expectations."

ATLAS OF AFFLUENCE - INDIA'S FIRST EVER WHITE PAPER ON LUXURY LAUNCHED AS A YEARLY FEATURE

Mumbai: Amidst leading luminaries of industries spanning across the business of luxury, the Atlas of Affluence (AOA) 2022 has been launched in Mumbai. Created by The Voice of Fashion (TVOF), a division of Reliance Brands Limited, the daily digital magazine that tracks and leads conversations on Indian fashion, design, crafts and retail, AOA 2022, is

the first such wide and deep white paper from India that dissects consumer behaviour studied through the prism of luxury. A collective reflection on what affluence means in India spiked during the two years of the pandemic. Charting the post-pandemic market and the clearly altered consumer mindset through a specially commissioned study

across six cities and markets of India, AOA 2022 has been published as a book with exclusively commissioned artworks.

This study uses the time graph of "pre-pandemic" and "post-pandemic" months to specify a comparative matrix. It also helps debunk long-held ideas about what affluence and luxury have meant to Indians.

SBI now offers Real Time Xpress Credit on YONO app

Mumbai : With an aim to digitally empower customers and offer additional convenience, the country's largest lender, State Bank of India (SBI) has announced the introduction of Real Time Xpress Credit (RTXC) on YONO. The bank's flagship personal loan product for salaried customers – Xpress Credit has a Digital Avatar now. Customers can now avail RTXC from the comfort of their homes through YONO – which is going to be 100% paperless and digital. The end-to-end 8 step journey would be easy and instant for the customers.

Under Real Time Xpress Credit, Central/ State Government and Defence salaried customers of SBI will no longer be required to visit the branch for availing a personal loan. The credit checks, eligibility, sanction & documentation will now be done digitally in real-time.

Shri Dinesh Khara, Chairman, SBI said, "We are pleased to introduce Real Time Xpress Credit (RTXC) Loan facility for our eligible salaried customers on YONO. The Xpress Credit product will enable our customers to experience a digital, hassle-free, and paperless loan process. We at SBI constantly endeavour to offer technology-led enhanced digital banking experience to the customers in order to simplify banking." The digitalization of Xpress Credit delivery will also help the bank to do away with the need to handle and store enormous paperwork.

Blenders Pride Fashion Nights arrives in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar : Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, a unique travelling experiential property, arrived in the City of Temples – Bhubaneswar – celebrating the authentic spirit of the city through fashion and style. A spirit that echoes with Pride and inspires the creators of today to become icons of tomorrow. Bhubaneswar's 'Made of Artistic Flair' edition for Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, brought together an eclectic evening that blended fashion, culture and dance, celebrating a symbolic amalgamation of homegrown artistry and the unwavering spirit of local talent.

Exemplifying the region's signature weave through a curated evening at the majestic Vivanta, Bhubaneswar, DC Square was Odia designer Sabyasachi Satpathy, whose intricately crafted ensembles drew inspiration from the multicultural city and its colourful history. In a true celebration of Odisha's distinct and masterful craftsmanship, the show was elevated with a captivating performance by the Prince Dance Group – from the small Odisha town of Berhampur – widely lauded for their artistry. The show drew to a finale with none other than actor Diana Penty, who captivated the audience in a beautiful ensemble by the designer. The "Made of Artistic Flair" edition of Blenders Pride Fashion Nights was a beautiful embodiment of the rich craft and cultural heritage of the city in a modern and contemporary setting.

Taking us on a 'Jatra' – The Journey of a Young Woman – the show encapsulated the journey of a woman from post adolescence to her nuptials, navigating the various challenges, trials and significant moments that come her way. The enigmatic journey was captured through the array of colours and textiles that Odisha Bandha/Ikkat offers. Truly encapsulating the spirit of 'Made of Pride', the designer made use of Odisha weave, which is sustainable, hand-woven, organic and a homegrown initiative of design, painstakingly woven by the weavers of Odisha. The upbeat set was a composition designed to narrate the spirit of Bhubaneswar along with the flair of the designer. The evening was attended by the city's A-listers & influencers. The fashion walk truly left the guests mesmerized and engaged.

Through this unique showcase of Pride encompassing diverse talent across creative fields, Blenders Pride Fashion Nights 2022, encourages everyone, especially youth at large to celebrate & take pride in their authentic and individual journeys. The evening spotlighted individuals who take pride in their choices, are comfortable in their skin and, most importantly, embrace their authentic selves – truly living a life that is 'Made of Pride'.

NSDL launches "Market ka Eklavya- Express" in 75 cities to mark 75 years of Independence

Mumbai: India's largest depository, National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) launched 'Market ka Eklavya- Express', an online investment awareness program for students that will be conducted in 8 different languages including Hindi. The program would serve as a beginner's guide for investing for the youth.

To mark the significance of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, an

initiative of Government of India to celebrate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of our people, culture and achievements, NSDL has launched a new initiative towards investor awareness 'Market Ka Eklavya- Express' across 75 cities, especially aimed at the college students who would very soon

look for avenues of investment.

Earlier this month, Market ka Eklavya (5-hours program) was launched by the hon'ble Finance Minister of India, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman at the silver jubilee event of NSDL.

On the launch of the initiative Ms. Padmaja Chunduru, MD & CEO, NSDL said, "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is a special initiative launched by

our Prime Minister to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of India's Independence. Our program has been particularly aimed to create awareness about the financial markets to the young minds who will be the future of our country.

In this Amrit Kaal, our digital education initiative focuses on building a path towards Financial Freedom for our youth, symbolizing the spirit of Atmanirbhar Bharat."

Students across India will benefit from this program as it does not restrict to just an area of the population. The program will be conducted for 1 hour and mainly educate the students on demystifying the jargons, 3I's – types of Income; Inflation and its impact, types of Investment; 3S – Start early- Power of Compounding, Spread wide, Stay long etc.

Kendrapara Autonomous College Statistics Department Alumni Meet-2024



Kendrapara(KCN):

Kendrapara Autonomous College Statistics Department Alumni Meet 13-01-2024 has been held in the Statistics Department Hall of Rik Din College. About 60 students of different batches participated in the meeting under the chairmanship of Mrs. Mintiprabha Jena, Head of the Department. Suresh Chandra Kar of 1985-87

batch as President and Dr. Bhavani Shankar Mohanty of 2005-08 batch as General Secretary of the Alumni Committee, has been unanimously elected.

Emphasis was placed on the involvement of more and more ex-students in the Alumni Program in the coming years, with special emphasis on the practical aspects and needs of the subject of statistics. Along

with this, it has been decided to reward the best students of the Department from next year.

In this meeting, the working faculty and faculty members of the department, Mrs. Mintiprabha Jena, Dr. Pournasini Panda and Mr. Ajay Kishore Das and the students cooperated to make the meeting a success.

realme launches the Stylish realmenarzo 60 Series 5G and the revolutionary realme Buds Wireless 3

Bhubaneswar(KCN):

Cosmic Black and three storage variants: 8GB + 128GB which will be priced at INR 23999, 12GB + 256GB priced at INR 26999 and 12GB + 1TB priced at INR 29999.

realmenarzo 60 5G also showcases a Premium Vegan Leather and Martian Horizon design. The device offers a remarkable 90Hz Super AMOLED Display with 20,000-level auto brightness adjustment. The 64MP Street Photography Camera, equipped with 2X in-sensor zoom, DIS Snapshot, and 20X digital zoom, capturing stunning images with ease. Powered by the Dimensity 6020 5G Chipset, the narzo 60 5G gives you a worthwhile experience. The narzo 60 5G comes in two stunning colors: Mars Orange, Cosmic Black and two storage variants: The 8GB + 128GB is priced at INR 17999 and the 8GB + 256GB is priced at INR 19999.

Buyers can avail bank offers of INR 1500 on the realmenarzo 60 Pro 5G with 6 months No Cost EMI and 18 month warranty on pre-booking starting from 6th July 1 PM on realme.com and Amazon.in. Users can also avail coupons worth INR 1000 and No Cost EMI for up to 6 months on first sale on Amazon.in and realme.com. Introducing the realme Buds Wireless 3, designed to elevate your audio experience with a 13.6 mm Dynamic Bass driver. Enjoy uninterrupted music with its 40-hour long battery life. Immerse yourself in crystal-clear sound with active noise cancellation. Indulge in a captivating audio journey with the 360-degree spatial audio effect. The realme Buds Wireless 3 comes in three stunning colors: Bass Yellow, Vitality White and Pure Black and is priced at INR 1799. Users can avail a special first sale day offer on realme Buds Wireless 3 on 12th July, 12 noon onwards. The realme Buds Wireless 3 will be available on realme.com, amazon.in, flipkart.in and offline stores near you.

The realmenarzo 60 Series 5G is the first and only smartphone in the segment to come with 1TB storage. The realmenarzo 60 Series 5G is a groundbreaking lineup that revolutionizes the smartphone industry with its cutting-edge features. The realmenarzo 60 Pro 5G is equipped with up to 12GB + 12GB of dynamic RAM and is the only smartphone in the segment with 1TB of ROM storage. It runs on the Dimensity 7050 5G chipset and boasts a massive 5000mAh battery with 67W SUPERVOOC charging support. The realmenarzo 60 Pro 5G comes in two stunning colors: Mars Orange, Cosmic Black and two storage variants: The 8GB + 128GB is priced at INR 17999 and the 8GB + 256GB is priced at INR 19999. Buyers can avail bank offers of INR 1500 on the realmenarzo 60 Pro 5G with 6 months No Cost EMI and 18 month warranty on pre-booking starting from 6th July 1 PM on Amazon.in and realme.com. Users can also avail bank offers of INR 1500 on the realmenarzo 60 Pro 5G with 6 months No

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Jindal Stainless signs MoU with SCTEVT, Odisha to train future-ready stainless steel professionals

Bhubaneswar:

Odisha's State Council for Technical Education & Vocational Training (SCTEVT) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jindal Stainless to promote technical education in the field of stainless steel and its various applications. Under this MoU, stainless steel courses will be introduced in all the Polytechnic colleges in Odisha from June 2022. The MoU was signed by Vice Chairman, SCTE&VT, Shri Reghu G (IAS) and Unit Head, Jindal Stainless Limited (JSL), Shri Deepak Agrawal. Dignitaries present at the ceremony included Chairman, SCTE&VT and Principal Secretary to Government, SDTE and Industries Departments, Shri Hemant Sharma (IAS); Additional Secretary, SDTE, Govt of Odisha, Shri Tapan Satpathy (OAS); Resident Director, JSL, Mr SS Upadhyay, and General Manager, Sales & Distribution, Mr Ranit Rana. Commending the development, Chairman, SCTE&VT and Principal Secretary to Government, SDTE and Industries Departments, Shri Hemant Sharma (IAS) said, "This collaboration with Jindal Stainless will enhance the learning experience for students and faculty both, as it will give them insights about and practical exposure to the stainless steel industry."



Clinical Durban make it two wins in two

New Delhi: JJ Smuts's brilliant all-round display, ably supported by Nicholas Pooran's 31-ball 60 and the new-ball bowlers later, helped Durban Super Giants climb back to the top of the table with their second win on the trot, by 35 runs against Sunrisers Eastern Cape on Saturday.

Having elected to bat first in Gqeberha, Durban posted a mammoth 225/3 courtesy belligerent half-centuries from Smuts and Pooran while opener Matthew Breetzke narrowly missed out on one. Despite two quiet overs upfront, Breetzke put on a brisk 58-run opening stand with

Quinton de Kock in just 5.3 overs, before losing his partner. After getting going with back-to-back sixes in the Simon Harmer over in the PowerPlay, Breetzke carried on as he hit four more boundaries in his 29-ball effort worth 43. Smuts was then joined by Pooran in the middle and the third-wicket pair combined for an aggressive century stand in just 8.2 overs with both of them going at 190+ strike-rate. Smuts took a few deliveries to get his eye in but switched gears just before losing Breetzke while Pooran wasted no time in the middle. The Caribbean star hit three consecutive sixes, across two overs, to signal his intentions as DSG went past the 100-run mark only at the end of the 12th over. The death overs assault kicked off with a 24-run 16th over where Smuts did all the damage, reaching a 29-ball fifty with the second of the three sixes off Harmer. A pace-off delivery from Daniel Worrall brought an end to his entertaining knock of 75 in 38 balls, in the 18th over just after the batter had raised the century of the partnership with the last of his seven sixes. Pooran made a mess of Marco Jansen's figures with a 21-run

penultimate over, hitting three fours and a six off the bowler's final-four deliveries of the day and reaching a 27-ball fifty in the proces. A 14-run final over from Ottiel Baartman, who conceded 51 in his four, took DSG to a commanding 225/3.

Richard Gleeson and Reece Topley then hammered home that advantage by striking with the new ball and getting rid of both SEC openers inside three overs. To their credit, Sunrisers recovered pretty well from the twin early jolts as Tom Abell (65) and Adien Markram (29) combined for a brisk 93-run stand. The Englishman led the way with his stroke-filled top-scoring effort of 65 in 36 balls, taking his side past the 100 mark.

However, Smuts returned with the ball in his hand and broke the stand timely to trigger a mini collapse and suck the momentum out of the chase. He got the dangerous Markram out on 29 and Marco Jansen for 7 in the

succeeding over as SEC lost three for 23. Tristan Stubbs launched a single-handed counter-attack from thereon, hitting four sixes and three more boundaries in his 26-ball 55. But since he kept losing lower-order partners at regular intervals, Stubbs's valiant effort could only take his side to 190/9 in reply. Brief scores: Durban Super Giants 225/3 in 20 overs (JJ Smuts 75, Nicholas Pooran 60*; Daniel Worrall 2-35) beat Sunrisers Eastern Cape 190/9 in 20 overs (Tom Abell 65, Tristan Stubbs 55; JJ Smuts 2-36, Richard Gleeson 2-32, Dwaine Pretorius 2-19) by 35 runs



Sightscreen crumbles during Maharashtra-Jharkhand game in Pune

New Delhi: The second-round Elite Group A match between Maharashtra and Jharkhand in Pune came to an unexpected halt due to a tornado that damaged the sightscreen. The match was paused for nearly half an hour as officials from the Maharashtra Cricket Association (MACA) swiftly worked to repair the sight screen.

The incident occurred during the innings break when Jharkhand had completed their first innings and were preparing to take the field for the bowling session. The sightscreen at the Hill End collapsed, causing a delay in the resumption of play. Players had to endure an extended break before normally



was restored. This unexpected interruption took place around 1 pm on Saturday afternoon during the second session of the second day. According to MACA officials, the

frame of the sight screen had been damaged due to heavy rains that had battered the city a couple of days earlier. The intensity of the rains had been such that the teams couldn't practice before the match.

An MACA official explained that little could be done against the forces of nature. "When a tornado of such magnitude hits the ground, we could not have prevented the damage. The sightscreen

was partially damaged, but we managed to rectify it without significant delay," stated the official.

"Due to cyclonic winds the sightscreen collapsed but we managed to fix it in 15 minutes," Ajinkya Joshi, the COO of MACA, told Cricbuzz. The incident occurred just after Jharkhand had been dismissed for 403. In response to this competitive total, the home team had reached 149 for one at stumps on the second day. The international stadium in Gahunje, on the outskirts of the city, has hosted two Tests, four T20Is and 12 ODIs, including five World Cup games recently. It has also hosted 51 IPL games since it was raised in 2012.

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Van der Dussen, Rickelton set up MI Cape Town's big win

New Delhi: A record partnership between Rassie van der Dussen and Ryan Rickelton set up MI Cape Town's big win against Joburg Super Kings at the Wanderers on Saturday (January 13). Van der Dussen (105 off 50) and Rickelton (98 off 49) were involved in a 200-run stand, the highest partnership for any wicket in the SA20, to power MI Cape Town to 243/5. Regular wickets meant that the Super Kings couldn't get anywhere close, getting bowled out for 145 which hurtled their net run rate to -4.9 while MI's NRR received a good boost (2.43) as they moved to the top of the table.

After being asked to bat, MI had to wait for a bit due to a rain delay but no overs were lost. After a quiet couple of overs, van der Dussen got into the act with two fours off Lizaad Williams before Nandre Burger got some stick in the fourth over, being hit for two sixes by Rickelton and two fours by van der Dussen. The exhibition of boundary-hitting continued as MI Cape Town got 73 in the first six overs, with van der Dussen scoring a hat-trick of sixes against Romario Shepherd. Imran Tahir, who came on after the powerplay, ended up conceding 16 off his opening over as Rickelton took charge against spin. Van der Dussen got to his fifty off only 26 balls and MI went past the 100 mark inside nine overs. By the time the 13th over was completed, they had raced to 165 without losing a wicket. There were three sixes hit in a Zahir Khan over - the first helping Rickelton bring up a 28-ball fifty - Burger was struck for two sixes and a four while Shepherd conceded plenty too, with van der Dussen's six off the West Indian helping him register a 46-ball 100. The openers

also cleared the fence off Moeen Ali a few times as they raised 200 in 15.2 overs. The partnership was finally broken when van der Dussen, shortly after being put down by Donovan Ferreira off Moeen, sliced a catch to long-off to give Tahir the first wicket. Faf du Plessis held a stunning one-handed catch running back to make Dewald Brevis's stay a short one. Liam Livingstone struck a couple of fours before getting out to Shepherd as the Super Kings did some damage control in the death overs. Only 5 runs came in the final over bowled by Burger, with Rickelton nicking a catch to the 'keeper to miss out on a hundred while Sam Curran was bowled off the last ball. In complete contrast to MI's innings, the Super Kings' chase was in disarray with them losing four wickets in the powerplay. Reeza Hendricks ended up sacrificing his wicket after du Plessis wanted a third run, departing without scoring while Ronan Hermann fell in Kagiso Rabada's opening over. Leus du Plooy looked to give some momentum to the innings when he hit three fours off Livingstone but du Plessis got out in the next over attempting a big hit off George Linde but failing to find the middle. Moeen hit a six off Beuran Hendricks but departed soon after, leaving the Super Kings struggling at 47/4 in 6 overs. Having managed only 49 in the first eight overs, the Super Kings needed to press on, with an eye on minimising the NRR damage of a big loss. Du Plooy took on Curran, who went for 15 in his first over, and then hit two fours and a six off Olly Stone to help the Super Kings to 80 at the halfway stage of the chase. Donovan Ferreira took a while to get going before striking a six off Linde. But in the same over du Plooy was run out for 48 trying to sneak a second run. Ferreira was stumped off Livingstone in the next over as the Super Kings slipped to 94/6. Shepherd got a lucky break as he was put down by Livingstone off Linde and the bowler ended up being hit for a six by Lizaad Williams. But Williams fell soon after, with Livingstone taking a well-judged catch near the deep midwicket boundary, as Linde finished with figures of 2 for 25. Shepherd teed off with some hits to the fence, scoring three fours and two sixes, and was also put down by Brevis. But Super Kings' innings ended quickly as Curran sent Burger back and Stone accounted for Shepherd and Zahir Khan.



Tanush Kotian moves on despite bowling action setback

New Delhi: Tanush Kotian had found himself in the unwanted spotlight due to an avoidable incident related to his bowling action, as first reported by Cricbuzz on December 15. This development had hindered his chances of securing a contract in the Indian Premier League (IPL) auction. While it was undoubtedly a setback, the 25-year-old Kotian has learned to move on.

Only on the day of the auction (December 19), Kotian had come to know of his bowling action being under scrutiny. He was hopeful of an IPL bid but it was not to be. Reflecting on the incident, Kotian said, "I did feel for a while that the incident has pulled me back a step or two. It happens. Sometimes you go through a rough patch, but if you keep working hard and keep performing, I am sure you are rewarded at some point."

Kotian was speaking on the second day of



Mumbai's second Ranji Trophy league game against Andhra at the BKC Ground in Mumbai on Saturday. He played a vital role with the bat by hammering a brilliant half-century but faced questions about his bowling action during the media interaction. He put up a brave front. "I never thought there was any default. It was a minor incident that created such a huge issue. I have interacted with many coaches and seniors, and all of them have told me there's absolutely nothing wrong with my action." Admittedly, Kotian made

no attempt to change his action and has continued to be an important member of the Mumbai team in most games. In the first Ranji Trophy match of the season against Bihar, he claimed one wicket and has been a regular in white-ball matches for Mumbai. Recalling the incident, he mentioned, "It was during the 2022-23 SMAT game against Uttarakhand at Rajkot. I don't know whether it was for a specific ball. I have never seen a clip of it. I was never asked to stop bowling. I have bowled in every single game since

then." He was asked to go to Chennai to get it checked but a technical error meant the test did not happen. "But I have not let it bother me on the field." If Mumbai are in a comfortable position against Andhra, Kotian deserves credit. Apart from his half-century, he played a crucial role in a 91-run partnership for the seventh wicket with Shams Mulani, helping Mumbai reach a total of 395. This was a commendable recovery after being reduced to 224 for six by the visitors, and Kotian's batting efforts saved the team from