



In President's R-Day Eve Address, Praise For Ram Temple, Karpoori Thakur

New Delhi(KCN): President Droupadi Murmu today addressed the nation on the eve of the 75th Republic Day. "This is a period of epochal change," President Murmu said in the televised address. She acknowledged the contribution to society by former Bihar Chief Minister Karpoori Thakur, and also pointed to the consecration of the Ram Lalla temple in Uttar Pradesh's Ayodhya as a historic and an immensely

significant moment for the country.

"I pay my tribute to Karpoori ji for enriching public life with his contribution," the President said.

Karpoori Thakur, the two-term Bihar Chief Minister who died in 1988, has been named for the country's highest civilian award Bharat Ratna for his contribution to uplifting the poor and backward classes. During his political career, Karpoori Thakur was considered the guiding light of Other Backward Classes



(OBC) politics in Bihar. "Karpoori ji belonged to the backward classes and dedicated his life for their welfare," President Murmu said. Our National festivals are momentous occasions when we together look

back and look ahead. If we look at the year since the last Republic Day, there is much to be pleased about. The successful organising of the Group of 20 Summit in the capital, under India's presidency, was an unprecedented achievement. What was all the more noteworthy was the way the people were involved in the G20 events. The ideas and inputs travelled not downwards from the top but upwards from the bottom. The magnificent event provided lessons for all in making citizens

participants in strategic and diplomatic matters that are, in the final analysis, going to shape their own future. The G20 Summit also boosted India's emergence as the voice of the Global South, adding a necessary element to the international discourse. We also progressed further towards the ideal of gender equality, when the Parliament passed the historic Women's Reservation Bill. I believe the Nari Shakti Vandana Adhiniyam will prove to be a revolutionary tool of women's empowerment.



Message

Warm greetings to the people of Barachana-Dharmasala District - Jajpur, Odisha on the auspicious occasion of 75th Republic Day.

Jai Hind

Dr. Pabitra Mohan Samantray

Holiday Declared For Schools, Colleges For SAMALEI Project Inauguration

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Odisha Government has declared holiday for all schools and colleges across the State on the occasion of Samaleswari Temple Area Management and Local Economy Initiatives (SAMALEI) project inauguration in Sambalpur which is scheduled on January 27. The project, estimated at around Rs 200 crore for the development and beautification of Goddess Samaleswari shrine in Sambalpur, will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. Government offices will also remain closed as the event coincides with a fourth Saturday. The holiday announcement was made keeping in mind the significance of Maa Samaleswari in Western Odisha and the shrine being a major Shakti Peeth in the State. The declaration is a bid to ensure devotees can participate and celebrate the occasion, the official release of the CMO stated.

As per reports, the rituals for the inauguration began earlier this week. A day before the inauguration, women in Sambalpur will take part in a Kalash Yatra and the water brought will be used for the holy bath of the Goddess.

President Droupadi Murmu Approves Conferment Of Jeevan Raksha Padak Series Of Awards-2023

New Delhi(KCN): President Droupadi Murmu has approved the conferment of the prestigious Jeevan Raksha Padak Series of Awards-2023 to 31 individuals. Among them, three will be honoured with the Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak, seven with the Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak, and 21 with the Jeevan Raksha Padak. Master Anthony Vanmawia, Ms Melody Lalremruati of Mizoram and Sooraj R of Central Reserve Police Force are the three awardees posthumously honoured with Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak. The recipients of Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak are Sahil Bisso Lad from Goa, Kajal Kumari from Jharkhand, Naveen Kumar D from Telangana, Vinod Kumar from Border Roads Organisation, Havildar Shera Ram of Ministry of Defence, Mukesh Kumar from National Disaster Response Force, and Naresh Kumar from National Investigation Agency. Those selected for Jeevan Raksha Padak are MS Anil Kumar from Andaman and Nicobar Islands; Jeetam Parameswara Rao from Andhra Pradesh; Samarjit Basumatary from Assam; Sudesh Kumar from Chandigarh; Justin George and Wilson from Kerala; Padma Thinliss and Mohd Afzal from Ladakh; Adika Rajaram Patil, Priyanka Bharat Kale and Sonali Sunil Balode from Maharashtra; Maria Michael A.

Santosh Bala, Satyabrata Bhoi Along With 33 From Odisha To Receive President's Gallantry Awards On Republic Day

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Santosh Bala, special secretary to the Home Department (Odisha) and constable Sanjukta Pattnaik have been chosen for the prestigious President's Medal for Distinguished Service (PSM) on the occasion of the Republic Day-2024. Additionally, Jyoti Ranjan Mahapatra, a Civil Defence volunteer, will also be honoured with the President's Medal for Distinguished Service. Inspector General of Police, Satyabrata Bhoi has been decorated for Meritorious Services (MSM).

Among the Odisha Police personnel receiving the President's Medal for Meritorious Service (MSM) are Sarada Prasanna Pradhan (Deputy SP, Odisha), Motiram Sahoo (Havildar), Prakash Majhi (Commando), Jadumani Bhue (Commando), Umesh Seth (Commando), Bubun Kumbhar (Commando), Sanjaya Kumar Guru (Commando), Biswajit Das (Commando), Laxman Nayak (Commando), Satya Odi (Commando), Kana Beti (Constable), Banamali Ray (Sepoy, Odisha), Nam Bahadur Chhetry (Sepoy, Odisha), and Arati Sahu (CT), Suraj Kumar Sahu (CT).

The list of awardees also includes individuals recognized for their exemplary Gallantry: Arun Kumar Bhue (Sub-Inspector), Motiram Sahoo (Havildar), Prakash Majhi (Commando), Jadumani Bhue (Commando), Umesh Seth (Commando), Bubun Kumbhar (Commando), Sanjaya Kumar Guru (Commando), Biswajit Das (Commando), Laxman Nayak (Commando), Satya Odi (Commando), Kana Beti (Constable), Banamali Ray (Sepoy, Odisha), Nam Bahadur Chhetry (Sepoy, Odisha), and Arati Sahu (CT).

PM Modi To Visit Odisha On February 3



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi is all set to visit Odisha on February 3 to dedicate the new campus of the Indian Institute of Management, Sambalpur (IIM-S) to the nation. PM Modi was supposed to visit the IIM-S campus in December last year, but it was deferred due to his prior engagements. He visited the state in June 2023 during the Bahanaga train accident in Balasore district.

Modi will also address a rally in Sambalpur and sound the poll bugle during his visit. If the PM's visit to Sambalpur materialises, it will have a positive impact on neighbouring Parliamentary constituencies of Bargarh, Balangir, Kalahandi and Sundargarh, all having BJP MPs, the sources said.

Odisha Joint Entrance Examination Starts From May 6

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The dates for the conduct of the Odisha Joint Entrance Examination has been announced on Thursday. The exam is scheduled to be held from May 6 to May 10, 2024.

The OJEE 2024 will be conducted in different centres, including 30 in

the state and three centres outside. Senior officials informed that the registrations for the OJEE 2024 will start from January 25 and the last date is March 25, 2024.

It is a state-level entrance exam conducted every year. The exam is conducted to offer

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- Editor-in-Chief

Declaration

There will be no issue of The Kalinga Chronicle on 27th January as the office remains closed on 75th Republic Day.

- Publisher

PRESIDENT OF INDIA GRACES THE 14TH NATIONAL VOTERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS

NEW DELHI, (KCN): The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu graced and addressed the 14th National Voters' Day Celebrations in New Delhi today (January 25, 2024). On the occasion, the President presented the Best Electoral Practices Awards for the year 2023 to the State and District level officers for their outstanding performance in the conduct of elections during 2023. Awards were also presented to important stakeholders including government departments, and media organizations for their

valuable contribution towards voters' awareness. Addressing the gathering, the President said that the vastness and diversity of our democracy is a matter of pride for us. The Election Commission has played an important role in the glorious journey of our democracy. She noted that till now, 17 general elections and more than 400 assembly elections have been conducted by the Election Commission. She appreciated the present and previous teams of the Election

Commission for ensuring a fair and inclusive election process. The President said that successful use of modern technology on a large scale in the election process of our country is an example for all democratic countries of the world. She expressed confidence that the effective use of technology by the Election Commission will be further enhanced to the extent possible in all activities related to the election process. The President said that it is not easy to make arrangements for the

voters living in all parts of the country. Despite all kinds of challenges, the Election Commission team carries out this difficult



inclusive.

The President said that our youth are the future leaders of our democracy. She congratulated the young voters who obtained the Elector Photo Identity Card. She said that after obtaining this right, their duties have also increased. She said that the young voters present are representatives of crores of youth of the country who will play a decisive role in building a golden India of the year 2047. 'Nothing Like Voting, I Vote For sure' is the theme of National Voters' Day 2024.

ECoR observed National Voters' Day (NVD)



BHUBANESWAR, (KCN): East Coast Railway celebrated National Voters' Day (NVD) at its headquarters at Rail Sadan, Bhubaneswar. Employees and officials of East Coast Railway led by General Manager Shri Manoj Sharma took oath to mark the

foundation day of the Election Commission of India, i.e. 25th January 1950 and to create electoral awareness amongst citizens and encourage them to participate in the electoral process. National Voters' Day was also organised at all

the Divisions of ECoR; i.e., Khurda Road, Waltair and Sambalpur where the Divisional Railway Managers administered oath to the employees and staff to aware public on electoral process of the country and cast their vote, positively. Apart from

task. This is a huge achievement of our democracy. She commended the Election Commission for providing the facility

of voting at home for those who cannot go to the polling stations. She stated that these efforts have made our country's election process more

Remarkable Achievements by Central University of Odisha English Department Students in SSB and UGC-NET

KORAPUT, (KCN): In a noteworthy accomplishment, six students from the English Language and Literature Department at Central University of Odisha have showcased outstanding performance in the State Selection Board (SSB) interview, while an additional six have successfully qualified the UGC-NET exams. The accomplished students are Ms Prachiprava Sethy, Mr A m r u t a y a n Priyadarshan, Mr Padman Naik, Mr Subash Meleka, Mr Venkatesh Pradhan, and Jyotirmaya Pradhan. These bright minds are set to contribute to the

educational landscape by joining the Department of English to teach at various Degree Colleges under the Government of Odisha. Those who have qualified for UGC-NET include Ms Prachiprava Sethy, Mr A m r u t a y a n Priyadarshan, Mr Padman Naik, Mr Bibekananda Nayak, Dhaniraj Nag, and Mr Dattai Jai (UGC-JRF). Some of them are also planning to pursue research programs in various educational institutes across the country. Honorable Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, extends his heartfelt congratulations to all the successful students, expressing his best wishes for their

promising futures. He commends the dedication of the department's faculty members and encourages the students to maintain the same spirit for the betterment of the University and the nation.

Dr Nirjhari Tripathy, Associate Professor and Head of the Department, along with Assistant Professor Sanjeev Kumar Das, conveyed their best wishes to the accomplished students. The University extends its blessings for a bright future in academic growth and promises to uphold its commitment to impart quality education in the coming days, as affirmed by Dr Phagunath Bhoi, the Public Relations Officer.

AIIMS-Bhubaneswar commissions Drone Health Service



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): In a first of its kind initiatives to integrate technology into the healthcare system, AIIMS Bhubaneswar has commissioned Drone health service today. Two days after a successful trial run, the national institute has initiated the use of drones to transport critical medical items. The innovative drone flight, executed flawlessly, transported a vital unit of blood from AIIMS Bhubaneswar to Tangi CHC, covering a distance of 60 km in a remarkable 35 minutes. The historic flight marked the first-ever drone-assisted blood delivery not only in Odisha but across the entire country.

Dr. Ashutosh Biswas, Executive Director of AIIMS Bhubaneswar, expressed his satisfaction with the successful trial,

stating, "Delivering a blood bag to a patient through a drone has been successfully conducted for the first time. This initiative represents a significant leap in integrating technology into our healthcare system. It also collected blood samples from the CHC before returning to AIIMS." The 12 kg drone, equipped to carry medical loads ranging from 2 to 5 kg, achieved a speed of 90 km/hour during the mission. Utilizing GPS technology,

medical supplies. This innovative approach not only enhances healthcare delivery during emergencies but also positions AIIMS Bhubaneswar as a leader in leveraging technology for the betterment of public health. The institution remains committed to exploring and implementing advancements that elevate the standards of healthcare services.

Dr. Dillip Kumar Parida, MS, Dr. Sonu H Subba, Dr. Satyaprakash, Dr. Manisha R Gaikwad, Dr. Priyamdhada Behera, Dr. Abhishek Mishra, Dr. Anshuman Sahu, and DDA(I/c) Rasmiranjan Sethy were present on the occasion, emphasizing the collaborative effort behind this ground-breaking initiative.



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Shetty's Are Here: Rohit Shetty Shares Pic With Rishab Shetty, Writes, 'The Shetty Gang'



Rishab Shetty is a cinematic genius and master storyteller of Indian cinema whose talent is impeccable. The actor raised the bar for the Indian entertainment industry on a whole new level in the year 2022 with his sole holding and the cinematic gem, Kantara. The film received widespread acclaim on both domestic and international levels and it dominated the box office by becoming the global box office phenomenon. Amidst the preparation for the prequel of Kantara, Rishab Shetty along with his wife Pragathi Shetty graced the grand celebration of Pran Pratishtha Mahotsav in the divine land of Ayodhya on being invited by the Indian Government. It is well known that the day of 22nd January 2024 was a historic day for the entire nation as everyone witnessed the return of Lord Ram to Ayodhya and a temple and idol of Lord Rama was unveiled during the occasion which was graced by several names from the Indian entertainment industry and among them was Rishab Shetty, his wife Pragathi Shetty and Rohit Shetty.

Sa Re Ga Ma Pa: Kartik Krishnamurthy's Special Voice Gets Him A Himesh Reshammiya Song



One of the most popular singing reality shows - 'Sa Re Ga Ma Pa' is back and how! The new edition of the iconic TV show features Himesh Reshammiya, Neeti Mohan, Anu Malik as judges and Aditya

Narayan as the host this time around. The show started off on a melodious note with contestants from across the country auditioning to get a position in the top 12 of Sa Re Ga Ma Pa 2023. A few participants indeed captivated the judges with their distinct voices and passion for singing.

In a first, Sa Re Ga Ma Pa is providing chances to a few selected contestants to release their singles

Fighter Full Movie Leaked: Hrithik Roshan, Deepika Padukone-Starrer Succumbs To Piracy



'Kisi Ki Jaan', 'Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar', and 'Pathaan' which were leaked online in 2023. Speaking about the film, Director Siddharth Anand said earlier, "Mamta (Siddharth's wife) and I started our film company MARFLIX with #FIGHTER. A film that is ambitious in more ways than one. It's more than just a film for us. And we have given it all to this one. 2024 starts with the same feeling again of nervousness and anxiety. Here's hoping that you guys give the same love to FIGHTER that you showered on PATHAAN. Happy new year guys! See at the movies!! On 25th January."

also stars Deepika Padukone, Anil Kapoor, Karan Singh Grover and Akshay Oberoi. It is a tribute to the valour, sacrifice and patriotism of the Indian armed forces. However, this is not the first time a film has been leaked on day one of its release. There are several films like 'Tiger 3', '12th Fail', 'UT69', 'Aarya 3', 'Koffee With Karan' Season 8, 'Tejas', 'Ghost', 'Tiger Nageswara Rao', 'Bhagavant Kesar', 'Ganpath', 'Leo', 'Fukrey 3', 'The Vaccine War', 'The Great Indian Family', 'Sukhee', 'Mark Antony', 'The Nun II', 'Jawan', 'Gadar 2', 'Kushi', 'Dream Girl 2', 'Jailer', 'Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahaani', 'Oppenheimer', 'Barbie', 'Carry on Jatta 3', 'Barbie', 'Lust Stories 2', 'Satyaprem Ki Katha', 'Never Have I Ever', 'The Kerala Story', 'Zara Hatke Zara Bachke', 'Ponniyin Selvan-2', 'Kisi Ka Bhai

even before the season ends. Their singles will be released on Zee Music Company's YouTube Channel.

In the upcoming grand premiere episode, contestant Kartik Kumar Krishnamurthy, who is suffering from Autism and battles communication issues, successfully captivated the audience with his remarkable rendition of the song 'Kesariya'. Kartik delivered an awe-inspiring performance that impressed one and all. In an amazing turn of events, music composer and singer Himesh Reshammiya

offered Kartik the opportunity to record a song in his studio. Himesh Reshammiya said, "Kartik, you are a rare and precious singer. Your voice has a divine quality that cannot be explained; whenever you sing, you touch the hearts of those who listen. Every time you sing, everyone's attention gets drawn towards you, and I must admit, I'm one of those who's profoundly moved by your voice, Kartik. Your talent has inspired me greatly. I want to invite you and your parents to my studio next week to record my upcoming song. Congratulations,

Inside Ram Charan's Pre-Birthday Bash With Kiara Advani On The Sets Of 'RC 15'



As actor Ram Charan is about to turn a year older on March 27, the cast and crew of 'RC 15' surprised the 'RRR' star with a pre-birthday bash on Saturday. The pictures and video from the pre-birthday celebrations have surfaced online. Several pictures and videos capturing the pre-birthday celebrations on 'RC 15' sets went viral. In the first picture, Ram can be seen heading to the sets while rose petals are showered on him. He can be seen wearing a blue shirt and denim.

Director S. Shankar, choreographer-actor Prabhu Deva and Kiara Advani were also part of the celebrations. The actor cut his cake which was covered with rose petals along with S. Shankar. Sharing the pictures, Ram Charan's fan page captioned it, "It's a wrap for the song!

Team #RC15 celebrated Idol @alwaysramcharan's Birthday!" The actor will be turning a year older on March 27 but celebrations have already begun. Earlier, after attending the 95th Academy Awards ceremony in Los Angeles, Ram received a grand welcome from choreographer-director Prabhu Deva and his team on the sets. Taking to Instagram, Ram Charan posted a video of Prabhu Deva and a team of 'RC15' performing on 'Naatu Naatu' to welcome the actor. He was also presented with a massive garland made of marigolds. Sharing the video, he wrote, "Can't thank you all enough for such a warm welcome. Our Grandmaster @prabhudevaofficial sir thank you for the sweet surprise. Feels great to be back at shoot #RC15." The film 'RC15', billed as an action drama with current-day politics,

features an ensemble cast, with Kiara playing the female protagonist.

The upcoming project is jointly produced by Dil Raju and Shirish Garu under the banner of Sri Venkateswara Creations for a Pan-India release. 'RC 15' will release in three languages - Telugu, Tamil and Hindi. Apart from Ram Charan and Kiara Advani, the film also stars SJ Suryah, Jayaram, Anjali, and Srikanth. The film is slated to release in 2023.

Republic Day & Constitution

Dr. Arundhati Devi



In India, Republic Day honours the date on which the Constitution of India came into force on 26 January 1950 replacing the Government of India Act (1935) as the governing document of India. The Constitution was passed by the Constituent Assembly of India on 26 November 1949 but was adopted on 26 January 1950 with a democratic government system, completing the country's transition toward becoming an

independent republic. 26 January was selected for this purpose because it was this day in 1930 when the Declaration of Indian Independence (Purna Swaraj) was proclaimed by the Indian National Congress. It is one of three national holidays in India, other two being Independence Day and Gandhi Jayanti. President Rajendra Prasad (in the horse-drawn carriage) readies to take part in the first Republic Day parade on Rajpath, New Delhi, in 1950. This section needs additional citations for verification. Please help improve this article by adding citations to reliable sources. Unsourced material may be challenged and removed. (November 2012)

India achieved independence from British rule on 15 August 1947 following the Indian independence movement noted for largely peaceful nonviolent resistance and civil disobedience led by the Indian National Congress. The independence came through the Indian Independence Act 1947 (10 & 11 Geo 6 c. 30), an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom that partitioned British India into the two new independent Dominions of the British Commonwealth (later Commonwealth of Nations): India and Pakistan. India obtained its independence on 15 August 1947 as a constitutional

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monarchy with George VI as head of state and the Earl Mountbatten as governor-general. The country, though, did not yet have a permanent constitution; instead its laws were based

on the modified colonial Government of India Act 1935. On 28 August 1947, the Drafting Committee was appointed to draft a permanent constitution, with Dr. B. R. Ambedkar as chairman. While

India's Independence Day celebrates its freedom from British Rule, the Republic Day celebrates of coming into force of its constitution. A draft constitution was prepared by the committee and

submitted to the Assembly on 4 November 1947. The Assembly met, in sessions open to public, for 166 days, spread over a period of 2 years, 11 months and 18 days before adopting the

Constitution. After many deliberations and some modifications, the 308 members of the Assembly signed two hand-written copies of the document (one each in Hindi and English) on 24 January 1950. Two days later, it came into effect throughout the nation.

The main Republic Day celebration is held in the national capital, New Delhi, at the Rajpath before the President of India. On this day, ceremonious parades take place at the Rajpath, which are performed as a tribute to India.

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Ayurveda : dynamic outlook of life

Dr. Bichitrananda Acharya



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Ayurveda is not only limited to body or physical symptoms but also gives a comprehensive knowledge about spiritual, mental and social health. Thus Ayurveda is a qualitative, holistic science of health and longevity, a philosophy and system of healing the whole person, body and mind.

According to Ayurveda, all matters are thought to be composed of five basic elements known as the Panchamahabhutas - Earth (Prithvi), Water (Jala), Fire (Tejas), Wind (Vayu) and Space (Akasha). These elements interact and exists in combination, in which one or more elements dominate. The human body is composed of derivatives of these five basic elements, in the form of doshas, tissues (dhatus) and waste products (malas). "Tridosha" or the Three Humours are categorized into Vata, Pitta and Kapha. Vata governs movement, Pitta is concerned with functions of heat, metabolism, and energy production and Kapha, governs physical structure and fluid balance. Thus in Ayurveda, disease is viewed as a state of imbalance in one or more of these doshas, and the treatments aims to establish the balance in these three fundamental qualities.

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Counted among the three national holidays of the country together with the Independence Day (15 August) and Gandhi Jayanti (2 October), Republic Day of India (26 January) is a very popular national celebration. This event marks the proud founding of the republic tradition of one of the largest democracies on the earth.

Republic day is meant to honour the date in which the country's constituent assembly adopted the Constitution specially framed for the nation. On 26 January 1950, the newly drafted constitution of India came to be enforced by way of replacing the Government of India Act 1935. Since then, this day

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is celebrated as the Republic Day of India year on year as a national event with a public holiday declared in all states of the country. India got its freedom from the British rule on 15 August 1947. The freedom of the country was brought about by the bloodless and peaceful resistance envisioned by the Congress under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi who championed the way of non-violent protest of a kind and scale that was unprecedented in the history. When India was declared as the constitutional monarchy on this day, the nation still did not have a permanent constitution. Therefore, on 28 August 1947, the drafting committee was established under the leadership of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. The Indian Constitution came into effect on 26 January 1950, which declared India's occurrence as an independent republic. Republic Day has been celebrated every year in India on January 26, since 1950 to honour the date on which the Constitution of India came into effect. Spectacular parades at Janpath, New Delhi, consisting the Indian National Army and national flag hoisting in various parts of the country are common practices followed on this day. This year it will be marked India's 75th Republic Day. After attaining independence from the British rule, the new constitution was enrolled by the drafting committee under the deanship of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. The Indian Constitution came into effect on 26 January 1950, which declared India's occurrence as an independent republic. National flag hoisting in schools and colleges are regular. Cultural events advocating India's struggle for freedom is held countrywide. In New Delhi, the national flag is hoisted by the President of India at India Gate. To celebrate Republic Day every year people go to India Gate to attend the parade where our brave soldiers march. It has always brought out the enthusiasm and proud moment in one's heart. Once the parade is over families and friends gather and go out for picnics and play small games to keep the connection going. One is always provided with knowledge by their elders as to why Republic Day is celebrated and its importance. Every year after hearing the speeches, it makes most of the people proud to be an Indian.

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Governor greets people on Republic Day

Hyderabad, (KCN): "Our Constitution serves as a compass, guiding us toward the realms of free expression, dignified living, and equal opportunities in education and employment. Often, we enjoy these privileges without recognizing their origin. It's time to enlighten others about the genesis of these rights embedded in our Constitution and the values it upholds. Credit is due to visionaries like Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and others who crafted our Constitution, emphasizing principles such as liberty, equality, and fraternity," said Governor Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan. Greeting the people of Telangana on the eve of the Republic Day, the Governor said, "Today, as a democratic nation, we should take pride in our heritage and shared



values and as we reflect on the inception of our Constitution in 1950, let us express gratitude for the invaluable rights and values it has bestowed upon us during the past 74 years. Let's embrace the aspirations of this era - nation-building, eradicating colonial remnants, preserving our heritage, fostering unity, and instilling civic responsibility - during the celebration of Amrit

Kaal, marking the 75th 100th years of Independence. Let us strive to achieve these objectives to transform into Viksit Bharat by 2047." Stating that India has witnessed remarkable progress under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Governor remarked that the achievements like the G-20 Presidency, the "Nari Shakti Vandana Act"

(Women's reservation law), India's elevation to the world's 5th largest economy, Chandrayaan-3's historic landing on the Moon's south pole, adept management of the COVID-19 pandemic, indigenous vaccine development, and numerous other milestones would fill the people with pride. Recalling that the State of Telangana was formed in alignment with the desires of four crore people, the supreme sacrifices of the youth and the persistent efforts of students, the Governor said, "It is the government's steadfast belief that elected governments should govern with profound consideration for the sacrifices made by the martyrs, acting with the utmost responsibility. Its objective is to govern in harmony with the aspirations of martyrs, Kalal to make it a Viksit Bharat," she added.

National Tourism Day celebrated at Sonamarg



Sonamarg (Aasif Malik): National tourism day was observed in Sonamarg with the participation of various stakeholders and a lot of enthusiasm was shown by the participants. The highlights of the event were Ice Skating displays by skaters, sensitization of stakeholders regarding responsible tourism and a sanitation drive was also held. Besides a display of the ice skating equipment purchased by the local hotel association for the promotion of winter sports in Sonamarg was also done which was appreciated from every quarter. The event among others was attended by hoteliers, reps of pony association, adventure

tourism association and representatives of Ice Skating Association of J & K. The event sought to further promote tourism in Sonamarg by showcasing the diverse attractions it has to offer besides promoting adventure and winter tourism. The hoteliers, stakeholders, visitors and locals also got an opportunity to enjoy the demonstrations of ice skating by local and national level skaters. This thrilling activity added an element of adventure to the celebrations and will attract more tourists to Sonamarg. The combination of the presence of stakeholders and the inclusion of ice skating made the

celebration of National Tourism Day in Sonamarg a memorable experience for everyone involved. The department of Tourism and SDA also highlighted few of the futuristic plans including prepaid systems for pony rides etc. which will be a positive step for tourism promotion and adoption of best practices in the area. Needful to mention that preparations by various associations and organisations is underway to organise more events including national level championships at Sonamarg which will prove to be beneficial for projecting Sonamarg as a winter sports hub.

World Union Of Poets Felicitated Writers



NEW DELHI, (KCN): The World Union Of Poets, which is famed as one of the prestigious organizations has awarded writers like Dr. Prasanna Ku Dalai and Sudipta Mishra for their literary merit. Knight Silvano Bartolazzi who is the Founding President and World President of the World Union Of Poets has nominated both writers from India for their scholarly excellencies.

Centre's Response Sought On Plea Challenging Government's Auditor CAG

New Delhi (KCN): The Supreme Court today sought a response from the Centre on a PIL assailing the procedure for appointment of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) on grounds that it is 'not independent, fair and transparent' and violated the constitutional mandate.

A bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud took note of the submissions of senior advocate Vikas Singh, appearing for the PIL petitioners, that the existing system of the executive appointing the CAG lacks transparency. The bench, also comprising justices JB Pardiwala and Satish Chandra Sharma, issued notices to the union ministries of Law and Justice and Finance on the PIL filed by Anupam

Kulshreshtha and others. The plea sought a direction to "declare that the procedure adopted for the appointment of CAG is against the mandate of the Constitution of India and the same is not independent, fair and transparent". Article 148 of the Constitution, which deals with the appointment of the top government auditor, says: "There shall be a Comptroller and Auditor General of India who shall be appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal and shall only be removed from office in like manner and on like grounds as a Judge of the Supreme Court..." Under the current system, the Cabinet Secretariat, headed by the Union cabinet

secretary, sends a list of shortlisted names to the prime minister for his consideration for appointing the top government auditor, the plea said. The prime minister considers the shortlisted names and recommends one of them to the President of India for approval, and after the presidential nod, the person selected is appointed as the CAG, the PIL said. The plea, which also referred to the

constituent assembly debates, sought a direction to ensure that "the appointment of CAG is made as per the correct interpretation of Article 148 of the Constitution of India and without any interference of the Executive". It also sought a direction for constitution of a committee to prepare a report and recommend the process for neutral and independent appointment of CAG. "The process adopted is such that the CAG is directly appointed by the Executives, without any transparent or fair procedure, and the President has no option but to agree on the one name proposed by the Prime Minister," the plea said. The Comptroller and Auditor General is the most important officer under the Constitution, his duty being to be the guardian over the expenses of the government to see that not a farthing is spent without the authority of the Parliament and includes an oversight on receipts and revenues of the government. The office of Comptroller and Auditor General of India is expected to be independent of any interference from the executive and the legislature," senior advocate Vikas Singh argued.

127th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhash C Bose observed with great fervour across India as "Parakram Divas"



Kolkata & New Delhi (PARTHA ROY): The great son of Bharat Mata Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's 127th Birth Anniversary was observed across India with great fervour by all sections of the society as "Parakram Divas".

Parakram Divas was started in the year 2021 and observed annually keeping in mind the vision of honoring the freedom fighters who played an important role in the freedom struggle. Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi paid tribute to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in Delhi in an elegant function. Ministry of Culture organized a grand exhibition focusing on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose on the occasion of the Parakram Diwas. On this occasion, Sahitya Akademi has organized an exhibition of about 170 books on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose published in different

Indian languages. Along with the exhibition of books, 24 panels of significant excerpts from those books have also been made, which have been elegantly displayed. Dr K. Sreenivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi guided Prime Minister through the exhibition. Panels depicted various stages of life of Subhash Chandra Bose like his education, entry into the Indian National Congress, advocacy of

armed revolution, becoming Congress President, his differences with Gandhi and Nehru, creation of Azad Hind Fauj and war with the British, etc. From the displayed panels, one gets to understand how Subhash Chandra Bose became a great patriot, scholar, struggling leader, philosopher, and a great personality with a deep interest in spirituality. The exhibition has been organized with picture & epigraphic exhibition, painting and sculpture exhibition and AR, VR exhibition. In Kolkata, at Netaji Bhavan on Elgin Road from where Netaji left India for last time, an elegant function was organized by Netaji Research Bureau to pay tribute to Netaji. Dr. Shashi Panja Minister West Bengal Government, Consul General of Germany, Deputy Consul General of Japan, a former member of INA Women wing 95 year old Lt. Bharati Asha Sahay Choudhary alongwith a large no. of members of civil society were present. Asha Sahay's father was part of INA and close associate of Netaji. In fact, father & daughter both were part of INA. Asha Sahay joined INA at her early teens. Asha Sahay has written a book titled "The War Diary of Asha-San". The book was translated in English by Tanvi Shrivastava.

BJP To Win All Seats Covered By Rahul Gandhi's Yatra: Himanta Biswa Sarma



Guwahati (KCN): Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma today claimed that the BJP will win all constituencies covered by Rahul Gandhi during the Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra in Assam.

He also alleged that the holding of the Yatra in Assam during the Ram Mandir consecration ceremony was a political conspiracy to create communal tension.

"The BJP will win wherever he campaigns. The BJP needs him for that reason," Mr. Sarma said in an interaction with reporters.

Rahul Gandhi will be arrested after the

Lok Sabha elections, the Chief Minister said. The Assam police has filed a case against Rahul Gandhi and several other Congress leaders for allegedly provoking supporters to break barricades to enter Guwahati city, deviating from the approved route during the Yatra. On the day of the Pran Pratistha ceremony in Ayodhya, he (Rahul Gandhi) had chosen to travel through minority-dominated districts of Nagaon and Morigaon to provoke a communal clash," he alleged. The Yatra of the Congress, which began on January 18 in the state, concluded on Thursday, as the march entered West Bengal.

Desertions may hurt BJD in Sukinda

Jajpur(KCN): With the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections around the corner, the political situation in the Sukinda Assembly constituency does not look very bright for the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) which won the seat both in 2014 and 2019. Large-scale desertions have taken place within the BJD with many of its top leaders in this district joining the BJP.

Speculation is rife that the Ghadei family which has enjoyed huge popularity in the constituency for the last three decades may this time face a reverse in Sukinda. Many have pointed out that large-

scale desertions are occurring as the BJD has failed to keep up with its promises made during the 2019 elections. It has been alleged that BJD has failed to fulfill the needs of the common people and is only looking after the interests of the rich including contractors and miners. It has created resentment among the locals. Yes, a few Congress leaders and workers have joined the BJD in the past few months. However, the numbers are much less in comparison to the desertions. Despite the anti-incumbency wave, BJD workers think that

the Ghadei family will continue their dominance in the upcoming Assembly election. Prafulla Ghadei has been winning the Sukinda Assembly seat for a long time and later on his son Preetiranjan took up the mantle winning in 2014 and 2019. Preetiranjan and the Ghadei family faced a lot of criticism in 2016 over the malnutrition death of kids at Nagada village under Sukinda block in July 2016. However, it did not affect his popularity as he won again in 2019 defeating



BJP's Pradeep Balasamanta by a margin 16,730 votes. It should be stated here that the BJD benefitted in 2019, as senior Congress leader Amalendu Behera and his supporters joined the party just before the elections. However, since then times have changed as Amalendu has quit the BJD and joined the BJP in 2021. Now he and Pradeep are working together to increase the voter base of the saffron party. It should be stated here that a few days back, BJD's senior youth leaders Prafulla Dhal, Ajay Dhal and Kishore Chandra Jena in Danagadi block joined the BJP. Some block chairpersons like Lalita Ray and Lopamudra Nayak and their respective husbands have also shifted their allegiance to the BJP. A few months back, hundreds of BJD workers belonging to 16 panchayats of Sukinda block have also joined the saffron party. Political analysts think that this large number of desertions will harm the BJD and the Ghadei family will not be able to maintain their stranglehold on the Sukinda Assembly constituency this time.

Red ants helping tribals turn self-reliant

Keonjhar(KCN): Red ants available in huge numbers in the jungles of Keonjhar district have become a source of income for the tribals and have helped them in becoming self-reliant. These tribals earlier used to eat red ants as a food supplement. However, now ants are being bought in huge quantities by the Forest department to feed birds and other animals.

As a result, tribals are also gleefully catching and selling red ants to earn a good sum. Members of Van Suraksha Samiti (VSS) and women self-help groups (SHGs) have started catching red ants (locally known as Kai) from various trees. They are then selling those to the Forest department, locals informed here. Keonjhar is a tribal-dominated district surrounded by hills and forest cover. The tribals



consume the red ants residing on Sal, Jamun and Kusum trees. They also prepare chutney from these red ants. At times they also eat the ants raw with puffed rice. Tribals are selling the red ants in packets of various sizes. The minimum amount is `20 per packet. The local VSSs at Betakhali, Akula, Patakhali, Raisua, Bhalidala villages under Telkoi forest range are procuring ants from the tribals. The business has been going on since October last year. Officials informed that till date the Forest department has bought five quintals of red ants from the tribals. Gamahari Munda, a tribal woman, informed that they used to procure red ants for their own consumption earlier. However, now it has become lucrative for her to sell the ants and make some money. She uses the money to buy other necessary items for the family. Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) Ashok Das said the department is sending most of the ants to Nandankanan Zoological Park in Bhubaneswar. The ants are used to feed birds, pangolins and other wild animals. Notably, officials of Keonjhar Forest division had earlier taught hundreds of tribal women to prepare vermi-compost. It helped them earn a livelihood. Now, red ants are helping these tribals become more and more self-reliant.

Partner of accused firm held in Titilagarh

Bolangir(KCN): Gopal Shah, partner of the private firm, Kotia Projects, which had got the contract to operate and maintain a lakefront near Vadodara town where 12 school students and two teachers died in a boat capsized, has been apprehended from Titilagarh in this district, police said Wednesday. So far, seven of the 19 people named in the FIR are already behind bars. Kotia Projects had been entrusted with the responsibility of running and maintaining the Motnath Lake in the Harni area on the outskirts of Vadodara. Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP), Manoj Ninama said Wednesday that the process to take back Shah to Vadodara has been initiated.

A joint team of Vadodara and local police arrested Shah from a house in which he was hiding. The tragedy which took place January 18 resulted in the death of 12



students and two teachers. Due to the efforts of the rescue teams, 18 students and two other teachers were safely brought back to the shore. The police have registered a case under Sections 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) and 308 (attempt to commit culpable homicide) of the IPC against 19 persons in connection with the boat tragedy. As per the FIR, Kotia Projects was given a contract by the Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC) to operate the Harni Lake Zone in 2017. In its complaint, the VMC had pointed out lapses, including non-maintenance of boats and not keeping an adequate number of life-saving equipment and life jackets, on the part of the contractor. It was also revealed that only a few students enjoying the ride on the boat were given life jackets on the day of the incident. Due to overloading, the boat first started swaying precariously and then capsized following water ingress from the front side, the FIR noted. Seven persons, including four partners of Kotia Projects – Bhimsingh Yadav, Vedprakash Yadav, Rashmikant Prajapati, and Bineet Kotia, manager of the firm Shantilal Solanki, and boat operators – Nayan Gohil and Ankit Vasava – are already in custody in connection with the case.



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From Naval Honors to Corporate Excellence: Abhishek Tiwari's Inspirational Journey at Amazon

Bhubaneswar: After years of dedicating themselves to serving our nation, military veterans often bring their diverse skills sets and unwavering dedication to new fields. Their skills in leadership, mental agility, and problem-solving under pressure are invaluable assets in any field. Recognizing this potential, Amazon became one of the pioneers by launching the Military Program in 2019, a dedicated initiative designed to help veterans seamlessly transition from their distinguished service to the dynamic corporate world. This transformative program with its personalized support and tailored training, has empowered

many veterans like Abhishek, who leveraged his expertise honed in the Indian Navy to excel at Amazon. From navigating uncharted waters in the Indian Ocean to coordinating large scale maintenance projects, Abhishek's 12-year career in the Indian Navy was a crucible of adventure and service which earned him the Commander-in-Chief commendation. In December 2016, his unwavering dedication and expertise were recognized again with a commendation for successfully driving a maintenance project for a frontline warship ensuring safety of the crew. He was also

RELIANCE BRANDS LIMITED INKS A JV WITH PLASTIC LEGNO SPA

Mumbai: RELIANCE BRANDS LIMITED (RBL) and Plastic Legno SPA have signed a joint venture arrangement through which RBL will acquire a 40% stake in Plastic Legno SPA's toy manufacturing business in India. This investment by RBL serves a dual purpose, bringing in vertical integration for RBL's toy business and helping diversify the supply chain with a long-term strategic interest in building toy manufacturing in India.

Plastic Legno SPA is owned by the Sunino group that boasts of more than 25 years of toy production experience in Europe. The group started its India business in 2009 out of a need to develop a strong production hub that would cater to global markets, but more importantly to the fast evolving and growing Indian market.

"Keeping with our

H&M revels in sunset colours and embellished details for The Festive Collection 2023



Bhubaneswar: H&M India invites you to the season of celebrations with a special collection personified by all things sparkle and shine. Featuring party-ready ensembles, the collection spotlights designs showcasing strong shoulders, cropped tops and draped details among the statement suiting, party dresses and matching sets. Rhinestones, sequins and high-shine fabrics bring sophistication and

vibrancy to every piece, while a strong colour palette of hot pink, orange, red, sand, gold and black adds to the celebratory mood. The Festive Collection comes at such a special time of year and we're thrilled with the collection. We were really inspired by the importance of light – candles, lanterns and fireworks – and worked that into a vivid sunset colour palette, but also brought in a lot of sequins, rhinestones and satin.

Tonal looks are vital, but the play of different fabrics and embellishment make it playful and modern.



BJP Nominated Mudasir wani As Incharge For Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency in Jammu And Kashmir UT

Srinagar(Aasif Malik): The Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP) has Given Additional Charges To Wani Mudasir Who Works As Bjp North Kashmir Incharge The Bjp Today Nominated Him Incharge for Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency In The Valley

According to an official order obtained by Jkns News Agency Mr. Mudasir Wani has been nominated as the Bjp's incharge For Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency He will be responsible for overseeing the Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency

Mean while Mudasir Wani Told Jkns Agency I am Very Thankful to Party Heads Who Belives On My Work And Appointed Me As Incharge For Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency I work Hard Just Like I am Working In North Kashmir I hope The People of Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency Knows Very well what Bjp is doing for the welfare of Jammu and Kashmir Sartaj Majeed Bjp District Vice President Kupwara Congrates To Wani Mudasir On His new Assignment He said the party Knows how Mudasir wani doing hard work in North Kashmir that is why party Nominated Him Incharge For Srinagar constituency.



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

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

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

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

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

sets the ball rolling on Vedanta Aluminium's plans to decarbonize its industrial vehicle fleet. All 27 forklifts arrived last month and are being operationalised at the company's aluminium smelter at Jharsuguda, in Odisha, which is the world's largest single-location aluminium

Responsibility, a key process in risk compliance.

In his additional role as a leader in the employee engagement team, Abhishek and his team build a positive and inclusive work environment for employees. He plays a key role in training all new hires within the GSRC team, ensuring they're equipped with the knowledge and skills to excel. His dedication and passion for diversity earned him the prestigious "Amazonians Who Inspire" award in 2023. Abhishek believes that a diverse team with different perspectives and experiences leads to

better outcomes at Amazon.

He strongly resonates with Amazon's leadership principles. "Ownership isn't just my favorite Amazon leadership principle; it's my mantra," shares Abhishek. He also embraces the leadership principle of 'Having a backbone. Disagree and Commit'. "The ability to voice your opinion without fear and then fully commit to the final decision is what sets Amazon apart," he explains. For him, Amazon's leadership principles are more than just words; they're the bedrock of a culture that empowers him to thrive

Union Bank of India signs MOU with SIDBI for Co-Financing arrangement of MSMEs

Mumbai: Union Bank of India today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for a Co-Financing arrangement for MSMEs. The MoU was signed by Shri Lal Singh, Chief General Manager, Union Bank of India and Shri Vivek Kumar Malhotra, Chief General Manager, SIDBI. SIDBI is country's principal financial institution engaged in the Promotion, Financing and Development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

Under the MoU, Union Bank of India would consider Joint financing/Co-Financing with SIDBI to Projects/ Units in the MSME. This MoU would help the

Bank and at Union Bank of India, we aim to become Bank of 1st choice for MSMEs. This tie-up with SIDBI aids in realizing the Bank's vision to have increased credit flow to the MSME sector and extend operational convenience to the MSME clientele. Under partnership, Union Bank of India through its Pan India branch network can provide general Banking products like Current Accounts, Savings Accounts, Working Capital facilities and other related services to the MSME Customers of SIDBI."

Also, speaking on the tie-up arrangement, Shri Vivek Kumar Malhotra, CGM (MSME), Union Bank of India, said "MSME is one of the key sectors of our Indian Economy contributing to GDP, Exports, Manufacturing Output, Employment, Women Empowerment etc. MSME is one of the focused areas of the

Spice Money to enable farmers to withdraw PM-KISAN subsidy through its 1 million Adhikari Network

New Delhi: The Government of India has disbursed PM KISAN subsidy, directly to the farmers' bank accounts benefiting over 10 crore farmers and families who have received a grant of Rs 2,000 each. Spice Money, India's leading rural fintech with 1 million strong Adhikari network covering 18,500 plus pin codes, is assisting the farmers and farmer families residing in the heartlands of the country, to withdraw this subsidy through AEPs at their doorstep Adhikari outlet.

The PM Kisan Scheme,

a central sector scheme

with 100% funding from

the Government of India,

became operational on

December 1, 2018.

Under this scheme,

income support of ? 6000

per year, divided into three installments, is directly transferred to the bank accounts of landholding farmer families, consisting of the husband, wife, and minor children.

Speaking on this, Sanjeev Kumar, Co-Founder & CEO, Spice Money, said, "At Spice Money, we have been striving to solve the problem of access to banking & financial services in rural India. As the 11th installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi is rolled out, our 1 million Adhikari operating across 18,500 pin codes,

will be an enabler in ensuring easy access and withdrawal of this subsidy to the rightful 10 crore beneficiaries of this scheme.

Farmers and farmer

families will no longer have to travel large distances to bank branches or just let the money lie idle in their accounts in times of need. Our Adhikaris, trusted banking partners in their communities, will be there at the villages to help farmers withdraw their money, with the help of AEPs, thereby providing much-needed safe and secure access to the subsidy amount."

Spice Money has been spearheading the efforts towards bridging the financial services gap in rural India by providing banking and financial services to the remotest corners of the country, across 700 districts and 5,000 blocks, thereby revolutionising the way Bharat banks.

Commissions India's Largest Fleet of Electric Lithium-Ion Forklifts

forklift operators in its aluminium operations at BALCO in Chhattisgarh. These electric forklifts make use of the cutting-edge 'Smart Fleet Management' system to help ensure the highest levels of safety at site. The Smart Fleet Management system uses IOT (Internet of Things) technology to

integrate the data collected by intelligent terminals and provide Vedanta Aluminium insights on a real-time basis with respect to forklift speed, access to operate, collision avoidance, optimization analysis for operational efficiency and equipment maintenance, among others.



Arshin Kulkarni's view from the top

New Delhi: If you're trying to find Arshin Kulkarni, start looking at the top; of a batting order, a medium pacer's run-up, or a roomful of people. Kulkarni sticks out, as much for his looming height, sturdy frame and striking hazel eyes as he does for his success in an unusual playing role. Few cricketers combine batting in the top order with regular seam bowling. Even fewer do so as conspicuously as Kulkarni. Like he did for Eagle Nishak Titans against Puneri Bappa in a Maharashtra Premium League (MPL) match in Pune in June last year. Kulkarni opened the batting and scored 117 off 54, hitting three fours and 13 sixes. That's more than three-quarters of his innings in boundaries. Then he took 4/21 - Yash Kshirsagar was among his victims - to help his team win by a solitary run. No-one else in the match made more than 50 or took more than three wickets. Ruturaj Gaikwad's 217.39 was the only strike rate higher

than Kulkarni's 216.67, and nobody bettered his economy rate of 5.25. That kind of thing gets you noticed. Exponentially more so if - as was the case in this instance - the match is broadcast on television and streamed. The right people were watching. So, in December last year, after Kulkarni had hit a tournament high 19 sixes in the MPL, in which he finished third among the runscorers, and been the 10th highest runscorer and India's highest at the under-19 Asia Cup in the UAE, Lucknow Super Giants bought him at the IPL auction for his base price of 20 lakh rupees, or USD24,000. That's a lot of headline grabbing by any measure, but an outrageous amount for someone who won't turn 19 until February 15. By then Kulkarni should have returned home from the under-19 World Cup in South Africa, which is scheduled to end four days previously. His next adventure will start about a month later: the IPL

itself. Was he daunted? Prepared? Able to fit something so vast into his still developing consciousness?

Certainly, he seems ready for anything. So he didn't blink when, clearly without having been informed earlier, he was summoned out of the huddle by India's team manager at an ICC Cricket for Good clinic with local children at Bloemfontein's Mangaung Oval on Tuesday to talk to Cricbuzz. Immediately, a tall, sturdy young man bounded over, beamed a smile, and extended his hand.

It was an instant to be remembered years from now, should Kulkarni live up to the potential he has shown and the hype that has generated. India's stars conduct their careers in splendid isolation from their adoring public and, except for press conferences and increasingly rare interviews, the media. So to have the anointed scion of the next generation of the

country's biggest cricket names lope happily towards a reporter felt like fantasy. How did he feel about, sooner rather than later, perhaps becoming one of the most unreachable players in the world game? "I would like to," Kulkarni said without hesitation. Even though that would mean freedoms like walking unbothered down any street in India would be taken from him? "There are advantages and disadvantages. The level players like Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma and

other legends are on has made it hard for them to go out, but it's their job that has done that." Could he explain to non-Indians why the game is what it has become in his country? "In India cricket is worship. A good player gets into people's heads. They regard him as a god. A good performance in a crucial match changes a player's life." Like it seems to have done for Kulkarni in the wake of his 117. But he didn't arrive fully formed that shining day in Pune in June. Not long ago, for instance, he

bowed leg spin. A growth spurt changed that. "In my under-16 and under-14 days I tried fast bowling for fun; it was just a part of my enjoyment of cricket," Kulkarni said. "But then my height increased and I worked on my fitness. Also, there were times when my team needed a fast-bowling allrounder. It's a pretty tiring job but it comes with pretty good results."

Long before that

happened, he had left his hometown of Solapur to live with his grandparents in Pune, where he was part of the Cadence Academy. "I was moving up and down between Pune and Solapur three days a week," Kulkarni said. "I would skip school two days a week, and on Sundays I would come back to Solapur." That involved other members of his family: "They used to travel with me, because I was around 11 or 12. They've always been there for me."

Somewhere in the conversation Kulkarni said what had long since

been unmistakable: "Cricket has been the centre of my life." So to have landed an IPL deal so early in his career "was an exciting and proud moment for me and my family". He hoped his time with LSG would give him opportunities "to learn and experience new things with KL Rahul sir and with the experience of Justin Langer sir". Behind those obvious sentiments was more than enough good manners and enthusiasm to make it difficult to believe Kulkarni won't

give himself the best chance to achieve his aim. "I just want to take everything I can get from the experienced players, to learn many new things I can apply to make my game better."

Given his path to the IPL, the pinnacle of the modern game, and the growing number of avenues to reach it that don't

include international cricket, did Kulkarni think the under-19 World Cup remained relevant? "Every player who starts a cricket career wants to represent their country," he said. "So a stage like this makes the dream come true for us. You get a chance to talk to the media, to experience venues like South Africa and many other countries and you learn about the conditions. It's a critical tournament. You could win, but it's also about the fear of losing while you're playing for India. That's a big thing."

Considering that pressure, what did he think about India's rule of

limiting players to one edition

The diplomatic dynamics of Shoaib Bashir's visa situation

New Delhi: Shoaib Bashir has finally received his visa papers but those who handled the process could, perhaps, have executed the matter more effectively, especially considering the numerous precedents of cricketers of Pakistan origin travelling to India. Instead, they expected the visa, initially applied for in the UK, to be hand-delivered in the United Arab Emirates.

Usman Khawaja faced travel delays due to his Pakistani roots. Pakistan players bound for the World Cup in India last year experienced last-minute clearance

hurdles. These diplomatic dynamics between India and Pakistan, right or wrong, have come to be accepted by the global community. The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) applied for visas, including Bashir's, at the Indian High Commission in the UK after naming the squad in December. Owing to his Pakistani origin, the 20-year-old spinner did not receive his papers in time for the pre-tour offshore camp in Abu Dhabi.

The ECB claims they were led to believe that the passport stamping could happen in the UAE. "We had

assurances that it would be stamped in the UAE," an ECB official stated. However, this claim is met with skepticism by some in the Indian government, diplomatic circles, and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). A recently retired Indian

diplomat who spoke to Cricbuzz, clarified that while Indian embassies issue visas, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has sole discretion, and the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) is consulted. Visa approvals are made on a case-by-case basis, with

reasons for decisions not disclosed publicly, more so if it is a case of Pakistani heritage. The BCCI has stayed away from the controversy but those conversant with the developments say Visas are generally issued in the country where applied, not outside. "There are rules and regulations governing the issuance of an Indian visa. The same were being applied in this case," the BBC reported, quoting India's foreign office. This website reached out to the Indian High Commission in the UK.

New Delhi: In East London, Pakistan beat Nepal by five wickets. Nepal chose to bat first and Bipin Rawal (39) led them to a steady start but Ahmed Hussain's double strike helped Pakistan regain control. Despite a middle-order collapse which saw them lose three wickets for 16 runs, Nepal's lower middle-order came to the rescue. Deepak Dumre (26) and Subash Bhandari (26) helped them reach a respectable total of 197 as Arafat Minhas returned three wickets.

Pakistan, in response, had a solid opening stand of 80 runs between Shamyl Hussain and Shahzaib Khan. However, Aakash Chand's bowling made significant inroads, taking crucial wickets and putting Pakistan in a precarious position at 104/4. Azam Awais (63*) and Hassan then stabilized the innings with a 54-run partnership and set Pakistan on course to victory. Awais remained unbeaten on

63*, guiding his team to the win with 2.2 overs to spare. Pakistan will face New Zealand in their final game, both having advanced to the Super Six stage whereas Nepal, with two losses, now a win against Afghanistan to stay in contention.

Sri Lanka vs Namibia

In Kimberley, Sri Lanka beat Namibia by 77 runs in a low-scoring match. Sent in to bat first, Sri Lanka were rolled over for 133 in 37.5 overs. After a run-out sent back opener Pulindu Perera in the seventh over, Namibia had the opening they wanted and Zacheo van Vuuren capitalized on it by taking four wickets for 23 runs while Johannes de Villiers picked three. A resilient half-century from Supun Waduge could only do so much for Sri Lanka but it got them past triple figures which proved enough on the day.

Namibia's response faced an early setback when they were reduced to 25/8 in the 20th over

Shakib to take conventional route for eye treatment

Dhaka: A Bangladesh Cricket Board official said on Wednesday (January 24) that Shakib Al Hasan will go through conservative treatment for his eye problem. Shakib, who is featuring for Rangpur Riders in the ongoing Bangladesh Premier League, left for Singapore after their opening game as his eye problem that troubled him during the last ICC World Cup in India returned to cause him further discomfort.

The Bangladesh captain has been diagnosed with a retinal condition in his left eye and this revelation comes after the player reported concerns with respect to his visual functioning. "Shakib has been complaining of subtle issues with his left eye.



After consulting Ophthalmologists in Bangladesh and abroad and after multiple eye assessments, it was confirmed that he is suffering from Extrafoveal Central Seroous Chorioretinopathy (CSR) of the left eye. It has been decided that a conservative approach will be adopted for managing the issue for now," Bangladesh Cricket Board senior physician Debashish Chowdhury said in a press release.

"Extrafoveal Central Seroous Chorioretinopathy is a condition that affects the retina, leading to visual disturbances. The medical team overseeing Shakib's case is optimistic about managing the condition effectively with a conservative approach," he said. The BCB urges the cricketing fraternity and fans to respect Shakib's privacy as he focuses on his health and recovery. The board also added that further updates on his condition will be provided in due course. It is understood that Shakib is not yet ruled out from the 2024 BPL season as he can play the tournament by managing his eye problem. If that is indeed the case, he might be playing down the order in the batting line-up and shall focus more on completing his four over spells with the ball. Shakib has not had any issues while bowling and it is only when he bats that he feels extreme discomfort.

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