

Three criminal laws framed with spirit of 'citizen first, dignity first and justice first': PM Modi

Jaipur(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi Sunday said the three new criminal justice laws were enacted with the spirit of "citizen first, dignity first and justice first" and that the police now need to work with data instead of 'danda'. Addressing the 58th conference of Director Generals of Police (DGPs) and Inspector Generals of Police (IGPs) here, Modi exhorted the police to focus on the safety of women to ensure they can work fearlessly



"kabhi bhi aur kahin bhi (anytime, anywhere)." Derogatory remarks against PM Modi: Indian High Commission takes up matter with Male

He emphasised that the new criminal laws were framed with the spirit of

"citizen first, dignity first and justice first" and instead of working with 'danda', police now need to work with "data".

The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam have been enacted recently to replace the Indian Penal Code-1860, the Code of Criminal Procedure-1898 and the Indian Evidence Act of 1872, respectively.

The prime minister said these new laws were a

paradigm shift in India's criminal justice system.

He said a special focus was laid on sensitising women and girls about their rights and protection provided to them under the new laws. Modi said the Indian police should transform itself into a modern and world-class force to realise the vision of a developed India by 2047 — the centenary of India's independence.

Goa CM Pramod Sawant Offers Prayer At Puri Srimandir

Puri(KCN): Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant today offered prayer at the Jagannath Temple in pilgrim town of Puri. Accompanied by family members, Sawant visited

the temple today morning and expressed his pleasure having the holy darshan of deities after long years. He said that he prayed to Lord Jagannath for economic growth in Goa and the people of his state. He also lauded the ongoing developmental projects at Srimandir.

Speaking to media persons, Sawant praised Prime Minister Narendra

Modi for the upcoming consecration ceremony of Lord Ram Lala at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

He said that the Sanatani people are quite happy with Narendra Modi, who

is working for the development of religious sites including Kashi Vishwanath, Mahakaleswar Temple in Ujjain and the Jagannath Temple in Puri.

5T Chairman Reviews Construction Of

Kalamandal, Akhayara Bhoomi In Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar(KCN): 5T & Nabin Odisha Chairman VK Pandian on Sunday morning paid a visit to the 2,000 seating capacity 'Kalamandal' near Sainik School in Bhubaneswar, being constructed by IDCO for the Odia Language Literature & Culture Department. Once complete, it will be the largest Convention Centre of the Govt of Odisha. During the review, IDCO MD was directed to complete this project in 4 months. The 5T Chairman also suggested designing the interior of the 'Kalamandal' keeping in view the aesthetics of Odisha's culture & heritage by teaming up with the Culture



Department. 5T Chairman also visited the place where 'Akhayara Bhoomi' work is being undertaken by the Works Department. The 'Akhayara Bhoomi' will commemorate the 1st World Odia Language Conference being held in Bhubaneswar between 3rd to 5th December. A commemorative Arch reflecting the 'Kalingan' style of architecture in Khondalite stones shall also adorn the 'Akhayara

Bhoomi'. It shall be an attraction point for the youth reminding them about the rich heritage of our classical Odia language. It was decided to have space for future expansion of the building and to leave the basement for parking for visitors of this cultural convention centre. 5T Chairman also suggested planting trees in the space so that the entire campus looks green and install eco-friendly elements.

Male(KCN): The Maldivian government Sunday suspended three ministers who posted "derogatory remarks" against Prime Minister Narendra Modi as it distanced itself from their comments on social media and said these opinions are "personal and do not represent the views of the Government".

The development came after opposition leaders slammed the "appalling language" used by the officials against the Indian leader.

"Government officials who posted derogatory remarks about neighbouring India have been suspended," state broadcaster PSM News reported, citing the

President's Office. The Maldives government has affirmed its commitment to taking swift action against individuals on social media whose conduct undermines international relations, it added. The Sun Online identified the officials who were suspended over the posts as three

deputy ministers from the Youth Ministry; Malsha Shareef, Mariyam Shiuna and Abdulla Mahzoom Majid. Earlier Sunday, the Maldivian Foreign Ministry said they were aware of the "derogatory remarks on social media platforms against foreign leaders and high-ranking individuals".

"These opinions are personal and do not represent the views of the Government of Maldives," it said in a statement, amidst uneasy relations between the Maldives and India after Mohamed Muizzu assumed charge as the new president in November. A row erupted on social media last week when a

minister and some other leaders in the Maldives used derogatory remarks against Prime Minister Modi after he posted a video of him on a pristine beach in Lakshadweep. The Maldivian government said it believes that the freedom of expression should be exercised in a democratic and responsible manner, and in ways that do not spread hatred, and negativity, and hinder close relationships between the Maldives and its international partners. It warned that relevant authorities of the Government will not hesitate to take action against those who make such derogatory remarks.

Unity in Ink: Journalists Gather at Kalahandi for National Discourse on Role in Nation Building

Bhubaneswar / Kalahandi (KCN): In a remarkable display of unity journalists from Kalahandi District in collaboration with the Apex Body of Working Journalists Association of India (ABAJ/AWAJ OF INDIA) convened at Sagada PWD IB, Bhawanipatna today, January 7, 2024. The event featured a Get Together Program and a seminar exploring the pivotal roles of journalists and citizens in nation-building. The meeting presided over by ABAJ OF INDIA Chairperson, Senior Journalist Sunil Kumar Mishra, hosted distinguished guests including Chief Guest



Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Sanjay Satpathy of Maa Manikeshwari University, Kalahandi District and

Guest of Honors Senior Journalist Umashankar Kar, Chairperson of International Human Rights Force Er. Biswajit

Mallick and Sagada Sarpanch Govind Naik. Addressing the assembly, Sunil Kumar Mishra emphasized the

journalist's duty to uphold neutrality, seek justice and contribute to the upliftment of India's underprivileged. He

urged journalists to expose mistakes, faults, irregularities, injustices and corruption within the legislative, judiciary and

executive branches. The event drew participation from over five hundred journalists nationwide, turning it into a significant conversation not just for Kalahandi District but resonating across the entirety of India.

Congress holds seat-sharing talks with Odisha JMM



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Congress leaders held a meeting with functionaries of the JMM's Odisha unit Sunday and discussed the sharing of seats for the Lok Sabha elections and assembly polls, which are held simultaneously in the state.

The closed-door meeting was attended by JMM's state president Anjani Soren, its Odisha unit in charge Shivaji Moulik, Congress general secretary in charge of Odisha Ajoy Kumar and state Congress president Sarat Pattanayak, among others.

The leaders of the two parties held initial discussions on seat

sharing for Lok Sabha elections and assembly polls. At that meeting, Soren told Congress leaders that she would speak to her brother and Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren,

2004 assembly elections, in which it won four seats. The party drew a blank in the 2019 assembly elections, but it has a significant presence in

M a y u r b h a n j , Sundargarh and parts of Keonjhar district, since the years of the Jharkhand movement. These districts were part of its "greater Jharkhand" demand. The Congress is part of the Hemant Soren government in neighbouring Jharkhand.

Kadambini Sahitya Mahotsav and Patrika Haat

Mridula Garg Conferred Nilimarani Sahitya Samman 2024

Bhubaneswar, Jan 7(KCN): Nilimarani Sahitya Samman 2024 was conferred on noted writer Mridula Garg, while writer Bijaya Kumar Nayak, Additional Press Secretary to the President of India was bestowed with the Kadambini Sahitya Samman 2024 during the Kadambini Sahitya Mahotsav and Patrika Haat on Sunday.

Noted writers such as Prof Baishnab Charan Samal, Radhabinod Nayak, Sukamini Nanda, Tulasi Ojha and Prof Narayan Sahoo were given away the Kadambini Sahitya Sambardhana 2024 at the event. Well-known Palla singer Prajnya

Rout was also felicitated with the Kadambini Sambardhana Award 2024.

In his presidential address, Prof. Shantanu Kumar Acharya proposed the idea of theming the annual Kadambini Sahitya Mahotsav, advocating for structured discourse around specific subjects to enrich the literary discussions. Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, Kadambini extended a warm welcome to esteemed speakers Dr. Itirani Samanta, Editor, Kadambini proposed the vote of thanks. Dr. A. Samanta emphasized the unique platform offered by the Patrika Haat, underscoring its role in amplifying the voices of



small publications across Odisha.

A fest highlight was unveiling the January issue of Kadambini and the children's magazine, KuniKatha. The cover

page models graced the occasion. The felicitation ceremony witnessed heartfelt moments as Garg and Nayak, recipients of awards

named after Dr. Samanta's mother and Kadambini's Editor, expressed profound gratitude. Nayak praised Dr. Samanta's ground-breaking educational initiatives, particularly highlighting the unparalleled nature of the KISS.

Renowned writer Anita Agnihotri, an ex-bureaucrat from the

Odisha cadre, lauded KIIT for nurturing the little magazine movement through Patrika Haat.

The fest welcomed guests from the film fraternity. Director-producer Sandeep Singh, captivated by Odisha's rich cultural heritage, pledged to promote the state and its talent through his cinematic endeavors. He likened Dr. Samanta's impact to that of Mother Teresa, acknowledging KIIT's monumental contribution to society.

Actor Abhay Verma extolled KIIT as an institution and a sanctuary that shapes individuals into conscientious human beings. Veteran Gujarati

film producer Vinod Ganatra praised the festival's essence and commended KIIT for championing quality education.

The Kadambini Literary Fest emerged as a celebration of literary diversity, cultural richness, and educational empowerment, fostering a collaborative spirit among luminaries and enthusiasts alike.

The festival unfolded as a vibrant tapestry of literature, culture drawing together literary figures from various creative realms. The day included a youth literary fest, a session on poetry and poems and a children's literature festival.

Railway minister Aswini Vaishnav at famous Dhabaleswar Peetha

Cuttack (KCN): Minister of Railways, IT and Communication started his 2nd day after puja, aarati of Shiva peetha baba Dhabaleswar.

Baba Dhabaleswar at Athagarh is famous for the Shiva temple is located within Mahanadi over a hillock of Odisha. It is situated at a distance of 27 km from the city of Cuttack, Odisha, India.

The name Dhabaleswar (Dhabala or White + Eeswar or God) is attributed to a miracle performed by Lord Shiva. Regional folklore which says Once a thief stole a black bull calf from a village and fled to a Shiva temple. He hid himself with the calf in the sanctum while the angry crowd waited outside the temple. Thief turned the black bull into



a white bull by appealing to the Lord. The thief then turned out to be a great devotee of Lord Siva.

Place is becoming famous Picnic & tourist spot for Cuttack & surrounding areas. The hanging bridge is a major tourist attraction.

Dhabaleswar Jhoola pola is one of the longest hanging bridge of the country.

A big fair is held on the shukla paksha chaturdashi of the Kartika called Bada-oshha. Makar Sankranti, Mahasivaratri are other famous festivals celebrated there.

The temple, located on an island on River Mahanadi, is embellished with stone carvings that date back to the early 10th and 11th century.

The serene ambiance, in which the temple is situated, inspires spiritual feeling among one and all.

'Sagar Parikrama': Rupala interacts with fisherfolk in Odisha's Ganjam

Berhampur (KCN): Union Fisheries Minister Parshottam Rupala kicked off the 11th phase of 'Sagar Parikrama' from the Gopalpur harbour in Odisha's Ganjam district Sunday.

'Sagar Parikrama', which was launched from Mandvi in Gujarat March 5, 2022, is aimed at direct interaction with fisherfolk in their village to understand their issues and to improve their livelihood, he said. Rupala interacted with the fisherfolk in Arjipalli village and handed them

documents related to PM Matsya Sampada Yojana, Kisan Credit Card and group accident insurance scheme. He assured the people that he would help in clearing hurdles for setting up the fishing harbour near Arjipalli. A plot has been identified for the harbor, which would cost Rs500, but the work has not

progressed as clearance has not been given since it is forest land, officials said.

Ganjam Zilla Matsya Jivi Forum urged the minister to increase the livelihood support for fisherfolks from Rs15,000 to Rs35,000 when fishing is banned in the region for the breeding of olive ridley turtles.

They also urged him to increase the group accident insurance scheme benefit from Rs5 lakh to Rs10 lakh and provide diesel at a subsidised rate for mechanised boats.

After the completion of the 10th phase of 'Sagar Parikrama' at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh Saturday, Rupala arrived at the Gopalpur port by sea on a two-day visit to Odisha.

He visited Nairi, Balugaon, Satapada and Puri later in the day. He would visit Paradip, Kendrapara, Dhamara, Chudamani and Chandipur Monday and interact with the fisherfolk there before moving towards West Bengal.

Odisha: 60-year-old man hacks wife to death

Bolangir (KCN): A 60-year-old man in Odisha hacked his wife to death in Patnagarh area of Bolangir district Friday, an official said.

The accused has been identified as Krushna Chandra Bag of Brahmapura village.

Anjana, 50, was returning home after taking bath in river Mayavati near Patnagarh town when the accused under the influence of alcohol hacked her to death with an axe. "Anjana, who sustained severe head injuries, died on the spot," a police officer said. The accused later fled the spot and also concealed the weapon. He was later arrested from his hideout. "He suspected Anjana of having an extramarital affair. The couple used to fight over petty issues in the past too," he added.



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National Crush Triptii Dimri Has An Exciting Pipeline Of Films In 2024

Actress Triptii Dimri, who is currently enjoying the success of *Animal*, will be seen opposite Rajkummar Rao in his upcoming film *Raaj Shaandilyaa*. The film has been titled *Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video*, and she will also be seen in Anand Tiwari's *Mere Mehboob Mere Sanam* alongside Vicky Kaushal. However, more details about the film have not been revealed by the makers yet. That video of Vicky Vidya is yet to go on floors. It is being produced by Bhushan



Kumar's *T-Series* along with Raj Shandilya and Vimal Lahoti's *Thinking Pictures*. National crush Tripti

made her acting debut in 2017 with *Poster Boys* and had her first

lead role in the romantic drama *Laila Majnu*. However, the actress gained recognition for her role in the 2020 film *Bulbul*, which was released on the streaming platform Netflix. *Bulbul* was a supernatural drama film directed by Anand Tiwari. According to media reports, this film is all set to release in February 2024. Many photos of Tripti and Vicky from the sets of the film have already gone viral on social media.

Tripti then reunited with Anand Tiwari for her next home production *Qala*, which received positive reviews from critics and fans. After this, Tripti graced the big screen playing the role of Zoya in the film directed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga, and her

performance has created a lot of buzz on social media. After this, Tripti will also star in *Mere Mehboob Mere Sanam* with Vicky Kaushal. Amy Virk will also be seen in this film directed by Anand Tiwari. According to media reports, this film is all set to release in February 2024. Many photos of Tripti and Vicky from the sets of the film have already gone viral on social media platforms. Now it remains to be seen whether people's love will remain intact with the upcoming films.

Here Comes A New Dating-Fashion-Based Show, Makers Announce MTV Date 2 Remember



Buddies Productions is thrilled to announce the 'MTV D2R Mr and Miss India Runway Model', a revolutionary first-ever reality dating and fashion-based show, while in search of love aspiring models will embark on a journey to become India's Top

Runway Models. The show will go on air in the mid of February, experience the fashion sensation that everyone's talking about and make a statement like never before. MTV D2R promises to be an exhilarating fusion of love, fashion, and physical challenges, providing a groundbreaking platform for individuals to find both love and success in the world of modeling. The show will not only entertain but also inspire a new generation of aspiring models, leaving a lasting impact on the

Indian reality TV landscape. The dynamic Akanksha Puri and heartthrob Umar Riaz come as hosts of 'MTV D2R Mr and Miss India Runway Model' bringing their infectious energy, undeniable charisma, and celebrity appeal to the show. Their popularity on social media and passion for fashion will set the stage for a captivating journey of love, competition, and catwalk couture. 'MTV D2R Mr and Miss India Runway Model' will be a show where, for the first time, all of the contestants will compete, make bonds, be groomed, and win the titles of Mr and Miss India as a couple. We're experimenting with a niche concept while producing a show for a large audience, says Mohit Ragahv, director of Buddies Productions. The contestants are handpicked from diverse cultural backgrounds across India and will embody the unique tapestry that makes India shine, adding to the show's popularity. D2R season 2 is more than simply a dating reality program.

Allu Arjun To Make Hollywood Debut Soon? Actor Says 'It's Time To Think Global'

Star Allu Arjun has plans for Hollywood, as the popularity of 'RRR' has propelled Indian cinema worldwide. The actor said that this phenomenon has opened the doors for Indian cinema to go international.

Speaking to Variety about his Hollywood plans, Allu Arjun said: "It has opened the doors and the minds of people that there is something beyond our regular traditional markets that we need to go explore and our reach as much as possible."

As part of this expansion, the actor said that he already has plans to sign up with a Hollywood agent: "It's time for all Indian actors to think globally, because India is going to be a global superpower. All businesses in India will flourish and so will the Indian film industry."

"I feel in less than 10 years from now, Indian cinema will be viewed all over the world, like how Korean dramas have been watched all over the world, with a

very high probability for India to be in the same spot in the coming decade. It's really a golden era for entertainment industry in India," Talking about his win at the National Indian Film Awards and becoming the first actor to do so, Allu Arjun told Variety: "Getting the national award is the highest official respect you can get. What we realised was that in 69 years of Telugu cinema, while other technicians and

directors have won, no actor had won best actor at the National Awards."

"So that was a path breaking achievement and became the pride of the Telugu people. I was glad that I could contribute to it in a small way."

He attributed the success of 'Pushpa' to its rootedness and rustic nature. "It's the common man factor, it's the character's attitude that really connected across all languages,"

Arjun said. "We wanted a very authentic, rustic, rooted storytelling."

"I think that authenticity and honesty paid off, we were not trying to be somebody else, we were trying to be who we are and still trying to appeal to everybody else. It's like how they say, going local is going global."

'Pushpa 2: The Rule' is due for release sometime in 2024. Allu Arjun has described the film as being "even more of an adrenaline rush."



Income from House Property Part 1



Adv. Narayan Jain & CA Dilip Loyalka

The rental income is taxed under the head 'Income from house property' which is computed after allowing payment for municipal taxes, and other permissible deductions. W.e.f. asst. year 2020-21, where a property is held as stock in trade and is not let out, provisions of Sec. 23 relating to assessment of notional rent shall not be applicable for a period of two years from the end of the financial year in which the completion certificate is obtained. We are highlighting relevant provisions for computation of income under the head income from house property.

Which Income to be taxed under the head 'Income from house property': Rent and other income from any flat, building or land appurtenant thereto received by owner is generally taxed under the head 'Income from house property'. As per section 22 "House Property" does not include vacant land. Income derived from

a vacant land is charged either under the head "Income from Business or Profession" or under the head "Income from other sources" depending upon its nature. However, if the owner occupies the house property for the purposes of his own business or profession, no tax is to be paid under this head in respect of such property. Here are some decisions:

Notional Income from the part of a house property owned by HUF, used for business purposes by a firm, in which HUF was a partner was not assessable to tax - CIT v. H.S. Singhal & Sons [2002] 253 ITR 653 (Del.).

Rent or other income derived from the house property is taxed under the head house property even if the house property is kept as stock-in-trade - CWT v. Atma Ram Properties (P) Ltd. [2017] 86 taxmann.com 89 (Del); CIT v. Haryana Urban Development Authority [2010] 322 ITR 61 (P&H).

Jt. Development Commissioner for Handlooms Hopes State Handloom Expo-24 to be Turning Out to a Venue of Exposures for Attracting Customers and Showcasing Talents of Weavers & Artisans



Kolkata, (KCN): Joint Development Commissioner for Handlooms, Shri Nipun Pande today spoke on the different ways the office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms aim at in providing end-to-end support to the economically weak weavers and artisans of the country. Out of the 35 lakh weavers of the country, the number of the same in West Bengal is more than 6 lakhs. The Development Commissioner for Handlooms' office's target is to help all these weavers get support from the Centre, whether it is for getting looms or the

monetary support to buy the raw materials necessary for weaving at subsidised rates. While addressing the inaugural function of the 14-day State Handloom Expo-2024 'Virasat', today, Shri Pande said, the office also aims to bring the weavers of West Bengal into the mainstream and help them bring new styles in designs, combining the old and traditional one with the new one with the help of the Weavers' Service Centre design aids and the Design Resource Centre. He said, initiatives have already started for getting GI tags to six handloom products of the

Arvind Kejriwal Names Jailed Gujarat MLA As Candidate For Lok Sabha Elections

Bharuch(KCN): In line with the preparations for the Lok Sabha elections, Aam Aadmi Party chief Arvind Kejriwal has named jailed MLA Chaitar Vasava as the party's candidate for the Bharuch Lok Sabha seat in Gujarat.

The Aam Aadmi Party has started the Lok Sabha election campaign by organising a public rally in Bharuch today.

Mr Kejriwal while addressing the rally appealed to the people to ensure the victory of Chaitar Vasava in the Lok Sabha elections. Vasava, MLA from the Dediapada assembly of Bharuch, is in jail.

"Chaitar Vasava is in jail but now he will be the candidate for the Bharuch Lok Sabha seat. No other party has yet started the process for its

candidate in Bharuch, but the AAP party announced its candidate in Sunday's meeting," he said.

AAP MLA Chaitar Vasava is involved in several controversies. He is in jail for the last 2 months. A local court in Dediapada in Narmada district on December 18 sent Chaitar to judicial custody at the end of the three-day police remand in the November 2 case of alleged extortion and assault of forest officials.

But now AAP party is making this an opportunity. Mr Kejriwal has said that if MLA Chaitar Vasava is not released, then Mr Vasava will fight the election from the jail itself and people will go door to door carrying the candidate's photo to seek votes.



Glimpses of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra program at Various district of Assam held on January 07, 2024.

3-day Training Workshop Ends with a Call for Interdepartmental Coordination for Effective and Strategic Assessment of Bio-resources

Kolkata,(KCN):The three-day training workshop organised by the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) for the Indian Forest Service (IFS) officers on "Plant Identification and Nomenclature," nominated by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, was successfully completed on January 5, 2024, at the Central National Herbarium, Howrah. The training concluded with a panel discussion on "Improvement in the Working of Forest Departments—Need for Career Development through Training and Improvement of Skills" by experts from different fields.

The discussion was attended by Dr. A. A. Mao, Director, BSI; Sri Soumitra Dasgupta, IFS (Retd.) former PCCF & HOFF, Forest Department, West Bengal; Dr. Dhriti Banerjee, Director, Zoological Survey of India; Dr. Sangeeta Dubey, IFS (Retd.), West Bengal; and Prof. Vishwas Chavan, IISER, Berhampur.

The experts of the panel session called for enhanced interdepartmental



cooperation among the BSI, the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) and the State Forest Departments so as to come up with a more effective and strategic assessment of the bio-resources and to enunciate better monitoring and management practices that will be in alignment with several international conventions, such as CBD, CITES, TRAFFIC, and World Heritage Sites. The panel experts were of the opinion that the knowledge gained can be shared with the front-line forest

officials. One of the central ideas of the discussion was to go for conservation of the entire ecosystem and not only the forest since the ecosystem includes landscapes, both macro- and micro flora and fauna, soil, and water of a given geographical area. The training programme ended with concluding remarks by Dr. S. S. Dash, Scientist-F and Course Co-Coordinator and In-Charge, Technical Section, BSI HQ. He thanked all the participants for their fervent participation

and attentiveness throughout the workshop. He also welcomed the suggestions shared by the participating forest officials with regard to achieving better efficacy by combining management practices with scientific data. Dr. Dash was hopeful to periodically come up with this kind of workshop for the foresters in the future. The BSI has been able to achieve the desired objectives set for the training program for the IFS officers, said Dr. Dash.

Align Deliveries With Ram Temple Ceremony: Pregnant Women In UP To Doctors

Kanpur(KCN): Several expectant mothers have requested doctors at a government hospital here to have caesarean section deliveries on January 22, on the occasion of the consecration ceremony at the Ram temple in Ayodhya. Seema Dwivedi, acting in charge of the Obstetrics and Gynecology department at Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi Memorial Medical College, said they have received written requests for 12 to 14 caesarean deliveries in one labour room. "The arrangements are being made for 35 caesarean operations on January 22," Dwivedi told PTI.

The pregnant women and their family members have made the requests to the doctors even if their delivery dates are a few days before or after January 22, considering it an "auspicious" day. The first phase of the Ram temple is nearing completion and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will take part in the consecration ceremony of Ram Lalla's idol on January 22.

Ms Dwivedi said

expecting mothers often

find out an auspicious

date and time from priests and request delivery on that day. She recounted various experiences where she delivered the babies at a scheduled time and date because the mothers and the family members stressed for the delivery to be done on a 'muhurta' (auspicious time) given by the priests.

"It is concerning that sometimes the family members even expect us to

overlook complications that may

arise for the mother and the child by doing so,"

Dwivedi told PTI. "The mothers believe that Lord Ram is the symbol of heroism, integrity and obedience, therefore babies born on the day of the 'pran pratishtha' at the temple will also have the same qualities," she said. Malti Devi (26), a resident of Kalyanpur, whose delivery due date is on January 17, is one of the expectant mothers who have made this request to the doctors at the Kanpur hospital. Ms Devi told PTI that she wants her child to be

born on the day of the consecration ceremony of Ram Lalla's idol at the Ram temple. "I hope that my child will grow up to have success and glory," she said. Psychologist Divya Gupta told PTI that people believe that if a child is born at an auspicious time, it creates a positive impact on the baby's personality. "Sometimes religion and spirituality give a person strength to tackle the stresses of life and have a positive outlook," Gupta added.

"No Need To Go To New Zealand, Everything Is In Lakshadweep": Minister

Hyderabad(KCN): Appealing to the countrymen to visit Lakshadweep, Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy on Sunday said, "No need to go to New Zealand or Switzerland" as the Union Territory has a huge tourism potential. "Lakshadweep has huge potential from the tourism point of view. Recently, the Prime Minister also visited Lakshadweep. It will be a tourist destination in the coming times. There has to be an airport; the government is working on it. There is connectivity from Kerala but air connectivity is required. There is no need to go to New Zealand or Switzerland. Everything is in Lakshadweep. People themselves have to become ambassadors," Tourism



Minister Reddy told ANI.

Lakshadweep was the most searched keyword on the Google search engine for two consecutive days since Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the Union Territory and shared a few photos of the white beaches and the pristine blue skies and the ocean, and tagged them with a message that read, "For those who wish to embrace the adventurer in them, Lakshadweep has to be on your list."

PM Modi also shared an 'exhilarating experience' of him trying his hand at snorkelling. In a series of posts on X, PM Modi shared pictures of the white beaches and the pristine blue skies and the ocean, and tagged them with a message that read, "For those who wish to embrace the adventurer in them, Lakshadweep has to be on your list."

The interest in the Union

Territory peaked on Friday, as more than 50,000 users searched for it on Google after the Prime Minister said that he is "still in awe" of the "stunning" beauty of the islands and the "incredible warmth" of its people.

The internet also went gaga to see the Prime Minister in a life jacket and trying his hand at snorkelling during his stay. The Prime Minister said that it was an "exhilarating experience".

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that his government is focused on creating futuristic infrastructure in the Union Territory, creating better health care opportunities, fast internet connections, and protecting its "vibrant local culture"

Arpan chariots set rolling in Odisha's Ganjam district

Berhampur(KCN): The propagation, conservation and protection of Jagannath culture is being carried out under the aegis of 'Ama Odisha, Nabin Odisha' programme of the state government. Ahead of the Parikrama Prakalpa inauguration January 17, three 'Arpan' chariots set rolling in Ganjam district Saturday which will tour the panchayat samitis in the district till January 14 and collect offerings of raw rice (Arua chaula) and betel nut (Gua) from every household for Lord

Jagannath. Various programme related to Jagannath culture will be organised during the tour. The three chariots collected the rice and betel nuts in the presence of hundreds of Jagannath devotees at Nandika, Kanchuru, Dayapalli and Gobarapalli villages. V Keerti Vasan, executive officer, Zilla Parishad Ganjam launched the programme at Nandika village. A divine ordain (Agyanmala) was obtained from the Sundar Madhav temple in Nandika village to launch

the march of the chariot in the village. Sankirtan troupes and residents accompanied the chariot during the tour of the village. The second Arpan Rath toured the Kanchuru village, starting from the Jagannath temple in the village. Block Chairperson Saraswati Sethy, senior member N Raghunath of District Planning Board. Zilla Parishad member (zone no-67) Bai Geetanjali, sarpanch Madan Sethy, PEO Pratap Sahu were present on the occasion. The third Arpan Rath

toured the Dayapalli village, starting from the Balukenshwar temple. Samiti member Ipi I Rajarao, PEO Shankar Rao, and other members of the panchayat were

present on the occasion. The Arpan Rath, collecting raw rice (Arua Chaula) and betel nuts as offerings from every household in 268 panchayats of 11 blocks



residents amid the chanting of Haribol, ululations and the blowing of conch and Sankirtans by troupes. Women from every household offered fistfuls of raw rice and betel nuts as the chariots rolled on the village roads. The Rath toured Gopinathpur, Kashi, Hariharpur, Malatipatapur and Talajanga panchayats under the Sadar block, Gadasanaput and Aanlajodi panchayats under Kanas block, Kakatpur panchayat under Kakatpur block, Nuapada panchayat under Krushnaprasad block. The chariot also toured Bhogasalda panchayat of Nimapara block, Chaitana panchayat of Gop block, Ambapada and Dimirisena panchayats of Brahmagiri block, Panidola, Danda Mukundpur and Teisipur panchayats of Pipili block, Alasihi, Alangapur, Nagar, Naiguan and Astaranga panchayats of Astaranga block. Later, it toured Sujanpur panchayat of Delang block as well as Sukala and Dugal panchayats of Satyabadi block.

Mukta Soft In 23 More ULBs

Bhubaneswar(KCN): After the success of Mukta Soft Application in two municipal areas of the state, it will be implemented in 23 more municipal bodies. Sharda Prasad Panda, Joint Secretary, Housing and Urban Development has written a letter to the civic bodies concerned in this regard.

Mukta Soft Application is being implemented to make the implementation of Mukhyamantri Karma Tatpar Abhijana (MUKTA) more transparent and punctual. It was first implemented in Dhenkanal and Jatni municipal bodies on an experimental basis. After the success of the application here, it is now set to be implemented in 23 more municipal bodies. These municipal corporations include Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Berhampur, Rourkela and Sambalpur



Municipal Corporations, Puri, Baripada, Kotpad, Jaipur, Keonjhar, Kalinga, Jharsuguda, Jajpur, Paradip, Chhatarpur, Hinjilikati, Athagarh, Padmapur, Balangir, Phulbani, Boudhgarh, Bhadrak and Balasore. The Mukta Soft Application allows the payment of the project charges being executed under the scheme immediately. It may be mentioned that while the State Government is implementing the Mukta

Yojana to provide work to the hands of the urban people, priority is being given to women self-help groups and slum development organizations. Therefore, more emphasis is being laid on how they can get their dues immediately after completing the project work.

In the middle of the current financial year, especially by November 20, the details of the Mukta project have been asked to be uploaded in the Mukta Soft

systems etc. will lead to better integration between the policies and schemes of the Government for improving higher education in the country.

He appreciated the State for showing active participation in the previous phases of RUSA and has been successful in using the support under the Scheme to improve the higher education scenario in the State. However, an MoU under new phase of Scheme i.e. PM-USHA, is yet to be signed by the State, he expressed concern.

He informed that the process of submission of proposals for grants-in-aid under the PM-USHA Scheme has

Pradhan Plea On PM-USHA



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan wrote a letter to Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik for implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) in Odisha. In his letter, Shri Pradhan said the PM-USHA scheme, which was launched in June this year, has been approved till 31st March, 2026 with a total outlay of Rs 12,926.10 crores in continuation of the Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA). The PM-USHA Scheme is an

important step of Central Government towards implementation the vision of National Education Policy, 2020 to attain higher levels of access, equity, and excellence in the States / UTs higher education system by prioritizing the unserved and underserved areas, to be identified by States / UTs as Focus Districts on the basis of low GER, population of SC/ST, Left-wing affected areas etc., he said.

The scheme will aim at creating new institutions and also transforming existing institutions in the States and UTs, Pradhan stated.

As per the Scheme Guidelines, States / UTs are required to sign an MoU for on-boarding the Scheme for its implementation in respective States / UTs. The MoU contains clauses regarding proper planning, implementation and monitoring of the Scheme.

The Union Minister said commitment on planning and drafting the proposals by the State by aligning it with reforms such as

Multiple entry-exit, Academic Bank of Credits, National Higher Education Qualifications Framework (NHEQF), Indian knowledge



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Hectic Preparation on for Mega Ollywood Awards Show in Dubai

Bhubaneswar / Dubai (KCN): Hectic preparations are underway for the ensuing Grand Ollywood Film Awards ceremony in Dubai. Being hosted jointly by RR Events & Cine Production and Odisha Samaj, UAE, the mega celluloid Event, would be taken place at outside the country for the first time in the history of Odia Cinema. The Supersonic Show entitled 5 star Film Awards 2024, Dubai is all set to showcase the

essence and fragrance of Odisha's rich art, vibrant Culture and lofty Film firmament. Scheduled to be held on 13th January 2024 at 5 pm onwards at Sheikh Rashid Auditorium, IHS OUD Metha, Dubai the colourful cultural extravaganza will witness the gathering of who's who of Odia Diaspora in United Arab Emirates, more than 1500 Film lovers and Fans of Odia films' iconic stars. Around 105 artistes of Odia Cine Industry,

music cum dance fraternity shall fly to Dubai to take part in this Maha Kumbha Mela of Ollywood. All top Czars and Czarinas of Odia Cinema World are expected to descend at dream city Dubai to take part in this maiden Global Gala Odia Film Fair. Unusual interest, unexpected enthusiasm and unprecedented excitement have already been aroused among movie enthusiasts from Bhubaneswar to Dubai in the run up to this unique and unparalleled Awards Show far away

On 9th death anniversary of Padma Shri Virendra Prabhakar, Chitrakala Sangam honors senior journalist Vijay Shankar Chaturvedi



New Delhi (KCN): On the 9th death anniversary of Padma Shri Virendra Prabhakar, Constitutional Club in Delhi organized a poetry evening and felicitation ceremony in collaboration with Chitrakala Sangam. During the ceremony, senior Congress leader Shri Rajiv Shukla, President of Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee Shri Arvind Singh Lovely, and Chitrakala Sangam representatives Shri Ashok Jain and Ravi Jain honored senior journalist Vijay Shankar Chaturvedi. Additionally, several individuals working in various sectors of society were also honored. The program was hosted by senior Congress leader and editor of the national weekly Vishwaas, Vijay Mohan. Although due to prior commitments, Congress General Secretary Ms. Priyanka Gandhi couldn't attend the event, she expressed her regrets and sent her message.

AICC General Secretary Ms. Priyanka Gandhi stated that Padma Shri Virendra Prabhakar was among those fortunate individuals who were

witnesses to the first light of our independence. He observed the world through his artistic perspective, documented it, and received recognition through various awards. We are delighted to know that Chitrakala Sangam and his sons organize a poetry evening and felicitation ceremony in his memory every year. On the occasion, honored senior journalist Vijay Shankar Chaturvedi addressed the gathering and explained how the paintings of Virendra Prabhakar played a significant role in the development and transformation of Delhi. Chaturvedi mentioned that the story of solving and developing solutions for 70% of the problems, especially in East Delhi, was written through the paintings of the late Virendra Prabhakar.

Congress MP and BCCI Vice President Rajiv Shukla remarked that in our journalistic and social interactions, Padma Shri Virendra Prabhakar was more than just a shadow journalist; he was a friend who maintained equality for everyone.

We are extremely pleased that both of his sons, Ashok Jain and Ravi Jain, have continued his legacy and contributions.

Rajiv Shukla also mentioned that humorist poet Arun Jaitley has proposed organizing a poetry evening for the country's cricketers, and we will also consider this proposal.

Arvinder Singh Lovely, the President of Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee, stated that Padma Shri Virendra Prabhakar's work had a profound impact on the entire Delhi, especially Old Delhi. His words continue to resonate both in his time and today, reflecting his timeless relevance. Lovely mentioned that it is a testament to their upbringing that both of his sons are actively engaged in societal activities.

During the program, Arjun Kumar, the President of Luv Kush Ramleela Committee, and social worker, along with senior journalist Vijay Shankar Chaturvedi, and literary enthusiast Haripal Singh, among others, shed light on the personality and contributions of Padma Shri Virendra Prabhakar.



from Odisha in a foreign land.

The Chief Guest of this First International Odia

Film Awards night will be Veteran Odia Film maker and Member of Parliament Prashanta Nanda. The Other distinguished Guests would be Indian Consul General at Dubai Shri Satish Sivan and Chairman of Danube Group Mr Rizwan Sajan. Two Jury Members of the Awards selection committee are Dr Rajani Ranjan and Prashanta Padhi. Speaking to the Media the main Organiser of the Awards ceremony and Founder of RR Events & Cine Production, Ramesh Barik declared that the prime motto of the Award show is to

expose and exhibit to outside world the extraordinary talent, excellent creativity and exemplary artistic acumen of Odia Cine professionals in the International Arena. Shri Barik appeals cine connoisseurs to elevate their experience with recognition, celebration and inspiration during the glamorous Evening. Narrating the highlights of the spectacular cultural Jamboori, the co-host President of Odisha Samaj UAE Amiya Mishra observes that the giant initiative is aiming at highlighting the vast opportunities, Odisha is offering for investment in various

Eastern Command of Indian Army & Red FM Celebrate Vijay Diwas With The Guts & Glory - Salute 71

Bhubaneswar: 93.5 RED FM, India's leading private radio and entertainment network is thrilled to announce its partnership with the Eastern Command of the Indian Army to commemorate Vijay Diwas with a grand celebration titled "Guts and Glory - Salute 71." This event aims to pay tribute to the historic victory of the 1971 war and honor the brave soldiers who made it possible. As part of this unique initiative, Red FM will captivate its audience on-air with narrations of intriguing

war stories that depict the valiant efforts of the Indian armed forces during the 1971 war. Listeners will have the opportunity to learn about the heroic deeds of our soldiers, their unwavering spirit, and the sacrifices they made to ensure our nation's victory. Red FM will also collate all stories as episodes under a podcast, which will be available on various audio streaming platforms.

Reflecting on the announcement, Lieutenant General

Rana Pratap Kalita, said "I am delighted to know that Red FM has taken the initiative to narrate stories of valour and courage of our soldiers who fought in the 1971 war. In our vision to salute the bravery of the heroes, we are delighted to present to you Guts & Glory - Salute 71, as part of this year Vijay Diwas Celebration. We are hopeful to present a deeper insight into the triumphant moment of Indian history."

Speaking on the announcement, Nisha Narayanan, Director &

COO, RED FM, and Magic FM, said, "On the occasion of Vijay Diwas, we are elated to be joining hands with the Eastern Command of the Indian Army to honor the lives of the 1971 war veterans. Our army men live through times that are unimaginable to us. The sacrifice of our veterans is truly unfathomable but as a brand, we are looking forward to commanding the valor of the keepers of our nation. The Guts & Glory - Salute 71 initiative will also

recognize the unsung heroes who walk amongst us as common citizens. We are hopeful that these stories will enrich us with empathy and esteem for the gallant troops who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom."

The initiative will be rolled out in 12 East-Indian stations namely, Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, Asansol, Siliguri, Agartala, Patna, Muzzafarpur, Jamshedpur, Guwahati, Shillong, Aizawl, and Gangtok. Tune in to 93.5 RED FM to listen to these stories.

Airtel Xstream Fiber unlocks its NEW All-in-One plans

Bhubaneswar: To serve the needs of premium households who want the next generational connectivity and entertainment experience, Bharti Airtel ("Airtel"), India's premier communications solutions provider, has once again raised the bar in the home broadband segment with the launch of three new all-in-one plans built for the evolving entertainment needs of today's connected homes.

Vir Inder Nath, CEO - Homes, Bharti Airtel had this to say: "Our new plans are built for India's emerging entertainment needs. Through these bundle offers we plan to offer our discerning customers great value, convenience and unlock a multi-faceted digital experience."

Increased broadband consumption in Indian homes has given rise to the phenomena of hybrid viewing, where families are looking to consume OTT content on the TV screen along with linear TV without the hassle of managing multiple subscriptions and devices. Airtel's plans are the first of their kind in terms of catering to the evolving entertainment needs of the whole family and come with: Subscription to 17 premium OTTs to go with unlimited data. This includes Netflix, Amazon Prime, Disney+ Hotstar and Airtel Xstream Premium ((SonyLiv, Lionsgate, Hoichoi and 11 more OTTs), 350+ TV channels covering the best of linear TV. Airtel 4K Xstream TV Box* that allows you to enjoy OTT and linear TV content with a single device and single remote.

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EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES AWAIT SINGAPORE AIRLINES CUSTOMERS

Singapore: Airlines (SIA) today unveiled its all-new flagship SilverKris and KrisFlyer Gold lounges at Singapore Changi Airport Terminal 3, following a S\$50 million re-design, upgrade, and expansion project. This will further enhance the on-ground customer experience at the Airline's main hub, and comes as the demand for international air travel from and through Singapore takes off once again.

The Private Room,

the First Class section of the SilverKris Lounge, the Business Class section of the SilverKris Lounge, and the KrisFlyer Gold Lounge can collectively accommodate around 1,150 customers within their 6,100 square-metres, translating to 30% more seats and space. This also doubles the capacity that was available during the pandemic while the upgrading works were going on. The Airline has created a sanctuary that has been thoughtfully designed to enhance the comfort and convenience of diverse groups of travellers, and meet their evolving needs in the coming years. Customers will be able to enjoy world-class products and services, as well as enticing food and beverage options, around the clock at the lounges before their flight.

Mr Goh Choon Phong,

Chief Executive Officer, Singapore Airlines, said: "Extensive customer engagement and research have gone into the design of the new SilverKris and KrisFlyer Gold lounges. Customers will enjoy the curated product offerings and experience the signature Singapore Airlines hospitality, all within a comfortable and restful environment, ensuring that they are refreshed and ready for their journey."

"Opening these lounges at this time signals our commitment to SIA's premium brand and growth strategy. It reinforces our position as Changi Airport's anchor airline, and reflects our confidence in Singapore's future as a pre-eminent global air hub."

WHEC recognizes Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham as excellence worldwide in Gender Equality

Barcelona: Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham was invited to the UNESCO World Higher Education Conference (WHEC), which recently took place in Barcelona, Spain. UNESCO recognized Amrita as one of five universities of excellence worldwide for its performance in gender equality. The WHEC aims to

education to ensure sustainable development for the planet and humanity, as well as to define and prepare a roadmap for a new era of higher education. As the world comes out of COVID-19, the WHEC's goals and strategic scope remain, and the new timeframe represents an opportunity to deepen and expand common efforts of knowledge

production, policy dialogue, exchange, and networking. Swami Amritaswarupananda Puri, President of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, participated in a round table called "Universities' Contribution to Gender Equality: A global perspective". Adding to his views, Swami Amritaswarupananda expressed how Amrita is

making a difference in terms of gender equality and which policies have been put into place at the university level. Gender equality is number five in the United Nations' list of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He explained how the culture of gender equality is not implemented only in terms of policies within

The round table included Dr. Gloria Bonder, UNESCO Chair on Women, Science and Technology; Dr. Ricardo Vilanueva Lomeli, Rector General, University of Guadalajara; Ms. Elizabeth Shepherd, Leader of the Consultancy team, Times Higher Education; and Dr. Victoria Galan-Muros, Chief of Research and Analysis,

The David Warner show, one last time

New Delhi: In the finish, he left the way he came. In a hurry. Playing shots that you couldn't believe he would. Playing shots that you wouldn't believe he could. It was entertaining. It was exciting. It put smiles on faces. All around the SCG and around households all over Australia. Everything he said he wants to be remembered for. In a Test career that repeatedly evoked the "who writes his scripts" narrative, it felt like the farewell couldn't have been scripted better. Tight run chase. Tricky pitch. Series whitewash on the line. A sunny day in Sydney. A packed and noisy Saturday crowd at the SCG. And all eyes on him. He'd walked out to bat in his final innings alongside his childhood friend Usman Khawaja. He'd



then got to put on a stand with his most prolific partner in terms of average, Marnus Labuschagne. Most importantly, he'd also got the stage and the platform to play one final match-winning knock. Even better that he'd got the license to do it in a way only he can.

It did feel like watching the greatest hits of David Warner. Scratch that. This needs more a wrestling than a music analogy. For, if anything, as Warner's innings progressed on Saturday (January 6), it felt more like a battle-hardened pro-wrestler of renown showing off all his moves and manoeuvres, one at a time. This was after all the ultimate showman of Test opening putting on a show and going out with a similar bang he came in with over a decade ago.

Starting with his entrance into the arena. It started with a hug and a cuddle with Khawaja near the dug-out this time before that familiar sprint on to the field while shadow-practicing a few characteristically punchy drives. Followed by a look to the heavens with a slight twist of the head as

always. By the fourth ball he faced, Warner had pulled off one classic move. Pushing the ball into a gap and scampering back for a second run, where most batters would have settled for a single. Then off the 12th delivery he faced, came a scything square cut to a length delivery from

Mir Hamza which had enough width for him to jump all over it. Two balls later came a Warner routine which dates back to his very beginnings in international cricket. A reverse sweep off off-spinner Sajid Khan, with his hands and feet getting into position to play it as smoothly as they always have. In Sajid's next over, he stepped out and chipped him over mid-on for another boundary. That too against the turn on a pitch with a lot of turn. An element of risk? Sure. But all part of the Warner show.

Warner did receive a reprieve in Sajid's next over as he miscued another attempt at clearing mid-on and was nearly caught spectacularly by Aamer Jamal. So, what does he do next ball? He drops to his knee and tries to reverse scoop a full delivery from Hasan Ali, getting into an ugly position and nearly getting himself out. It was probably the most outrageous shot he'd play in his last knock as a Test batter. But for every over he faced from that point on, there was at least one shot from the David Warner batting manual

that he'd look to play, which told you that he was just showing off and having fun. An element of danger? Sure. But all part of the Warner show. After a dozen years of keeping you on the edge of your seat, Warner was dragging you closer and closer to the edge every time you thought you could just sit back and soak in the final few flourishes of his glorious career. And there you'd remain as he ticked off the last few routines on his 'living dangerously with David Warner' tour. There was to be no distinct leap in the air for a milestone celebration but we did get a poignant acknowledgment of getting to his final half-century in the longer format. A wave of the bat in all directions followed by a look to the heavens and a quiet word to the late Phillip Hughes.

BCCI Name Rajat Patidar, Sai Sudharsan And More Rising Stars In India A Squad For England Test Series

New Delhi: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Saturday announced the India A's squad for the 2-day warm-up fixture and first multi-day game against the England Lions. BCCI released a statement to announce the 13-member India 'A' squad for their upcoming series against the England Lions.

"The Men's Selection Committee named a 13-member India 'A' squad for a 2-day warm-up fixture & the first multi-day match against England Lions. India 'A' will play a total of 3 multi-day matches in the tour," the BCCI said in a statement.

Rising star Abhimanyu Easwaran will lead India A against the visiting England Lions in the first two fixtures in Ahmedabad. (Virender Sehwag Takes A Witty



Swipe At England As Three Lions Set To Bring Cook On India Tour)

to-back half-centuries in his first two ODIs against South Africa last month. Abhimanyu's most probable opening partner was Devdutt Padikkal but he did not find his place in the 13-member squad.

Padikkal struck 193 against a strong Punjab bowling attack in the Ranji Trophy in Hubli on Saturday.

The middle-order is

made up of strong batters, which include Rajat Patidar, Sarfaraz Khan and Pradosh Ranjan Paul. In terms of wicketkeeping options, KS Bharat is likely to take up the role, with young Dhruv Jurel acting as his understudy and providing the much-needed backup.

Meanwhile, the Indian bowling line-up consists of spinners Manav

Suthar and Pukit Narang. Suthar doesn't have a lot of experience performing on the big stage. But he will be looking to leave his mark on the back of a strong last-year Ranji season. He picked up 39 wickets throughout the tournament.

In the attacking line-up, Navdeep Saini, Vidwath Kaverappa, Tushar Deshpande and Akash Deep have received the call-ups. They were all part of India A squad in South Africa, India-A squad: Abhimanyu Easwaran (Captain), Sai Sudharsan, Rajat Patidar, Sarfaraz Khan, Pradosh Ranjan Paul, KS Bharat (WK), Manav Suthar, Pukit Narang, Navdeep Saini, Tushar Deshpande, Vidwath Kaverappa, Dhruv Jurel (WK), Akash Deep.

in the community. They reinforce the idea that the sacrifices made by police martyrs are not in vain and that their dedication to duty continues to inspire and unite people. Overall, organizing such events stands as a poignant reminder of the selfless service rendered by these individuals for the greater good of the nation. The tournament today concluded at Bakiakher Sports Ground Handwara. Total 16 teams participated in the

tournament and final match was played between *Rajwar-11 and Galoora Sports club* which was won by *Galoora Sports Club*SSP Handwara *Shri Dawood Ayoub-JKPS* accompanied by *DySP DAR Handwara*, *SDPO Handwara*, *DYSP Kralgund*, *A11 SHOs*, *ICPPs* and *DDC Rajwar Mir Sulaiman* along with the *family of our fallen hero *Shaheed PSI Arshid Ashraf* distributed cash prizes/trophies to the Winner and Runner up teams. After the culmination of the presentation ceremony, while interacting with the participants, the SSP Handwara expressed immense happiness with the sports activities being conducted in the district from time to time. He promised that many more such tournaments would be organised in future also and JKP would make all the efforts it can, in encouraging the sports talent of the District.

Cummins not keen on the idea of 'Steve Smith, Test opener'



more he averages," Labuschagne told SEN. "I've got no doubt if that's the way we go, he will do very well. He really wants it, he wants that motivation... waiting to bat is not his

forte; he wants to get out there straightaway. "I'm happy to do what the team needs, but I do love batting at three; I love the variety of the role. At the moment, it could be anyone. I've

Harris. Smudge [Smith] seems like the lead frontrunner, the one that really wants it."

Australia's selectors are slated to meet on Monday (January 8) when they are likely to pick the squad for the first Test against West Indies as well as choose Warner's replacement. Marcus Harris, Cameron Bancroft and Matt Renshaw are options in the mix, all three of them having opened in Test cricket previously. Travis Head would seem to be a more like-for-like replacement for Warner and bring an attacking edge against the new ball but he ruled himself out of such a move despite performing the

role briefly in India last year, stating that it was a specialist role.

A left field option for the team management would be to reintroduce talented all-rounder Cameron Green into the XI as an opener similar to how Shane Watson found himself moving up the order during his career. Green has never batted higher than No. 6 in his 36 Test innings and has never opened in first-class cricket, although he has opened in T20Is for Australia. But it also might be the least disruptive option for the selectors to get him into the Test team given how they've wanted him back as well as the settled nature of the middle

order. "It's obviously going to be really hard to replicate Davey and what he's brought to it. I think you look for who is best placed to score runs, really. But I think, in Test cricket, there are some things that remain true - and that is you've got to be putting the pressure on the opposition. You've got to be ticking over the scoreboard. Not always - but most of the time - you've got to keep the scoreboard moving along.

"There are considerations, but realistically, if anyone is scoring runs in Shield cricket, it's probably a good sign they can do it at the next level," Cummins said.