

**Odisha Govt Declares
Half Day On Jan 22 For
Ram Lala Pran
Pratishtha**

Bhubaneswar(KCN):
The Odisha government of Thursday declared half day till 2:30 pm on 22nd of January in view of Ram Lala Pran Pratishtha.

Industrial Safety Occupational Health Conference by ICC

Bhubaneswar(KCN): A conference on Industrial Safety and Occupational Health has been organized by the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in collaboration with Directorate of Factories and Boilers. Presided over by ICC State Council Chairman JB Pany said that there has been a lot of improvement in industries in Odisha. On industrial safety and occupational health of our workers. The main objective of the conference is how to prevent accidents. Shri Sarada Prasad Nayak, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister for Labour and ESI Department, inaugurated the conference as the chief guest and said that in the last 20 years, State

Industries have grown rapidly in every sector. Every life is precious to us. Zero deaths in the state is our main goal. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik is always giving importance to that. Shri Santhanagopalan R IAS, Commissioner cum Secretary, Labour & ESI Department, Government of Odisha, said that accidents are happening in industries for two reasons. Where accidents are moving to save money, where workers are moving to save time. Focusing on this can prevent many accidents. Shri Anupam Saha, IAS, Commissioner & Labour commission & Director - Directorate of Factory & Boiler Labour and ESI, Government of Odisha. Dr. malay Kumar



Pradhan, gave detailed information on the main program. Dr NR Sahu, Chairperson of the ICC State Council ESH Committee, addressed the Conference on Safety and Occupational Health in Industry. Mr. Rajesh Kanungo, the host with

the ICC State Council ESH Committee, delivered the vote of thanks. This pivotal event brought together industry leaders, experts, and stakeholders to discuss critical aspects of industrial safety and occupational health.

With a focus on Business Continuity Planning, Process Safety Management, Occupational Health & Industrial Hygiene, and Effluent Solutions, the conference facilitated knowledge exchange and experience sharing on the best practices in

occupational safety and health. The conference featured a Plenary Session and two technical sessions. Technical Session I centered on "Navigating a Balance Between Industrial Safety & Occupational Health: Industry

Stalwarts' Perspective (Panel Discussions)," providing valuable insights from distinguished experts. Technical Session II delved into "Industrial Best Practices," showcasing innovative approaches and strategies adopted by leading organizations. A highlight of the event was the felicitation of industry best practices through the ICC Excellent Performance Award. The award recognized companies that demonstrated outstanding commitment to industrial safety and occupational health. Among the esteemed sponsors and participating companies were IFFCO, Paradeep Phosphates, TRL

Krosaki, Jindal Stainless, MGM, SNM, Grasim Industries, Sree Metalics Ltd, KJS Group, Falcon, Rungta Mines, and IOCL with an impressive turnout, the conference attracted over 150 delegates, fostering a collaborative environment for addressing the pressing issues and challenges in the realm of industrial safety and occupational health. The Indian Chamber of Commerce remains dedicated to promoting excellence in these crucial domains and looks forward to future initiatives that contribute to the advancement of industry standards and practices. ICC Regional head j p pal and other members of ICC present in this occasion.

Kayakalp Team visits AIIMS Bhubaneswar for peer Assessment Applauds for Exemplary Management Standards



Bhubaneswar,(KCN):The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's (MoHFW) Kayakalp Team, consisting of three members from AIIMS Patna, including Dr. Sujeet Kumar Sinha, Dr. Bijaynanda Naik, and Dr. Asim Sarfraz, recently conducted a peer assessment visit to AIIMS Bhubaneswar. The team lauded the efforts of the national institute for maintaining a high standard of the management system. During their visit, the Kayakalp Team engaged in a comprehensive assessment, meeting with AIIMS Bhubaneswar Executive Director Dr. Ashutosh

Biswas and other senior officials. The team, accompanied by Medical Superintendent Dr. Dillip Kumar Parida and Dr. M C Sahoo, Dr. Arvind Singh, Dr. Ashok Kumar Jena, Dr. Gaurav Chhabra, Dr. Dharitri Swain, Dr. Subarna Mitra, Dr. Mahalingam Venkateshan, SE(I/c) CR Rout, Dr. Biswajeevan Sahoo, visited various departments, including OPD, IPD, OT, ICU, Trauma & Emergency, CSSD, and the kitchen. They meticulously reviewed all pertinent documentation processes and physically inspected the hospital, interacting with both staff and patients.

In a special program chaired by Executive Director Dr. Biswas at the end of the day, the assessment team expressed their extreme satisfaction with the hospital's functioning. They particularly commended AIIMS Bhubaneswar for maintaining high management standards, especially during the challenging periods of the Kayakalp Scheme being put on hold due to the COVID and post-COVID period. AIIMS Bhubaneswar, a premier national institute in the state, has already been honoured with the Kayakalp Award thrice in a row for its outstanding

performance in promoting cleanliness, hygiene, and creating sustainable practices in public health facilities. The Kayakalp Award Scheme, an extension of the Swachh Bharat Mission, was launched on May 15, 2015, with the objective of improving and promoting cleanliness, hygiene, waste management, and infection control practices in public healthcare facilities. It serves to incentivize exemplary performing facilities and encourage a commitment to cleanliness, hygiene, and infection control practices in Public Health Facilities (PHFs) across the country.

Jindal Stainless announces financial results for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2023

Bhubaneswar,(KCN): The Board of Directors of Jindal Stainless Limited (JSL) today announced the Q3FY24 financial results. The company's standalone sales volume for the third quarter of FY24 stood at 5,12,015 metric tonnes (MT), up by nearly 9% year-on-year (YoY), owing to a healthy domestic demand. However, a slight dip of 6% was observed on a quarter-on-quarter(QOQ) basis, due to a planned maintenance in the plants aimed at upgrading the output for an enhanced product mix and a faster ramp up. The company's Q3FY24

standalone net revenue was recorded at INR 9,088 crores, reflecting a marginal increase of 1% YoY. Standalone EBITDA stood at INR 1,021 crores while standalone profit after tax (PAT) was at INR 779 crores. Net debt for the quarter was recorded at INR 3,085 crores and the net debt-to-equity ratio was maintained at ~0.23. Net debt/EBITDA for the quarter stood at ~0.72. Meanwhile, consolidated net revenue was recorded at INR 9,127 crores. Consolidated EBITDA and PAT stood at INR 1,246 crores and INR 691 crores, respectively. Domestic demand for stainless steel continued to be on the rise, with the

auto sector witnessing growth in all segments, and the decorative pipe and tube sector registering robust growth as well. The company has begun production at its newly acquired facility in Ghaziabad to widen its product offerings through the addition of Long products like wire rods and rebars to the company's existing product portfolio, and the operations will be ramped up in FY25. Despite muted global demand, pricing pressure, destocking, and geopolitical issues such as the one unfolding in the Red Sea, the company managed to maintain sales outside India. For the first time, the

company showcased its decarbonisation initiatives at the prestigious UN COP28 climate summit and announced that it is set to achieve its mid-term target of carbon emissions reduction well before the target year of 2035. The implementation of mandatory quality norms by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) checked the influx of the 200 series grades of subsidised and substandard foreign imports in the quarter. However, there was a sharp increase in the dumping of the 300 series, to the tune of 73%, majorly from China and Vietnam.



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Wildcard Manasvi Mangai Gets Evicted From Salman Khan's Show

Bigg Boss 17 Weekend Ka Vaar episode brought a lot of excitement, drama, and revelations with it. In the latest episode, Salman Khan reveals the names of the contestants who breached the contract before entering the show and made shocking revelations about them. The conversation started with Salman Khan questioning the contestants regarding who knew each other before entering Bigg Boss 17. He suggested the contestants not to lie.

Salman then asked the contestants who connected with each other before entering the show. Vicky Jain then confessed that he called Neil two days before going inside Bigg Boss. Salman then asked Isha Malviya if she called someone before entering the show, and she mentioned that she called Abhishek Kumar. Salman asks Samarth if



he knows about it and the latter accepts. Neil and Vicky talk about their recent altercation. Mannar and Jigna Vora

talk about Munawar and say that the latter has been maintaining a different approach towards Ankita and Vicky. Mannara says Vicky talks very

differently about the couple when he is in the room, away from them, but is different in front of them. She says that he speaks to them even after getting nominated. Salman welcomes singer King on the stage. King sings 'Tu Aaja', one of his most popular tracks for the Bigg Boss housemates. He makes housemates play 'Dil Ka Darwaza' with each other. The cast of 'Dori' - Amar Upadhyay, Sudhaa

Chandran, and Mahi Bhanushali come on the Bigg Boss stage and promote their upcoming TV show. Salman talks about the nominations. He says five people are nominated - Sana Raees Khan, Manasvi Mangai, Arun Mashetty, Isha Malviya, and Samarth Jurel. he announces that Manasvi has been eliminated due to lowest number of votes. Manasvi bids her adieu to the house and walks out. Meanwhile, Abhishek, Arun and Sunny Arya get into another heated argument.

Shah Rukh Khan Unveils New Dunki Posters Featuring Taapsee Pannu, Vicky Kaushal, Anil Grover

Released on Shah Rukh Khan's birthday, the 'Dunki Drop 1' indeed came as an absolute treat for the audience and fans with its endearing narrative and went on to touch millions of hearts.

Drawn from real-life experiences, 'Dunki' is a saga of love and friendship that brings together these wildly disparate stories, and provides hilarious and heart-breaking answers. On November 4, two posters of 'Dunki' were released that introduced 5 characters of the ensemble cast together, featuring, Shah Rukh Khan, Taapsee Pannu, Vikram Kochhar, Anil Grover, and Vicky Kaushal. The two new posters of the film show the joy of friendships and the challenges the lead cast go through together to achieve their dreams.



Sharing the posters on social media, Shah Rukh Khan wrote, "Hum bilkul usi tarah dikha rahe hain jaise Raju sir ne apne 'Ullu ke pathon' ko imagine kiya tha... Inke baare mein bahot kuch share karna abhi baaki hai..." (We look exactly the way Raju sir (Rajkumar Hirani) had imagined his 'Ullu ke pathon' to be. There is still much more to share about them).

The first poster shows Shah Rukh Khan accompanied

by Taapsee, Vicky, Vikram and Anil, all dressed formally and holding files, as they confidently head for an interview.

The second poster depicts the same group navigating a rough terrain in an isolated area. While the others look lost and confused as they are stuck in the middle of a desert, Taapsee appears to be unfazed by the physical strain is seen smiling while looking at Shah Rukh. In both the photos, Shah

Rukh is seen leading the group. A Red Chillies Entertainment, and Rajkumar Hirani Films presentation, produced by Rajkumar Hirani and Gauri Khan. Written by Abhijat Joshi, Rajkumar Hirani and Kanika Dhillon, Dunki is slated to release this December 2023. The film is based on the concept of Donkey Flight, an unlawful backdoor entry technique for nations like the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States of America. Shah Rukh will be seen in the role of a man named 'Hardy' in 'Dunki', who desperately wants to move to London along with his buddies. 'Dunki' will release in India on December 22, 2023 and will clash with Prabhas' Salaar: Part 1 – Ceasefire at the Box Office.

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



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

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

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

actor Varun Dhawan.

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

The Indian web series is directed by the

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

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



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

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

"I realised the purity, the innocence and the conviction we all collectively had... is so lost today for most of us.... Yash Chopra is not

just a legend of romance... a connoisseur of chiffon, music and beauty... a maestro of musicals... he was also a pillar of belief and conviction... is there any conviction left today? We are burdened by media commentary... box office opening analytics, research engines (all probably relevant to the technology and times) but where did good old fashioned conviction vanish," shared Karan Johar.



He went on to state how the series made him reflect on his own journey and added, "The rom doc reminds us of the past that seemed so organic and



heartfelt.... Makes me want to go back to that zone of filmmaking.... I am so deeply inspired by the YRF story... it's

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

Paying an ode to

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

Face Scrubs for Glowing Skin



Dull, dry, lusterless skin is result of regular exposure to dirt, dust and pollution in environment which accumulates toxins in deep pores. While washing and cleansing help get rid of superficial build up on face but misses out dead skin cells , blackheads and whiteheads. Face scrubs are must to clear dead cells and remove toxins from deep within pores for radiant ,clear and flawless skin . Packed with the goodness of natural ingredients and essential oils, face scrubs can provide your skin with deep exfoliation to give you smooth and clear skin .Scrubs not only improves skin texture, but also stimulates circulation and encourages toxins to escape through the unclogged pores. When skin is clean and exfoliated, it can absorb the beneficial ingredients in

Shahnaz Husain treatment and moisturizing products much more effectively. Scrubs play an important role by keeping the pores free of clogged oil, thus



preventing blackheads and pimples. Some scrub ingredients, like lemon juice, lemon peels, curd, milk, turmeric, ground almonds, help to brighten the skin and lighten skin colour over a period of time. Natural cooling ingredients can be used to make scrubs, like multani mitti, rose water, sandalwood, fruits, cucumber, aloe vera, while natural antiseptics helps to prevent rashes. These are neem, tulsi, pudina. Other home ingredients for scrubs are ground almonds, oats, rice flour, wheat bran (choker), cucumber or pumpkin seeds, dried orange and

called papain, which helps to remove dead skin cells and brighten the skin. Add oats and curd to papaya. Apply on the face and rub gently on the skin,



oily skin, scrubs may be used more often. For oily skin with enlarged pores: Mix oatmeal with egg white and apply on the areas. When it dries, dampen with water and rub gently with circular movements, washing off with water. Both egg white and oatmeal also help to reduce oiliness. Mix 3 parts rice powder with 2 parts gram flour. Add curd and a little turmeric to mix into a paste. Apply on exposed areas of the body. Leave on for 10 minutes. Rub gently on the skin and wash off with water. Ripe papaya has a cleansing action and contains an enzyme

damaged skin. Or, mix ground almonds with yogurt. Apply on the face. Leave on for 15 minutes. Then moisten with water and rub gently. Wash off with plenty of water. Dried and powdered lemon and orange peels, along with dried and powdered mint (pudina) leaves can be added to facial scrubs to help add a glow. In fact, mint also helps to keep the skin clear and prevent eruptions. Apply the mixture on the face and leave on for a few minutes. Then, rub gently, with small circular movements, washing off with water. For all skin types, make a powder of green tea leaves and mix it with curd and aloe vera gel in equal quantities. Apply on face leave on for a few minutes. Rub gently and wash off with water. Take one cup olive oil and mix with Epsom salts or sugar. Add a little grated lemon rind. Apply on the face and rub gently. Wash off. The remaining scrub may be kept in the fridge in an airtight jar.

washing off with water. Take 2 parts coarsely ground almonds and one part yogurt. Add a little turmeric. Mix together and apply on the body. After 5 minutes, rub gently and then wash off with water. Take sesame seeds (til), dried mint (pudina) leaves and honey. Crush the sesame seeds coarsely and powder the dried mint leaves. Mix them with a little honey and apply on the skin. Leave on for 5 minutes. Rub gently and wash off with water. Sesame seeds actually have sun protective properties and also soothe sun-

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Nothing is impossible. the word itself says 'I'm possible'! We have come to this world not to just make money, make friends, have children and merely enjoy life! We have come to this world for a purpose and that purpose is God realization. and to attain this, we have to put all efforts and never say It is not possible !

There is nothing impossible for us. Something that seemed to impossible in the past are entirely possible today. Every day present us variety of challenges and a limited time in which to deal with them. Do not waste our time in attempting the impossible. There is different kind of impossibility. Something that absolutely impossible is something that could never happen in this or any other world. There is nothing in the world exists as impossible. What makes impossible are only in our thoughts. Impossible never

Jasaswini Pattanaik

exists. Whenever someone says that something impossible ask ourselves if it really is and even if it is now ,never be be always . THERE IS N O T H I N G IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO ACHIEVE; EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE FOR US .

Our brains and our minds are products of the same time frame as the universe. Hence, we cannot think anything beyond what exists in the Universe. Thus, our wildest dreams and imaginations have roots and templates somewhere in the Universe and point to the existence of ideas and designs beyond our surroundings. We can access this knowledge base through enhanced mental faculties via sanyam and yoga.

All our discoveries, inventions or creations are, therefore, nothing else but rediscovering existing knowledge. We get this knowledge from 'Knowledge Space' that may contain f u n d a m e n t a l knowledge produced in the past and is continuously fed by the ever-increasing knowledge from various civilisations. This is similar to cyber

space. Aprepared and focused human mind can access knowledge from Knowledge Space and I feel that great discoveries of humankind have come from such access. It is also possible that as the earth moves around the sun and the solar system revolves around the centre of the Milky Way galaxy, periodically, we come across Knowledge Space, which helps humankind to evolve. Something that is absolutely impossible happens that could ever happen in this world, All the impossible things that become possible by our efforts .When we attempt the impossible ,we are wasting our time .But there is nothing impossible in our life .But when we fail to attempt the possible we are wasting an opportunity in life .Whenever someone says that something impossible ask ourselves if it realy is .And even if it is now,must it always be ? Always be the soldiers of doing impossible things .

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN JUDICIAL SYSTEM

Aishwarya Pathak

The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is causing a huge revolution in the Indian Judiciary, which is one of the largest legal systems globally. The many applications, difficulties, and possible effects on the legal system are examined in this overview of AI's employment in the Indian Judiciary. The Indian Judicial system, which is well-known for its intricacy and volume of cases, has acknowledged the necessity of implementing technological advancements to improve productivity and accessibility. The goal of integrating AI into the Indian judiciary is to address a number of issues, including backlogs in cases and legal research, and to expedite procedures for the public's and legal professionals' benefit. In Indian courts, artificial intelligence is being used to expedite case management procedures. Large volumes of legal material can be effectively organized with the use of automated document analysis and summarizing. Artificial intelligence (AI) can drastically cut down on the time spent on administrative duties by automating basic operations, freeing up

legal practitioners to concentrate on more intricate areas of their work. Legal study takes a lot of time because Indian legal rules and cases are lengthy. AI using Natural Language Processing (NLP) capabilities helps lawyers quickly access pertinent material and precedents by searching through large legal databases. Research is completed more quickly as a result, and stronger legal arguments are also prepared. Artificial intelligence-powered virtual legal assistants provide a useful alternative in India, where the legal system can be intimidating for those without legal experience. The goal of this democratization of legal knowledge is to increase the general public's accessibility to the legal system. The Indian Judiciary is utilizing AI to enhance security and privacy protocols. AI-driven technology can aid with the security of legal records and papers since they deal with sensitive information. By adding blockchain technology, the legal process's security and transparency are further improved, protecting its integrity. There are difficulties

with integrating AI into the Indian Judicial System. In order to guarantee fair and impartial predictive analytics and decision-making procedures, it is crucial to address biases in AI systems. It is still imperative to address transparency and explain ability, which means developing AI systems that the general public and legal professions can both understand and rely on. AI-powered solutions are becoming more and more popular among Indian legal practitioners for legal research. Legal databases, precedents, and pertinent statutes can be accessed more quickly and accurately with the use of these technologies. AI's capacity to examine and evaluate enormous volumes of legal papers helps attorneys extract pertinent data, which expedites the research process and improves the caliber of arguments made in court. Case management is also one of the main areas in which AI is influencing the Indian legal system. In Indian courts, the sheer number of cases frequently causes backlogs and delays. Courts are managing their dockets more effectively by automating case ranking

through the use of AI algorithms. Artificial Intelligence (AI) aids in case outcome prediction and optimal case allocation techniques by examining historical data and case characteristics. Concerns about data security and privacy often surface, especially in a nation with such a large and diverse population. It's critical to strike a balance between the advantages of AI and protecting personal privacy. Furthermore, it is important to carefully analyze the ethical ramifications of giving robots decision-making authority as well as the possibility of dehumanizing legal proceedings. The Indian judiciary is aware that the application of AI must be governed by explicit legal and regulatory frameworks. Laws must be in place to specify who is responsible for decisions made by AI, to protect the rights of people impacted by AI rulings, and to specify who is responsible for implementing AI systems in the legal field. Creating and improving these frameworks would be essential to guaranteeing ethical

and responsible use of AI in the Indian judiciary. Modernizing and improving the legal system is made possible by the significant step that the integration of AI in the Indian judiciary represents. Artificial intelligence (AI) offers answers to persistent problems in a variety of fields, including case management, legal research, and virtual legal help. However, striking a careful balance between innovation and ethical issues is necessary for the responsible application of AI. It is imperative that legal professionals, technologists, politicians, and the public continue to collaborate as India embraces the transformational power of artificial intelligence (AI) in its legal system. Together, they can create a future in which artificial intelligence improves the Indian judiciary's accessibility, effectiveness, and justice, helping to create a more citizen-responsive judicial system. To fully utilize AI's potential to alter the administration of justice in India, strong legal and regulatory frameworks must be established and obstacles must be carefully navigated.

Advocate-on-Record Supreme Court of India

Letter to Editor

Sir

It seems as if Ayodhya has become not just the spiritual capital of the nation but also a city of wishes and fulfillments not just for devotees around the world but also for those in the business and property fields. The city of Lord Ram is witnessing a blend of ancient charm and magnificent modernity. Along with the state of the art Railway station and the new airport the city is now a magnet attracting prominent builders and business magnates who are out with plans and visions that could change the already burgeoning economic landscape of Ayodhya. It was in the news that Megastar Amitabh Bachchan has purchased a plot in a forthcoming seven-star mixed-use enclave . More celebrities are sure to follow suit and this yet again underscores the evolving economic dynamics of Ayodhya. With the temple consecration just a few days away and devotees waiting for the revamped holy city's inauguration business is on a high in Ayodhya and across the nation. There is a high demand for replicas of the Ram Mandir, diyas, printed kurtas, caps, T-shirts, flags, mithais and various curios featuring the image of the Ram Mandir . This enhances trade, employment and business. Spiritual and sight seeing Tourism has already began and hotel and boarding facilities have increased and sure to go for a steady spike after the consecration.Globally famous hotel groups are already making a beeline to the city. No doubt Ayodhya will transform into a world class city where people come as pilgrims and tourists. All in all Ayodhya has become the blue chip town of the nation offering whatever it can and whatever it has.

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KARUANGAN: A Triumph in Traditional Dyeing and Printing from the Heart of Bengal

Kolkata (ABHIJIT SETH): Amidst the tranquillity of Benepukur para, nestled in Post - Suri, District Birbhum, West Bengal, a tale of extraordinary success gradually weaved its way into the fabric of the village narrative. The story revolves around an unmarried young individual, emerging from a family heritage steeped in the art of dyeing for two decades. His journey unfolds as a testament to the power of determination, skill enhancement, and the indispensable mentorship provided by MGIRI (Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Rural Industrialization). The journey began when this aspiring entrepreneur, armed with limited computer knowledge, stumbled upon MGIRI and decided to seek their guidance for his entrepreneurial venture. Despite not having a college degree, his passion for the dyeing industry and the desire to elevate his family's legacy led him to the



doors of MGIRI. Upon reaching out to MGIRI, he engaged in extensive conversations with the scientific team of the Khadi & Textile division. During these discussions, he laid out his vision to establish a dyeing and printing enterprise in his locality. Despite lacking a formal education, his commitment to learning and growing in the field left a lasting impression. MGIRI, recognizing the potential in this determined youth, provided him with essential insights and information on starting

and expanding a business. Eager to implement these learnings, he joined MGIRI for a skill development training program focused on dyeing Khadi with natural dyes. Empowered with newfound knowledge and skills, he returned to his village with a plan. In August 2016, he laid the foundation for his micro-enterprise, aptly named "KARUANGAN." Specializing in Batik, Natural dyeing, Tie & Dye, Shibori laharia, and more on cotton and silk fabrics, KARUANGAN

was born. Funds for the venture were arranged within the family, highlighting the collective belief in the young entrepreneur's potential. With a team of five employees, he commenced operations, establishing a traditional dyeing unit that could produce 100 meters of dyed or printed fabric daily. KARUANGAN's products quickly gained traction in the local market, and the entrepreneur's proactive approach became evident as he participated in various exhibitions at the local, district, state, and national levels. This strategic move not only enhanced the visibility of his materials but also contributed significantly to his monthly income, which now stands at around Rs. 50,000. Crucially, the success story does not end with local recognition. The entrepreneur remains closely connected with the Khadi & Textile division of MGIRI, continually seeking technical guidance on

traditional dyeing and printing techniques, designs, and marketing strategies. This symbiotic relationship has proven to be a key factor in his journey towards success. Notably, KARUANGAN has achieved another milestone by successfully registering for exports, marking a significant expansion in its reach and impact. This not only showcases the entrepreneur's ability to adapt and grow but also underscores the transformative power of skill development and mentorship. The story of KARUANGAN serves as an inspiring testament to the potential that lies within rural entrepreneurship, fuelled by passion, skill development, and strategic guidance. It exemplifies the role institutions like MGIRI play in empowering individuals to turn their dreams into flourishing enterprises, ultimately contributing to the socio-economic development of their communities.

Workshop on Fish proteomics organized at ICAR-CIFRI



Kolkata, (KCN): The 03-days workshop is organized by ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute for faculty, researchers, and students from 16 to 18th January 2024 at the headquarters of the Institute located at Barrackpore, Kolkata – 700 120, West Bengal. Dr. B.P. Mohanty, ADG (Inland fisheries), New Delhi, and Dr. B.K. Das, Director of ICAR-CIFRI inaugurated the program and emphasized the need for fish Proteomics technologies and its prospects to address key areas in aquaculture. Dr. B.P. Mohanty highlighted the importance of proteomics tools in the

food industry, disease diagnosis, clinical studies, biomarker discovery, and drug discovery. Director of the institute Dr. B.K. Das emphasized the role of proteomics technology in the study of interactions, function, composition, and structures of proteins and their cellular activities in fish, bacteria, fungi, or any organism or cell type. The workshop curriculum was designed to cover various proteomics techniques along with available bioinformatics resources for their applications in different areas of fisheries-related to safety, quality, and health. The participants

were also given hands-on training on Protein isolation and estimation, 1D gel electrophoresis, 2D gel electrophoresis, Protein modelling (2D and 3D) and Fish mucus zymography. The workshop was attended by Faculties, UG and PG students, researchers, and faculties from the Central University of Himachal Pradesh; Brainwork University, Barasat; College of Fisheries, Gumla; University of Burdwan and College of Fisheries, Dholi. Dr. B.K. Das, Mr. P. Maurya, Dr. V. Kumar, Dr. S. Roy and Dr. S. Ganguly coordinated the workshop.

Swami Vivekananda's Birth Anniversary Week Celebrated with Zest and Purpose in North Kolkata: A Vibrant Blend of Cultural Programs, Road Safety Initiatives, and Inspirational Speeches

Kolkata (ABHIJIT SETH): In a commendable effort to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, Barupur Nehru Youth Center Deputy Director Dr. Rajat Shubhra Naskar and North Kolkata Nehru Youth Center Acting Officer Dr. Rajat Shubhra Naskar orchestrated a special program in North Kolkata. The event witnessed the presence of Kashipur Assembly MLA Kamalakanti Hasda and notable philanthropist-journalist Vivek Das. The program commenced with MLA Kamalakanti Hasda hoisting the flag and delivering a warm welcome address. A significant highlight was the telecast of Prime

Minister Narendra Modi's inspiring speech on a large screen. Alongside, a road safety and awareness program added depth to the occasion. With an audience of 250 to 300, the cultural programs brought vibrancy to the event. The rendition of "Bharat Mata Bandana" by Dr. Rajat Shubhra Naskar further captivated the audience. The active involvement of APS Shilajit Biswas and National Youth Volunteers added dynamism to the program. The event extended beyond North Kolkata, reaching the Jai Gopalpur Gram Bikash Kendra in the remote Postal Area of Basanti Block. Seminars and cultural events, attended by prominent figures like

Biswajit Mahaku, Kamini Kumar Guchait, and Traffic Police Officers, became platforms for dialogue and progress. The program, featuring the Prime Minister's speech on developing India, instilled hope and inspiration in the local community. The contributions of Samaresh Raut, Rupam Sardar, Rimi Majumdar, and Sarthaki Mistry were crucial to the success of the event. As the echoes of Swami Vivekananda's teachings resonate, this celebration not only marked a memorable tribute to the visionary leader but also served as a testament to the power of unity, youth engagement, and community-driven initiatives for a brighter, inspired future.

THE MUCH AWAITED ANNUAL CONCERT OF B.D. MEMORIAL JUNIOR SCHOOL ON 20TH JANUARY



Kolkata, (KCN): B. D. Memorial Junior School, an esteemed educational institution of India, since 1966, completing 57 glorious years, will celebrate its much awaited and talked about Annual Concert titled 'DHWANI' on 20th January, at Indus Valley World School Auditorium, 1230pm onwards. Among the esteemed guests who will adorn the event we had a talk with actor/activist, teacher of method acting Bobby Chakraborty, who is one among the illustrious guest list. Here's what he said: "I have shared a long and strong relationship with BDM International and B. D. Memorial Junior School through my anti addiction campaigns and otherwise. I have shared a stronger relationship with the respected Director/Principal of B.D. Memorial Jr. School Mrs. Suman Sood, a fiery, enterprising and inspirational figure in the world of education. This magnificent annual concert has become a regular event in my calendar and I am eagerly looking forward to yet another spectacular show on the 20th."

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court today asked its registry to inform former Team India cricket captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni about a defamation suit filed against him by his two former business partners. Plaintiffs and former business partners Mihir Diwakar and his wife Soumya Das have approached the high court seeking a permanent injunction and damages against MS Dhoni, several social media platforms and media houses and thereby restraining them from making, publishing, circulating per se defamatory, ex facie false and malicious statements against them. Justice Prathiba M

Singh, before whom the plaint came up for hearing, was informed that MS Dhoni has not been served with the plea by the plaintiffs. The court also orally asked the plaintiffs to serve the copy of plaint to the cricketer. "Before going into the allegations in the plaint and the question whether such an injunction would even be maintainable or any injunction would be liable to be granted, it is deemed appropriate to direct intimation to defendant no. 1 (MS Dhoni) of filing of the present suit. Let the registry issue an email to defendant no. 1 at the email address. The intimation be also given at the law firm representing him," the

judge said. The high court listed the matter for further hearing on January 29 and asked the plaintiffs to file court fees within a week. Plaintiffs' counsel submitted that an injunction order can be passed even in cases which are sub judice before court. He said a press conference was held on behalf of the cricketer levelling allegations against the plaintiffs. To this, the court said the plaintiffs can also reply in the media and say that they have not cheated. Counsel for one of the media houses, which has been made a party to the plaint, submitted that the plea was not maintainable.

The Magnificent Initiative of "School of Agricultural Sciences"

Kolkata, (KCN): It is truly imperative that the concept of "Sport" enhances the exclusive "Moral Spirits" in favor of all of us right from the very beginning. Most importantly "Sport" is such a palatable concept which extracts the best human potential through various avenues of skills already. In this regard, "School of Agricultural Sciences" had organized their most appealing "Annual Sports" on 15th January, 2024 in their capacious college ground in a very

befitting manner. All the most adroit bench of students did participate on that accomplished event from all the individual semesters and they have contributed quite comprehensively from the core of their collective passions and resourceful drives to make it a resounding success along with their reverential mentors. 1. Compelling Bond: This spirited event has entrenched an indispensable bond between teachers and students which is related to "Community Leadership



Approach". They do work along with their most aspiring students and this is how they do accomplish the task for their positive consequence in the near future.

2. Mutual Cooperation: Mentors and Mentees are really cooperative right from their planning to execution. That is how they have organized this

impactful event based upon the high-end cooperation which would be really reflected in their best occupational elevations over the coming years.

3. Fellow Feeling: It is one of the most significant concepts in "Management". School of Agricultural Sciences entrenched their fellow feelings with

all the individuals through frequent connections and understandings respectively. These are really consequential not only to establish a plan for tomorrow but it shall be really effective for them to bring out a real change in connection with collective developmental progression in a conforming manner. 4. Team Building: Both teachers and students have depicted based upon their various teams and individuals. This "Annual Sports-2024" is one of the

prime examples not only to fabricate a team but they have explored their destined "Team Spirits" to snatch the best occupational virtuoso. Therefore, this event has snatched the mute attention of all and "School of Agricultural Sciences" has brought out an astounding equation of "Eco-Friendly Communal Harmony" for shiny and successful tomorrow. Therefore, this event is an exemplary occasion for us to refine our desired cultural dexterity.

CureBay's Historic 100th eClinic Launch: Revolutionizing Affordable, Accessible, Quality Healthcare in Medically Underserved Regions at Tangi, Khordha

Khordha (KCN): CureBay, a trailblazing healthcare innovator, proudly announces the opening of its 100th eClinic in Tangi, Khordha, Odisha. This milestone underscores CureBay's unwavering commitment to revolutionizing healthcare in underserved areas, advancing accessibility, quality, and affordability of healthcare services. Having successfully established 99 eClinics across Odisha & Chhattisgarh, covering 32,000 villages & towns and serving over 1,02,000 satisfied patients, CureBay's journey has been marked by extraordinary growth. The company leverages

a network of micro-satellite centers, the CureBay eClinics, supported by a robust tech platform, to transform the healthcare experience in underserved markets. The Tangi eClinic exemplifies CureBay's dedication to providing comprehensive healthcare solutions. Boasting a team of more than 170 empanelled doctors, including specialists in Paediatrics, Orthopaedics, Surgery, ENT, Gynaecology, and Dentistry, the clinic ensures a diverse range of medical expertise. Patients will enjoy the convenience of placing medicine orders through registered pharmacies and receiving deliveries

via CureBay's digital platform. The eClinic will also serve as a collection point for test samples, ensuring efficient phlebotomy services. Additionally, the clinic will facilitate patient referrals to partnered hospitals and diagnostic centres for IPD and radiology services, with ambulance services readily available in case of emergencies. Shri Manoj Kumar Mishra, Principal Secretary, Electronics & Information Technology Department, Government of Odisha, graced the grand event as Chief Guest. Addressing the audience, he expressed, "Participating in CureBay's 100th



eClinic event is an honor, aligning with our vision for accessible healthcare in Odisha. This milestone represents a transformative stride towards uplifting the well-being of our rural communities. CureBay's

steadfast dedication to healthcare innovation, especially in underserved areas, is commendable. I extend heartfelt congratulations to CureBay and foresee sustained positive impacts on the healthcare landscape, reflecting our

shared commitment to fostering a healthier India. Expressing enthusiasm for this milestone, Priyadarshi Mohapatra, Founder & CEO, CureBay stated, "The inauguration of our 100th eClinic in Tangi

signifies CureBay's profound commitment to transform healthcare in remote India. Beyond offering affordable, high-quality primary care, our mission is about empowerment, connecting underserved regions to top doctors and healthcare facilities in major cities. Fuelled by technology and empathy, our eClinics bridge geographical gaps and shatter healthcare disparities. Each clinic is a testament to the positive impact we strive for, touching lives with reliable and affordable healthcare services. Looking forward, our goal is not just the next 100 clinics but to extend accessible and affordable healthcare services

nationwide, breaking down barriers and redefining healthcare for the forgotten." CureBay has recently launched Annual Membership Health Cards, providing subscribers with a variety of advantages such as a year of Unlimited Doctor Consultation, discounts on medicines, pathology and radiology tests, ambulance services, and Rs. 1000/day cash benefits up to Rs. 30,000 in case of hospitalization and surgery, covering pre-existing conditions and pregnancy. The Membership Health Card is available in three options – Wellness, PrimeCure, and Wellness Pro.

RIE Celebrates NE Day



Bhubaneswar(KCN): National Education Day was celebrated by Regional Institute of Education, Bhubaneswar on the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad – India's first Education Minister and great freedom movement leader. The program was inaugurated by Prof. P.C. Agarwal, Principal of RIE, Bhubaneswar in the

presence of faculty members and students. In his address he highlighted the contributions of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad in different areas like national integration, universalisation of quality school education, inclusive and equitable education, promotion of higher education and art and culture. Giving examples about the need of skills and

experiential learning, he urged the prospective teachers to work for enhancing the quality of school education. Students from different programmes Vaishnavi Kumari Sahu, Snigdha Suprangya, Avinash Kumar and G. Ratnapriya expressed their views presenting on the work of the great leader. Prof. Sandhyarani Sahoo, Dean of Instructions, Prof. I.P.

Gowamma of the Institute addressed the participants of the programme coordinated by Dr. Kalinga Ketaki. Dr. Pushaplata Negi presented the vote of thanks. Prof. Laxmidhar Behera, Head Department of Education, Prof. Ritanjali Dash, Head Extension Education and other faculty members were present on the occasion.

Pact For PwD Welfare

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha Government looks forward to productive outcomes through different collaborations and convergence with other Departments, Civil Society Organisations, said Ashok Chandra Panda, Minister, of Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (SSEPD). Shri Panda graced the MoU signing event in Loka Seva Bhawan in presence of Bishnupada Sethi, Principal Secretary SSEPD. MoU was signed between the SSEPD Department and Sightsavers India, a national-level development organisation working for



the empowerment of PwDs. Principal Secretary, SSEPD, Bishnupada Sethi assured the government's cooperation in all activities envisaged in the MoU. He emphasized that community participation should be adhered to in the welfare programs in all convergence efforts. The bilateral MoU will be in force for 3 years. Within the collaborative partnership, technical

support will be provided at both State and district levels in the fields of preparing the PwD database, skill development programs and strengthening PwD's livelihood aspects. Sightsavers India will actively support SSEPD in sensitizing stakeholders, facilitating self-defence training, establishing a computer training centre and collaborating on inclusive eye health services. The partnership

aligns with SDG for 2030, focusing on the inclusion of disabilities in various targets and indicators. Dillip Kumar Ray, Special Secretary and other senior officers of the Department were present on the occasion while Sanyaashee Behera, Deputy Secretary, SSEPD and Prasanna Kumar, Director (Program Operations), Sightsavers India were the signatories in the MoU.



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Credit Plea For Coal



New Delhi(KCN): Amrit Lal Meena, Secretary Coal, has urged banks and non-banking financial companies to find appropriate solutions while working on the proposals placed before them regarding credit availability for commercial coal mines. He reiterated that coal mining is a good and profitable long-term business with assured returns starting from 3-4 years of the allocation of the coal mines. REC Limited, has organised a workshop on ‘Customised Debt-Financing for Commercial Mining & MDOs’ recently in New Delhi. The workshop witnessed

participation by Amrit Lal Meena, Secretary, Ministry of Coal, M Nagaraju, Additional Secretary and Nominated Authority, Ministry of Coal, and Vivek Kumar Dewangan, Chairman and Managing Director, REC Ltd. along with other senior functionaries from the coal industry and government. Shri Meena appreciated the initiative of REC and its commitment to strike a balance between sustainable development and financial viability of the mining sector in compliance with the ESG norms and willingness to be a partner in the growth journey of the mining

industry. He also highlighted the necessity of efficiently closing coal mines once they reach the end of their operational life and rejuvenate such exhausted mines for sustainable endeavours like Pumped Storage facilities, Solar Parks etc. The Secretary reassured the commitment to sustainable methods of mining and informed that Coal Ministry is taking various steps to increase production from the Under Ground mines. He emphasised that the coal sector is in the growth phase and collective efforts should be made to reduce coal import by increasing production to meet growing domestic demand.

Workshop on causes and Diagnosis of Bleeding



Bhubaneswar: Apollo Hospital Hematology Department is organizing one workshop on diagnosis and management of Thrombotic disorders under the aegis of herpetology. On 2nd Nov,

2023. The Diagnosis of these disorders is very important which affects people of all ages. Making proper diagnosis and giving appropriate treatment will save many lives particularly the young. All the laboratory

tests for making proper diagnosis is available in Apollo Hospital, Bhubaneswar. These tests are hardly available in few laboratories in odisha. Under one roof in Apollo Hospital, Bhubaneswar all the facilities are also available for this disorder for diagnosing and treating these cases. We are happy to hole this workshop and bring awareness among the medical fraternity of odisha.

Texmaco-SSFMPL JVSecures for Arun-3 Hydroelectric Power Plant Project in Nepal

Kolkata: Texmaco-SSFMPL JV, a collaborative effort led by Texmaco, has recently secured al contract with Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) Arun-3 Power Development Company Limited (SAPDC) for the construction of the Arun-3 hydroelectric power plant, a 900MW run-of-the-river hydropower project presently under development in Nepal. The Texmaco-SSFMPL JV, entrusted with an order valued at Rs 179.89 crore from SJVN Arun-3 Power Development Company Limited, is poised to play a pivotal role in advancing this crucial project. The scope of work encompasses an array of responsibilities, including procurement, fabrication, shop assembly, painting, testing, transportation, supply, erection, site testing, and commissioning of the Pressure Shaft Steel Liner. This significant task involves the installation of two lanes

of Pressure Shaft Steel Liner with a substantial diameter of 5500mm, two bifurcations, four branches with a diameter of 4000mm each, along with all necessary accessories. The total estimated tonnage for this undertaking stands at a formidable 4700 metric tonnes. The Arun-3 hydroelectric power plant, administered under the build, own, operate, and transfer (BOOT) model, is a collaborative endeavour between India's SJVN and the Government of Nepal. SAPDC, a wholly owned subsidiary of SJVN, will oversee the plant's operation for a period of 25 years, which excludes the initial five-year construction phase. Following this operational phase, ownership of the power plant will be transferred to the Nepal government. One of the most salient features of this agreement is the substantial benefit it bestows upon Nepal. Over the initial 25 years

of commercial operations, Nepal will receive 21.9% of the electricity generated by the Arun-3 power plant as free power. This underscores the exemplary cooperation between India and Nepal in harnessing the potential of renewable energy resources and reaffirms their commitment to strengthening bilateral relations. On the joint venture, Sudipta Mukherjee, Deputy Managing Director, Texmaco Rail & Engineering Ltd., said, "Texmaco-SSFMPL JV is honoured to be entrusted with the responsibility of contributing to the Arun-3 hydroelectric power plant project in Nepal. We are committed to delivering excellence in every aspect of our work and in advancing renewable energy solutions. This venture exemplifies our dedication to sustainable progress."

Odisha records 20x growth in job applications in the last 90 days

Bhubaneswar,: As one of the fastest-growing states in terms of economy in India, Odisha has been witnessing a steady growth in job opportunities across sectors and industries and has emerged as a popular destination for job seekers.apna.co– India’s largest jobs and professional networking platform– recorded20x quarter on quarter growth in job postings in the state’s capital, Bhubaneswar in the previous quarter. The platform has also noted increased job openingsfor multiple roles in the last three 90 days.

After recording an economic rating higher than India’s GDP, Odisha has become a promising destination for employers to invest in, strengthening the state’s economy and creating more job opportunities. apna has become a trusted partner for various popular companies such as Zomato, Bharti AXA, Burger King, TeamLease, Byjus, and Delhivery amongst others in the state to fulfill their hiring requirement. In the last quarter, there has been an increased hiring momentum for roles such as telecallers/BPO, sales, computer/data entry operator, delivery persons, and business development executives amongst others. The capital city continues to be one of the top commercial hubs in Eastern India.

With more than 25 percent female users from Bhubaneswar, apna has become a default partner for women to build their professional networks and participate in helping India unlock its economic potential. According to the platform, there has been a quarter-on-quarter increase in women joining the workforce from the state and participating in uplifting Odisha’s economy. Telecalling and business development have consistently been the most popular role amongst women in Bhubaneswar followed by data entry operators. Interestingly, women also opted to get on the field by joining the sales workforce for various organizations after COVID cases dropped drastically.

Commenting on the growth, Manas Singh, Chief Business Officer, apna.co said, “Odisha is witnessing tremendous growth in the past quarter, emerging as one of the key markets with a rise in both workers and employers on apna. We will continue creating more hyperlocal opportunities to help accelerate the economic growth of Bhubaneswar.”

FURO Sports Shoes welcomes Shahid Kapoor as its Brand Ambassador

Bhubaneswar: FURO Sports Shoes , (from the house of Red Chief Shoes), is thrilled to announce its much-coveted collaboration with the Bollywood Superstar, Shahid Kapoor. Shahid’s youthful and sporty personality of an affable boy gets with the aspiring core values and ethos of FURO Sports Shoes. Shahid appeals to a wider audience across all age groups. While his exceptional fitness lifestyle, dancing prowess, and romantic-action-oriented movies attract the youth, his responsible family guy persona connects with relatively mature age groups as well .Mr. Manoj Gyanchandani (Managing Director) expressing his views on the collaboration, shares, “We are extremely honored to welcome Shahid Kapoor as the newest FURO family member. We couldn’t have asked for a better partner in 2022 who comes with such high credible energy which is much needed in such dynamic times to inspire the youth towards athleisure lifestyle. We look forward to a successful partnership with him and hope to have a mutually beneficial long-term relationship.”

Mr. Rahul Sharma, (Marketing Head) further shared “To continue leveraging our association both in mass media & digital platforms – Shahid would be part of our forthcoming Brand campaigns , which are back to back lined up starting few weeks from now . “

BOB Financialcrosses the 1 Million Credit Cards mark

Mumbai:BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL),awholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda (Bank)that issues and manages Bank of Baroda Credit Cards, has crossed the 1 Million Credit Cards mark.

As per Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, Bank of Baroda Credit Cards have grown 9X over the last four years – from 0.12 million cards in March 2018 to over 1.1 million cards in March 2022. Further, the monthly spends on credit cards have grown 10X over the same period – from Rs.80 crore in March 2018 to Rs.830 crore in March 2022.

In CY2022, cobrandingwith IRCTC, HPCL, Defence Services, and partnerships with fintechs have been some of the key initiatives in the ongoing transformation journey.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Shailendra Singh, MD & CEO, BFSL said, “In 2017, we started on a journey of transforming BOB Financial into a leading credit card issuer in India. Crossing the 1 million credit cards mark is an important milestone.However, while we celebrate this achievement, our ultimate aspiration is to become one of the largest Credit Card issuers in the country, serving customers of every demographic and socio-economic classification.”

BFSL has been focusing on investing in people, processes and technology to enhance customer experience.

LIC Mutual Fund Announces Completion of IDBI MF Schemes Merger

Mumbai : LIC Mutual Fund (LIC MF), one of the reputed fund houses in the Indian asset management industry, has announced the successful completion of the takeover of schemes of IDBI Mutual Fund (IDBI MF). The effective date of merger hasJuly 29, 2023.

The move is in line with LIC MF's mission to strengthen and diversify its product offerings, expand its footprint and grow its assets under management (AUM) to emerge as a leading MF house in the country. LIC MF had an AUM of Rs 18,400Crores and IDBI MF had Rs 3,650Crores as of June 30, 2023.

After completion of the merger, out of 20 schemes of IDBI MF, 10 schemes will be merged with similar schemes of LIC MF and the remaining 10 will be taken over by LIC MF on standalone basis, which will takeits total scheme count to 38. With this

merger, investors invested in IDBI MF schemes will get access to LICMF’s diversified basket of product offerings covering Equity, Debt, Hybrid, Solution oriented themes, ETF and Index funds.

Commenting on the successful completion of the scheme merger, Mr. T.S. Ramakrishnan, Managing Director& CEO of LIC Mutual Fund, said: “It is an important milestone in our journey as we are working towards developing our capabilities to serve as a diversified mutual fund house catering to investment needs across key markets in India. The merger complements our goal to strengthen our scheme offerings in the mid-cap, small-cap, gold fund, passive fund segments, etc. The merger will help us build wider market presence and offer a more extensive range of

product basket. The combined strength will help us capture emerging opportunities in the thriving asset management industry and drive value for investors and distribution partners.” He further added“Our vision is to be a trusted partner in wealth creation and a mutual fund of choice. Our track record of managing funds for over three decades has enabled us to gain trust of investors.We will remain focused and work towards delivering long-term performance by adopting adequate risk control mechanisms.” About LIC Mutual Fund: LIC Mutual Fund was established on 20th April 1989 by LIC of India. LIC MF is an AMC with LIC of India as its Sponsor and other stakeholders being LIC Housing Finance Ltd, GIC Housing Finance Ltd and Union Bank of India.

Ambuja Cements introduces Cool Walls, a special product that keep homes cool in summersand hot in winters

Mumbai : Ambuja Cements Ltd, one of India’s most sustainable cement manufacturers, is now offering an innovative green solution for constructing strong walls. Ambuja Cool Walls is a unique wall solutions that keeps the house cool during summer and retains inside temperature to make the house warmer in winter. Ambuja Cements is among the first Indian cement companies to offer this unique block and mortar solution to individual house builders.

Ambuja Cool Walls is a sustainable product made with an innovative heat-barrier technology that is far superior to any other products available in the market. The ‘heat barrier technology’ of this product helps to maintain inside temperature of any house lesser by 5°Celsius as compared to external temperature. These innovative heat barrier

technology, consistent quality and enhanced strength (>5 MPa) are the main differentiators of this product.

Ambuja Cool Walls is an innovative solution to the problem faced by traditional construction with non-sustainable products. The challenge poised by traditional construction today are efflorescence on walls, termite attack, water absorption and highly prone to earthquakes. Ambuja Cool Walls along with unique jointing mortar makes the wall stronger and eliminates the problem faced by traditional construction practices. This helps the consumers in cost saving on electricity due to thermal insulation, low frequency of repeat painting because of no efflorescence, lesser repeat maintenance and lower construction cost. Additional benefits include noise reduction,

high fire resistanceetc. Also it enables speedy construction and reduces project completion time by ~ 30%.

Ambuja Cool Wallsis a sustainable product as it consumes large volume of fly ash in its manufacturing. The walls does not require curing during construction and thus saves 5000 liters of water for a 1000-square feet house.Mr. Neeraj Akhoury, CEO India Holcim and MD & CEO of Ambuja Cements Ltd., said, “Ambuja Cements has always pursued innovation to provide customers with eco-friendly solutions for a better and a greener future. It’s our endeavorto provide world class solutions to customers in India. Ambuja Cool Walls is a testimony to our commitment to provide sustainable, high strength and durable solutions to our customers”.

KiiT International School becomes the only school from Odisha to win at Toycathon

Bhubaneswar: The revered founder of KiiT International School, Shri Achyuta Samanta, has always inspired and encouraged the youth to think beyond their textbooks and take interest in activities outside their classroom. I am glad that this morale-boosting has steered us to achieve this great honour. I firmly believe that these leaders of tomorrow can drive us towards a better tomorrow with proper education and guidance.”

Shree’s game ‘Untold Stories’ is a multiplayer game where one must answer questions about India’s heritage to move on to the next level. With this game, Shree intended to revive the art and culture of India. With modernization and technology, most youngsters are glued to their smartphones and the internet. Shree designed this

accomplishmentnot just for herbut the entire school. We always nurture our students to think beyond their textbooks and take interest in activities outside their classroom. I am glad that this morale-boosting has steered us to achieve this great honour. I firmly believe that these leaders of tomorrow can drive us towards a better tomorrow with proper education and guidance.”

game with the help of the school’s research wing, Inspiron, in a pursuit to move them away from this exposure while enhancing their knowledge on India’s art, history, and culture. From over 14 lakh online entries, 200 games were chosen for the physical edition of Toycathon. Untold stories was the only winner from Odisha among the top 7 felicitated games. Under the ‘AatmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan’ initiated by our Hon’ble Prime Minister, Shri. Narendra Modi, Toycathon is conceived to challenge India’s innovative minds to conceptualize novel Toy and Games based on Bharatiya civilization, history, culture, mythology and ethos.

New Delhi: A game that saw 424 runs scored across 40 overs at the Chinnaswamy stadium in Bengaluru came down to a Super Over. And then another Afghanistan, who were fresh from levelling India's mammoth 212 in the 20 overs, rode the adrenaline against Mukesh Kumar in the first Super Over, getting 16 runs from it. India hit back by equalising that and dragging the fixture into another Super Over. However, when Afghanistan's Mohammad Nabi and Rahmanullah Gurbaz walked out, the target of 11 runs looked rather easy to get given how well Afghanistan had flexed their big-hitting muscles all evening. Nabi, who took strike, in particular was brutal during the chase with a 27-ball 42.

Rohit took a massive punt by throwing the ball to Ravi Bishnoi, and the leg spinner earned his captain some sweet vindication. Rahu Dravid later lauded the skipper for taking a positive gut call in such a crunch situation to secure the game.

"I think Rohit went with his gut, he went with a call... I think he felt that the spinner had a better chance to take those two wickets. It was one of games when 11 wasn't probably a huge score and where you know that if they batted those six balls, with the power they had, they probably would've got the 12 runs. You needed to take two wickets," Dravid said.

Bishnoi did just that by pulling his lengths back and making it hard for the batters to clear the boundaries even in a venue like the Chinnaswamy stadium.



"The pressure was there, the heartbeat was racing, but I was confident about getting the job done. I was told by the captain that I'll bowl - I knew it wouldn't be easy for them if I bowl back of the length ball, it would be tough to smash on the back-foot. It gives a lot of pleasure to defend

during the super overs," the leg-spinner said at the presentation ceremony. Dravid echoed those thoughts, praising both Rohit - for taking the decision - and Bishnoi - for pulling off those lengths accurately. "I think it was a great call from the skipper to go with the spinner," Dravid

said. "He could've gone for two sixes but I thought Bishnoi was brilliant, because he bowled two superb balls. He pulled the length back... if the length had gone slightly fuller, the way they were batting, on this small ground it would've gone for a six. I think it was really good

gut call from Rohit to go for the wickets and be more positive rather than probably a safer option which people would've expected."

Before the proceedings culminated in such a sequence of events, there was a brief moment of confrontation during the first Super Over. On the

last ball, Mohammad Nabi swung and missed a full ball but dashed off for a run. Sanju Samson's underarm throw from behind ricocheted off Nabi's leg and the two Afghanistan batters picked a couple of more runs, much to the annoyance of Rohit and Virat Kohli. Rohit even had a word with Nabi who didn't seem to see any issue with what had transpired as three runs were added to Afghanistan's total. Dravid played down the incident as being part of a game such as this where emotions ran high.

"It's fine. It's part of the game. Some frustrations at times can happen but it is okay. I hit the non-striker and then it moved and I think it is fine, you know, you can run for those," Dravid opined. "To be honest, in the first T20I there was an incident where it hit the bat of our

batman and we ran a run as well. I think there's nothing to read into, there's nothing in the rules that stops you from actually running those runs. That's fine, it's part of the game."

"It can happen at the end. I think sometimes when you play for your country, there's so much passion and emotion. I think it is incredible that even in dead-rubber games when it gets down to the wire, that competitiveness comes out, that passion comes out," David added, lauding the show of passion from both sides.

"As long as it doesn't cross the line... that's why we have match referees and people who are there to look at these things. I think sometimes a little bit of that passion and emotion is really important. It shows that people care. I think as long as it doesn't cross the line, it's great."

Rohit, Rinku and Gulbadin star in Chinnaswamy thriller

New Delhi: A record-breaking fifth T20I ton from Rohit Sharma and his 190-run stand off just 95 balls with Rinku Singh stole the show along with Gulbadin Naib's 23-ball 55 in the final match of the three-game T20I series between India and Afghanistan in Bangalore on Wednesday (January 17). Rohit and Rinku ensured that India got to a daunting total of 212 after being 22/4 at one stage while Naib's fireworks meant that the game ended in a tie after 40 overs.

The Super Over also ended in a tie, forcing another Super Over, which India won thanks to Ravi Bishnoi's composure under pressure, as the hosts completed the series whitewash.

Horror start for India

Opting to bat, India found themselves in a soup during the powerplay as they lost four wickets, including that of Virat Kohli and Sanju Samson for ducks.



The surface appeared to be a tad tacky early on and Afghanistan's pacers hit the hard length consistently, also aided by some poor shot selection from India's batters. Kohli and Samson were both undone by pull shots that didn't seem apt for the line of the delivery while bounce undid Yashasvi Jaiswal. In between all this, Shivam Dube got a sharp away-seamer to nick one behind. At 22/4, the game looked anything like the run fest once expected the game to be.

Rohit, Rinku get the repair job going

After successive ducks, Rohit clearly needed a big score and with the team under pressure, it provided the skipper with an opportunity to make a statement. And

make a statement he did! It helped him that Rinku got off the blocks quickly enough and adjusted to the surface without much fuss. In fact, Rohit took his eye time to get going and was striking at under 100 during the first 30-odd deliveries. The odd clean strike came but with a lot of rustiness in between.

The partnership switches gears in the back end. After a steady start, both batters were able to unleash. It was steady acceleration during the middle overs before going ballistic at the death. One of the highlights of Rohit's innings was his reverse sweep/switch hit which he used against Qais Ahmad. It showed the veteran's willingness to adapt to the demands of the format, even if it

wasn't fluent always. But once he found his mojo, Rohit was unstoppable at the death and took the bowlers to the cleaners. A mind-boggling 103 runs came off the final 30 balls in the innings, including 58 off the last two overs. The 20th over, bowled by Karim Janat, went for 36 as it rained sixes at the back end. Afghanistan start on steady note

The visitors needed a strong powerplay to stay ahead of the rate but they chose to build a platform instead, knowing that this is a ground where they could catchup. Rahmanullah Gurbaz was the aggressor as he raced away to a fifty while skipper Ibrahim Zadran found the going tough with respect to upping the ante. The partnership, though, did the first job of

ensuring that Afghanistan didn't lose too many wickets upfront.

Gurbaz falls; Afghanistan stumble

It took a blinder from Washington Sundar a short cover to break the opening stand but one brought two more for India. The Afghanistan skipper and Azmatullah Omarzai both fell shortly to Sundar as the innings hit a roadblock briefly. It seemed like the plan to make a platform for the back-end launch had backfired for Afghanistan.

Gulbadin, Nabi produced a stunning counterattack

Afghanistan needed 106 off 44 balls when the two joined forces but neither seemed overawed by the task at hand. Both batters struck the ball cleanly from the get-go and the six-hitting was crisp. They added 56 off just 22 balls with Nabi being the aggressor as the game was thrown wide open again. Until Sundar returned again to make another significant impact.

NewDelhi: The project in Eisenhower Park, Nassau County, 30 miles east of Manhattan, has started this week, the International Cricket Council (ICC) confirmed on Wednesday. The facility, which will host eight matches of the June's Twenty20 World Cup, including the marquee contest between arch-rivals India and Pakistan, will be completed in three months. "Site fencing (has been) erected and work to the outfield is now underway. The stadium, which will be completed within three months, will have a capacity for 34,000 fans across premium and general admission seating as well as VIP and hospitality suites, including a party deck and cabanas to host the biggest cricket carnival spectacle ever," the ICC said. As reported by Cricbuzz on Wednesday, the grandstands used for the Formula 1 Las Vegas Grand Prix are being repurposed for the event. Though a world first for cricket, modular stadiums are used regularly in other sports, including Formula 1, Golf and the Olympic Games providing fans with every facility they would expect at a global sporting event. The stadium has been



designed by Populous, a world-class sports and entertainment venue architecture firm that has designed some of the world's most iconic stadia, including the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, the world's largest cricket stadium. English Premier League venue, Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in London, is one of its works, as is the Yankee Stadium in New York. "The stadium will feature an array of seating options including premium and general admission, VIP and hospitality suites, as well as a unique party deck and cabanas," the ICC said. The ICC will use drop-in pitches at the ground. The drop-in square - the type used around the world, including at Adelaide Oval and Eden Park - is currently being curated in Florida and will be

transported by road to New York in early May.

"The development of the pitches is being undertaken by Adelaide Oval Turf Solutions, led by renowned Adelaide Oval Head Curator Damian Hough, while the outfield is being delivered by the LandTek Group, US-based sports turf experts who have worked with the New York Yankees and New York Mets as well as Inter Miami CF on their stadium and training fields," Chris Tetley, Head of Events, ICC, told a virtual media roundtable on Wednesday. He also revealed that the tickets for the June 1-29 event will go on sale in a fortnight.

The 20-team, 29-day, and 48-game tournament will have 16 matches in the US and the rest in the Caribbean islands, including the semifinals and final.

Rohit Sharma in first Super Over: Retired out or Retired not-out?

New Delhi: Right towards the end of an incredibly-engrossing dead-rubber between India and Afghanistan, Rohit Sharma's reappearance to bat in the second Super Over brought the rules and playing conditions into question. Why? Because the India skipper swapped himself out during the first Super Over but came out to bat in the second. As per the ICC's playing conditions for Men's T20Is: "Any batsman dismissed in any previous Super Over shall be ineligible to bat in any subsequent Super Over."

The operative and ambiguous word in this situation was 'dismissed'. India's chase of 17 was brought down to just 2 off 1 by Rohit and Yashasvi Jaiswal, when the former replaced himself with a fresher Rinku Singh with perhaps the idea of running quicker between the wickets. There however, was no confirmation whether Rohit had been 'retired out' or 'retired not out'.

In case of the former, he would've been ineligible to bat again when the second Super Over came about. But he walked out and got all the 11 runs that India scored the second



time round. In case of the 'retired not out', Clause 25.4.2 of the ICC playing conditions for men's T20Is

states: "If a batsman retires because of illness, injury or any other unavoidable cause, that batsman is

entitled to resume his
innings. If for any reason
this does not happen, that
batsman is to be recorded

as 'Retired - not out!'" "If a batsman retires for any reason other than as in clause 25.4.2, the innings of that batsman may be resumed only with the consent of the opposing captain." Going by the above two clauses, Rohit's re-entry in the second Super Over should've come with the consent of Ibrahim Zadran. But based on what Jonathan Trott said in the post-match press conference, there was no clarity for the teams either. "I have no idea," Trott said when asked if the officials consulted them regarding the situation. "Has there ever been two Super Overs? That's what I am

trying to say. It's sort of like a new... we keep setting these new sort of rules. What I am trying to say is we kept testing the rules, we kept testing the guidelines."

"It was not communicated," Trott said, but went on to describe the situation that his own team faced with the ball rather than the one pertaining to Rohit batting twice. As per the playing conditions, even a bowler who had already bowled in one Super Over is ineligible to bowl in the subsequent ones. This meant Afghanistan couldn't give the ball to Azmatullah Omarzai, and went with Fareed Ahmad

instead. "We wanted Azmat to bowl the second over again, Fareed bowled a great over. But those sort of things will be explained.. because it has happened, these things will be explained and done in writing in the future. If those are the rules, that's great. I just think we had a good game, and I don't think that should be the talking point," Trott said. While addressing this decision from Rohit, head coach Rahul Dravid said, "Taking himself out was Ashwin-level thinking," leaving more confusion regarding the decision that was made.