

President, PM, celebrities hail T20 World Cup winners



the priority of the new government is women, tribals, farmers, youths and others. Earlier in his address, CM Mohan Majhi said, "We are celebrating 'Vijay Utsav' today as it is a historic victory for us. The BJP will work hard

to protect Odia Asmita and make Odisha the No. 1 state. Odisha is now included in the pledge of PM Modi of Viksit Bharat. It is due to the hard work of the workers and leaders that the BJP single-handedly formed the government in Odisha. We are now moving ahead to form a new Odisha.”

Speaking on the occasion, Odisha BJP president Manmohan Samal said, “I thank the 4.5 crore people who worked hard along with our party workers which led to the change in the government. The intellectuals stood by the BJP and saved democracy. I thank the people who without caring for threats and injustice helped the BJP.”

Mumbai(KCN): President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Cabinet ministers, fellow politicians, celebrities, sports stars and former cricketers congratulated Team India following their thrilling win over South Africa in the final of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024, Saturday. South Africa needed 30 runs off 30 balls to win the 2024 Men's T20 World Cup. But Hardik Pandya's 3-20 and Jasprit Bumrah's 2-18 helped an unbeaten India clinch their second title in the shortest format with a seven-run win at the Kensington Oval Saturday. "My heartiest congratulations to Team India for winning the T20 World Cup. With the never-say-die spirit, the team sailed through difficult situations and demonstrated outstanding skills throughout the tournament. It was an extraordinary victory in the final match. Well done, Team India! We are proud of you!" stated a message posted on her official handle.

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar said, "Bharat is elated by the spectacular victory of the Men in Blue in the #T20WorldCup2024! ""The stupendous performance by Team India throughout the tournament is a testament to their dedication and hard work. May they continue to bring glory to the nation. Heartiest congratulations!" the Vice-President said.

Manoj Ahuja takes charge as Odisha Chief Secretary

Dharmendra Pradhan said Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and two deputy chief ministers KV Singh Deo and Pravati Parida are like Lord Jagannath and his siblings Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra who have been given a big responsibility for the development of the state.

A lot of first-time MLAs and MPs have been elected in this election and the state for the first time has CM and Deputy CMs belonging to the BJP. With this team, a new Odisha will be built which will help in building a 'Viksit Bharat', Pradhan said.

Union Tribal Affairs Minister Jual Oram advised the BJP MLAs and MPs to have a mindset of 'nation first, party second and self last'.

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Manoj Ahuja Sunday took charge as Chief Secretary of Odisha at Lok Seva Bhawan in Bhubaneswar.

In addition to serving as a Chief Secretary, Ahuja will also serve as Secretary to the General Administration and Public Grievance Department, a source said.

Ahuja took charge from Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena.

The previous government had extended the tenure of Jena, who was slated to retire from services December 31, 2023, by six months till June 30.

“I relinquished charge of @SecyChief today at 3.30pm. I welcome Manoj Ahuja one of my good friends from the 1990 batch (from my Kalahandi days) my



central deputation, holding the position of secretary in the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare since April 1, 2022.

Prior to that, he was the OSD in the same department, chairman of CBSE and special director of Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Musoorie.

Daringbadi's famed coffee garden on the wane

time in 2022-23 FY which amounted to roughly around Rs63 lakh. However, it stopped collecting coffee seeds from the next year. Hundreds of quintals of

coffee seeds got destroyed after falling on the ground. Meanwhile, theft has become a frequent occurrence in the coffee garden after the barbed fence itself was stolen leaving the garden in a vulnerable condition. While the coffee garden was spread over 70 hectare of land earlier, it has shrunk to only 48 hectare due to theft and destruction of coffee plants by miscreants in frequent intervals. District Collector Ashish Ishwar Patil planted coffee saplings on an additional five-hectare

land to steer up the cultivation. However, the fresh plantation was destroyed within a year as its barbed fence was stolen due to lack of proper upkeep. Though the state government earns revenue from sale of coffee seeds and tickets to visitors, it is not doing enough towards the garden's protection as no one is sincere towards its development. Contacted, APD Ramakant Parida of Soil Conservation department, who was recently on a visit to the coffee garden, said the TDCCOL has been

tasked with collection of coffee seeds under a contract. When further asked how Daringbadi coffee is available in the market despite TDCCOL not selling it, he said it is not Daringbadi coffee but coffee produced elsewhere being marketed by miscreants with the brand name. A roadside vendor selling coffee in front of the garden said he and other vendors purchase coffee seeds from the department at Rs600 per kg and sell it to interested customers at Rs1,000 per kg.

Railway Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw Reviews Status of Ongoing Projects in Odisha

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): The Minister of Railways Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw conducted a comprehensive review of the ongoing projects in the region with a particular focus on the East Coast Railway (ECoR) jurisdiction. The review meeting highlighted several key areas of progress and concern, emphasizing the importance of infrastructure development. Shri Vaishnaw stressed the identification and resolution of problem areas in ongoing projects. For early

completion of Khurda Road-Balangir Rail Line, the tunnel works will be constructed from both sides. Steps to be taken to connect NH in the route with the major tunnel of about seven kilometers long, so that the construction works will be done at the earliest. Apart from this, the construction work in Talcher-Bimalagarh New Line will be done from both sides, i.e. from Talcher side and Bimalagarh side simultaneously. Apart from this, Railway Ministry will



conduct a review meeting with the office of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha in near future to short out the issues and early completion of ongoing

Railway projects in the State. These apart, Special focus was given to the redevelopment of Amrit Stations. Review for ongoing

construction works of Amrit Stations will be done shortly in next time, added Shri Vaishnaw. Hon'ble Prime Minister has given

Special focus to Odisha and sanctioned 10536 crores for infrastructural development in the state in the field of Railways, which is a all-time-high budgetary provision. Steps have been taken to connect all districts of Odisha in Railway Network. In last 10 years, 1826 Track Kilometers of Rail Line has been constructed in Odisha which is more than the total Rail Network in Srilanka, said Shri Vaishnaw. Target has been given to ECoR for

construction of 500 KMs Rail Line in the current financial year. In last fiscal, 450Kms Rail Line was achieved by ECoR. Priority has been given for expansion of rail lines, underlining its importance for economic growth and connectivity, added Shri Vaishnaw. The review meeting was attended by ECoR General Manager Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal, all Principal Heads of Departments of ECoR, Senior Officials from ECoR Headquarters,

Divisional Railway Manager of Khurda Road Shri H S Bajwa and Branch Officers from the Khurda Road Division. Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw's review underscored the Ministry's commitment to accelerating railway development in Odisha, ensuring efficient project execution and enhancing the quality of railway services. The Railway Minister's directives aim to drive forward infrastructure growth and operational excellence in the ECoR region.

Tribal Communities Stand Strong in Support of KISS



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Anxiety is rising among students and parents as Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) faces continued defamation. With the school set to reopen after the summer

break, concerns are mounting. In response, 500 representatives, including parents of 40,000 students and tribal leaders, gathered at KISS today to discuss measures to protect the institution.

They are deeply troubled by the unjust attacks against KISS, which serves as a crucial lifeline for the tribal community. Supported by KIIT, KISS holds immense significance. During the

meeting, it was resolved that if the situation does not improve within 15 days, decisive actions will be taken. This is seen as a matter of honour for the entire tribal community, they opined.

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inspected Rath Yatra arrangement at Puri Railway Station:



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Minister of Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & Information Technology Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw visited Puri Railway Station, today and reviewed the arrangements made for the convenience and benefit of pilgrims and devotees during the Rath Yatra period. Inspecting the Rath Yatra arrangement by Railways, Shri Vaishnaw expressed the Indian Railways' commitment towards better passengers' facilities and convenience and to improve the overall travel

experience of its passengers. Highlighting the initiatives undertaken for Rath Yatra, Railway Minister mentioned that this year, a total of 315 Special Trains are being operated for passenger convenient. These special trains connect Puri with various destinations, including trains from neighbouring states like Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal. Railways have planned for providing Special Trains from every part of Odisha like Badampahar, Bangiriposi, Rourkela, Sambalpur, Junagarh Road, Sonapur, Gunupur,

Brahmapur, Daspalla, Angul, Paradeep, Kendujhargarh, Bhadrak, and Baleswar. Steps have been taken to connect Puri with all districts. Vaishnaw also highlighted the measures to be implemented by Railways during Car Festival are - Crowd Management, Train Information S y s t e m / E n q u i r y Counters, Video Walls Display, UTS on Mobile App, Additional Ticket Booking Counters and Mobile Ticket Counters, Pilgrim Waiting Area/ Shed and Mela Shed to accommodate more than 25 Thousand pilgrims & devotees, Security Arrangements, Catering

& Hospitality, Medical Facilities & Ambulance, as well as the provision of power supply, water supply, cleanliness, security, drinking water, and sufficient toilets for the convenience of passengers, especially pilgrims. Railway Minister Shri Vaishnaw further added that, this year, Railways aims to carry 15 lakhs passengers to and from Puri towards their destinations. Apart from this, Special Trains will be run by using AI based dynamic Scheduling System. Whenever demand raise, Railway will provide more trains to the particular destination.



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'Sharmajee Ki Beti' director Tahira Kashyap: Very difficult to make female-led film

Director Tahira Kashyap recently spoke about her latest directorial venture, 'Sharmajee Ki Beti', the process of getting it greenlit and more in this exclusive interaction with IndiaToday.in.

Even though filmmaker Tahira Kashyap shot her first movie as a director a few years ago, audiences will finally get to see it on Friday. The slice-of-life movie, 'Sharmajee Ki Beti', will release on Prime Video on June 28. Speaking exclusively to IndiaToday.in about it, Tahira shared that the story came from the corner of her heart and had a 'bit of her'. She also revealed how she had a tough time getting the film rolling because it was shouldered by female characters.

We also asked her about the challenges of getting the film on floor. Tahir said, "I did go to a couple of producers with the film. I am so glad I found such great cheerleaders in Tanuj Garg and Atul Kasbekar. They have been on this project through all the hindrances and challenges. I had my own



personal journey, and then the pandemic struck and we saw two lockdowns. It's a small film and such hurdles make things more difficult. However, we had relentless belief and once it was made, we went to Applause with it."

"There were definitely a few pushbacks from various quarters of the world of cinema. Things were limited because women were leading the film. There have been a few pushbacks and cutbacks and, I won't deny, that it's very difficult to make a female-led film. I think it will probably take 10 more 'Crew' before it's normalised," Tahira Kashyap added.

Explaining why she chose such characters to feature in her film, Tahira stated, "It came from a very pure place and is part of my world. This is why I had five characters, in different phases in life, as I wanted to cover all these places. From the age of 13 to 35, they all have different experiences in life. Usually, in Indian cinema, there's nothing for women before and after their 20s. Even if there are, they are either crying mothers, heartbroken divorcees, or very stereotypical characters. I wanted to show real stories of real women."

Every new filmmaker hopes to have their film

on the big screen. However, Tahira Kashyap said that 'Sharmajee Ki Beti' is beyond algorithms: "There is a lot of innocence in it. If it was a theatrical, I would have cast an A-lister hero and a young pretty girl, and added a love story, while these stories would have been left as sub-plots. But I wanted to stick to my vision."

"Also, I feel every medium has its own strength. With OTT, the audiences have been offered a variety of content, which has had a juggernaut effect on how theatrical releases are made. Today, we have a Munjiya doing so well or even a Crew. Even then, I feel we can have about a specific number of films in theatres but one has to keep going. Yes, there's always a desire to be in cinemas as I want to explore every possible medium," Tahira concluded.

'Sharmajee Ki Beti' stars Sakshi Tanwar, Saiyami Kher, Divya Dutta, and Arista Mehta among others.

Dhak Dhak: Fatima Sana Shaikh Takes A Road Trip Of Self-Discovery



Having always impressed the audience with her impeccable performances in her films, Fatima Sana Shaikh is on her way to delivering yet another one. The trailer of her upcoming film 'Dhak Dhak' has been released and nothing to doubt Fatima is leading her way ahead with an immensely intriguing story and an interesting character. Bringing a never seen

before avatar, the actress is seen riding on the bike on the road of self-discovery with a bunch of other talented actors 'Dhak Dhak' trailer showcases Fatima as a travel blogger, Sky. Carrying a bold, fierce, and modern personality, the actress seems to have stepped into this new character effortlessly piquing the excitement to watch her in the film. The trailer of 'Dhak Dhak' has

indeed come as an absolute treat for Fatima's fans. It would be exciting to see the actress in this new coming-of-age drama along with a bunch of talented actresses like Ratna Pathak Shah, Dia Mirza, and Sanjana Sanghi featuring with her. It is to be noted that that 'Dhak Dhak' is the maiden production of actress Taapsee Paanu. The film will bring a never-seen-before story of four

women, all different from each other, and daring to ride bikes to world's highest motorable road, the Khardungla Pass. The film stars Fatima Sana Shaikh, Ratna Pathak, Dia Mirza and Sanjana Sanghi in lead roles. Apart from 'Dhak Dhak', Fatima has interesting films in her future line. She will be next seen in Sam Bahadur and 'Metro.. In Dino'.

Sunny Deol, Ayushmann Khurrana's 'Border 2' shoot to begin in October

Sunny Deol and Ayushmann Khurrana's 'Border 2' shoot will begin in October 2024. The film's production comes after the success of 'Gadar 2'.

After the success of 'Gadar 2', Sunny Deol will start shooting for the sequel of his 1997 blockbuster, 'Border' in October 2024. The film also stars Ayushmann Khurrana. Directed by Anurag Singh, the film is produced by JP Dutta, Nidhi Dutta and Bhushan Kumar.

A source close to the 'Border 2' team shared, "The team behind 'Border 2' has been working tirelessly to prepare everything and it's been



a long time in the making as they wanted to do justice to the magnitude of the first film. Now, as the preparations are almost done, the team will begin shooting. As it stands now, the team will begin shooting in October."

For the unaware, 'Border 2' starring Sunny Deol was shelved in 2015. On The Ranveer Show podcast, the actor said, "Sunne toh mujhe bhi aaya hai (I've also heard that they're making Border 2) (laughs). Ye hum bahut pehle karne wale the, 2015 mein. Par phir meri picture nahi chali, toh log ghabra ke nahi banana chah rahe. Ab sab bol rahe hain humein karni hai. (We were meant to start it a lot earlier, in 2015. But then my films flopped, so people were scared to make it then. Now, everyone wants to make it)."

Sunny Deol added, "Wo characters bade hi pyaare the. Aaj main koi film dekhta hu toh mujhe lagta hai mujhe unn characters ka extension mile. Wo karne ka dil toh bahut karta hai. Lekin kahaani bhi waisi hi honi chahiye, jisse wo character ko ek justification de. Jissey log jo ummeed le ke ja rahe hain ki humey mazza mile, wo mazza unhne mile jaise unko meri film 'Gadar 2' mein mil raha hai. (Those characters were really lovely. When I watch a film today, I want to see an extension of those characters. I feel like doing it, but the story should lend a justification to that character. So that those who come to watch the film and hope it'll be fun, they're not disappointed, like they're getting that fun in my film Gadar 2)."

Reportedly, 'Border 2' will hit the screens on the Republic Day weekend in 2026.

Ritesh Sidhwani, Farhan Akhtar Organise Grand Success Party For Bambai Meri Jaan

Excel Entertainment is one of the leading production houses in Indian cinema and has always hit a chord with its content on every platform. While they have proved their mettle in the theatrical medium, their hands on the digital platform also have no match. Recently, the production house boomed the digital entertainment sector with their widely acclaimed show 'Bambai Meri Jaan'. The much-acclaimed show, released on Amazon Prime Video, served audiences with top-notch content, taking them into a completely new world



led by exceptional talents Avinash Tiwary and Kay Kay Menon. The show met with

widespread acclaim from every corner, with fans and audiences praising the

content and the performances of the cast. Following the massive success of

the show, Excel Entertainment reported organizing a grand success party

to celebrate the success of the show. The success party was attended by the producers of the show, Farhan Akhtar, Ritesh Sidhwani, cast Avinash Tiwary, Kritika Kamra, Vivan Bhatena, director Shujaat Saudagar, and Rensil D'Silva, amongst others.

Excel Entertainment, which was co-founded by Ritesh Sidhwani and Farhan Akhtar, has time and again served the audience with several blockbuster films such as 'Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara', 'Dil Chahta Hai', and many more.

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Income Tax Search in what circumstances Part 1



Adv. Narayan Jain & CA Dilip Loyalka

Conducting a search is the most vital weapon with the I.T. Department to unearth black money. In most of the cases, the taxpayers are unaware of their rights during search, procedure of search, the other modalities and in case there is any unaccounted money or asset, how they can buy peace by simply paying tax. Due to lack of awareness, search becomes a nightmare. We are dealing with important issues.

1. Under what circumstances, authorisation for search and seizure can be issued : Search and seizure is obviously a serious invasion on the rights of citizens, therefore the I.T. Department is required to be cautious while ordering and conducting a search. As observed by Justice Om Prakash of Allahabad High Court in the case of Dr. Nand Lal Tahilliani v. CIT [1988] 170 ITR 592 (All.) - "Privacy is a very

valuable right of a civilised society and violation thereof is not permissible except by authority of law." According to the provisions of section 132(1), an Income Tax search can be ordered by a competent I.T. Authority who in consequence of information in his possession, has reason to believe that - i) any person to whom a summon u/s 131(1) of the Income-tax Act or a notice u/s 142(1) of this Act was issued to produce, or cause to be produced, any books of account or other documents has omitted or failed to produce, or cause to be produced, such books of account or other documents as required by such summon or notice, or ii) any person to whom a summon or notice as aforesaid has been or might be issued, will not, or would not, produce or cause to be produced, any books of

account or other documents which will be useful for or relevant to, any proceedings under the Income-tax Act, or iii) any person is in possession of any money, bullion, jewellery or other valuable article or thing and such money, bullion, jewellery or other valuable article or thing represents either wholly or partly income or property, which has not been, or would not be, disclosed for the purposes of the Income-tax Act. 2. Some judicial pronouncements- a) Search warrant cannot be issued indiscriminately -The power of authorising a search has to be exercised in an honest manner and not indiscriminately. On reading of section 132(1) of Income-tax Act with section 165 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, it indicates that section 132(1) is intended to apply in limited circumstances to persons of a particular bent of mind, who are either not expected to co-operate with the authorities by the production of the relevant books or who are in possession of undisclosed money, bullion, jewellery etc. If an assessee has been regularly producing his books of account before the assessing authorities, who have been accepting

those books as having been maintained in proper course of business, it would be somewhat unjustified use of power on the part of the authority to issue a search warrant for the production of those books of account, unless, of course, there is information to the effect that he is keeping some secret books also - H.L. Sibal v. C.I.T. [1975] 101 ITR 112, 138, (Punj). U/s 132(1) a warrant authorising a search may be issued subject to the satisfaction of the officer issuing the warrant. This would enable a search and consequent seizure of the offending items of income so as to bring them within the purview of the Act. If in the course of such search operation, property including jewellery or even books of account are discovered to have a reasonable proximity with the object of the search but such property is located in another premises, a consequential search warrant can be issued authorising a search of the other premises where such property may be located. Under section 132(3), the officer conducting the search may not effect seizure but may require the owner of the property or the person in control of the same

not to deal with the property in question except with the previous permission of the authorised officer. b) In Harihar Shah v. CIT [2006] 281 ITR 199 (Kar.), a search was conducted in the premises of one D, a courier agency evidence of two fixed deposit certificates issued by the then ANZ Grindlays Bank for Rs.20,000 and Rs.25,000 respectively, renewed up to date were found. The said fixed deposits certificates were issued in the name of the petitioner, who had shown his address in the care of someone. The High Court directed refund of the amount by the Income-tax Department to the petitioner with interest at 11 per cent, the rate of interest on fixed deposits prevailing in the year 2000 for the period of 5 years for which money was illegally retained. 3. "Reason to believe" :The authority ordering a search must have reason to believe that any of the above circumstances exist. In case no such circumstance exists, he has no power to authorise a search. In case, the action of the authorising authority is challenged in Court, it must be shown that prima-facie circumstances existed in conformity with provisions of section 132(1) and

were considered before the authorisation was made - Pooran Mal v. Director of Inspection [1974] 93 ITR 505, 518 (SC) 4. Circumstances must exist on the date of issue of warrant: a) It has been held by Kerala High Court in the case of Kalpaka Bazar v. CIT [1990] 186 ITR 617, 620, that such circumstances should exist on the date of issue of the authorisation or search warrant. b) Similarly Allahabad High Court in the case of Dr. (Mrs.) Anita Sahai v. DIT (Inv.) & Ors. [2004] 266 ITR 597 (All.) held that before authorising search u/s 132(1), the CIT or Director (Inv.) must be in possession of information giving him reason to believe that a person is in possession of jewellery, bullion or money, etc., which represents wholly or partly his income which was not disclosed or would not be disclosed. c) In Smt. Kavita Agarwal & Anr v. DIT (Inv.) & Ors. [2003] 264 ITR 472 (All.), it has been held that mere reason to suspect cannot be equated with reason to believe and in the absence of reason to

believe, the search operation was quashed. Similar view has been expressed in Madhu Gupta v. DIT (Inv) [2013] 350 ITR 598 (Del.); Spacewood Furnishers (P) Ltd. & Others v. DGIT (Inv.) & Others [2012] 340 ITR 393 (Bom). d) In the absence of satisfaction note, the assessment framed has been cancelled as it is bad in law - DCIT v. L.K. India Pvt. Ltd. [2015] 43 CCH 0263 (Ahd.Trib). e) In Parasnath v. Union of India & others 225 ITR 365 (MP) it has been held that the question as to whether there was due satisfaction or not of the officer issuing the warrant of authorisation was to be determined by taking into consideration the circumstances which existed on the day the warrant was issued and whether the requisite satisfaction satisfied the test of judicial review. This satisfaction was not to be judged by taking note of subsequent events and explanations which might be furnished. 5. Mere possession of assets is not enough, the belief must be that the assets are wholly or partly undisclosed- a) In CIT v. Vindhya Metal Corporation 224 ITR

614 (SC) : it was held that mere possession of large amount without anything more could not be said to constitute information which could be treated as sufficient by a reasonable person leading to an inference that it was income which would not have been disclosed by the person in possession, so as to justify issuance of authorisation for requisitioning such amount. b) Allahabad High Court in the case of Ganga Prasad Maheshwari & others v. CIT [1983] 139 ITR 1043, 1050-53, that the mere fact that the warrant of authorisation has been issued does not amount to having reason to believe that the person, against whom it was issued, was in possession of assets which represented his undisclosed income. Therefore, where the authorising authority issues warrant of authorisation without there being any reason to believe that the asset which was in possession of a person represented wholly or partly his undisclosed income, his action is to be held to be without jurisdiction.

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1st July National Doctor's Day

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Dr. Samrat Kar



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might've prescribed some medicine for our ailment. Do you think that is the only reason for our immediate energy after consulting a doctor? Many patients need more than just medicines to cure them. They need a doctor's care for their well-being. Prescribing medicines is not only the duty of a doctor. They do way more to serve the society! One of the most important professions in the World is that of a doctor. The reason behind their importance is because they are the ones who save our lives. The demand for doctors is increasing every day. Human beings are mortal and we are all prone to diseases at some point of our life. Imagine if we had nobody to treat our ailments in this World? That would be the end of the human race. This world is sustainable for all human lives only because we can recover from many diseases. So does that mean we know on our



own how to cure ourselves? We may know only very limited about healing. The power of healing is in the hands of doctors. Only because of their noble profession, countless deaths are prevented. This noble profession can be traced back to thousands of years in history. After several hundred years, the medical practice evolved in an organised manner. Now, all over the globe doctors are considered to be God in disguise as they cure us from various diseases. To sum it up, they are vital for human existence

in the world. Doctors are worshipped for saving lives. Doctors fight the battle between life and death of a patient and bring them back to life. People who suffer critical injuries due to accidents can only be saved by skilled trauma surgeons. It is not easy to cure a person who is brutally injured. In this, doctors are extremely remarkable. They work 24/7 most of the time in order to save the patients. Doctors are always available when it comes to emergencies and the determination in

their work is noteworthy. Doctors are responsible for extending life in certain cases. For instance a person with cancer will have a short span of life. If not for the treatment from a doctor, they could not survive the deadly disease. Doctors are their guardian angels who cures them. Cancer survivors usually owe their survival to doctors. It is because the skills and dedication possessed by a doctor is vital for a patient's cure. Doctors do humanitarian aid. They act as counselors and mentors for patients suffering from traumatic effects. Research

is very important for inventing strong remedies to fight against new diseases. Doctors involve themselves in the process of research for ailments. They also work as volunteers by providing care to victims of a disaster. Inspite of their busy schedule, doctors train medical personnel and teach students who study medicine. Above all, doctors play a major role in controlling epidemics. They are the first to identify the cause and origin of a newly found disease. Information provided by doctors can control the epidemic and also treat patients in an effective way. Doctors work alongside researchers to find new cures. Furthermore, doctors play an important role in shaping public health policies. They are the advisers to the government in the matter of health development plans. Doctors occupy a unique role in society that brings them respect

and trust. When they voice out to implement healthcare policies, the government undeniably agrees to it. Doctors are highly knowledgeable. They spend all their life reading and learning medical practices. A doctor saves thousands of lives during his career. They help a patient to recover quickly and make them lead a peaceful life. Doctors

work selflessly for society. During the time of the epidemic, doctors risked their own lives in order to treat the sick. Their profession is a noble one and only a dedicated person can become a doctor. Let us bow to show our respect to the life savers! **Psychiatrist, The Brain Foundation, Purighat Road, Cuttack, Mob. : 9132433333**

Letter to Editor

IPL lessons were pivotal

The pressure of sport was starkly evident at Kensington Oval Stadium in Georgetown, Barbados, where South Africa crumbled despite a promising position. Managing IPL teams emphasizes unity, a goal achieved by current team management. Coach Rahul Dravid's persistence in staying until this World Cup and backing Rohit Sharma as captain, despite doubts about his selection, proved crucial. Dravid and Sharma effectively led a diverse group of stars, crucial for championship success, according to an IPL manager. IPL lessons were pivotal, teaching players to handle pressures in bowling, fielding, and critical moments like Suryakumar's catch, Arshdeep's final overs, and Pandya's crucial last over. Unlike football leagues like in the UK, India's success in the T20 World Cup owes much to these lessons. India became the first team to win the men's T20 World Cup unbeaten, with eight consecutive victories and one washout against Canada. This streak ties the record for the longest in the tournament's history.

Dr. Vijaykumar H K Raichur

Woman Beaten Up In Bengal Town 'Street Justice', Mamata Banerjee Draws Fire

Kolkata(KCN): The Opposition in West Bengal has launched a scathing attack on the Mamata Banerjee-led government over a chilling video of a man beating up two people, including a woman, on a street as a crowd watches. Opposition parties CPM and BJP have said the video is from Chopra in north Bengal's Uttar Dinajpur district. The incident reportedly took place over the weekend. In the video, a man is seen repeatedly hitting a woman with sticks as a small crowd watches in silence. She screams in pain, but the assault continues. He then turns to a man and starts hitting him. Most members of the crowd, instead of trying to stop the assault, appear to be helping the assailant. At one point, the man grabs the woman by her hair and kicks her. According to CPM and BJP leaders, the assailant

is local strongman Tajemul who has links with the Trinamool and is known to deliver "instant justice" for local disputes. It is not clear why the man and the woman in the viral video were being assaulted. Local police have said they have registered a case and are looking for the accused. The Trinamool Congress has said that the accused, despite whatever his political affiliations are, "will not be spared". "What the BJP is saying is immaterial because they are politically bankrupt, they will say whatever they want to say. It's a heinous crime. The Trinamool Congress doesn't want to know who this guy is or what his political affiliations are. Whoever this guy is, the police are looking for him. The strictest arm of the law will be meted out to him. He



will not be spared. He will be made an example as soon as he gets caught," said Trinamool spokesperson Riju Dutta. Main Opposition BJP has said this is the "ugly face of Mamata Banerjee's rule in West Bengal".

"The guy in the video, who is beating up a woman mercilessly, is Tajemul... He is famous for giving quick justice through his 'insaf' sabha and is a close associate of Chopra MLA Hamidur Rahaman,"

Amit Malviya, head of the BJP's IT cell and the party's co-incharge for Bengal, said in a post on X. "India must wake up to the reality of Sharia Courts in TMC run West Bengal. There is a #Sandeshkhali in

every village and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is a curse for women. There is no semblance of law and order in Bengal. Will Mamata Banerjee act against this monster or defend him like she

stood up for Sheikh Shahjahan?" He also flagged the issue to the National Commission for Women. The BJP leader's post referred to the Sandeshkhali row during which sexual harassment, land grab and extortion allegations surfaced against local Trinamool leaders. Subsequently, a section of women alleged that the sexual harassment charge is untrue and that false complaints were filed in their names. Latching on to such statement, the Trinamool accused the BJP of cooking up an issue. The video from Chopra was also flagged by CPM state secretary and former MP Mohammed Salim. "Not even #KangarooCourt!

Summary trial and punishment handed out by d @AITCofficial goon nicknamed JCB. Literally bulldozer justice at Chopra under @MamataOfficial rule," he said in a post. Mr Salim also said the man who shot the video has now been ousted from his home. "Such is the TMC's rule in the liberated zone of Chopra under the supervision of @WBPolice," he said. The CPM leader alleged that Tajemul is also an accused in a murder of a local Left leader. In a swipe aimed at both Trinamool and BJP, he said that the "Suwendu model" continues in Bengal. "Murderers remain at large, travesty of justice continues in Bengal. Courtesy: @MamataOfficial & @abhishhekaits Continuation of @SuwenduWB model," he said.

Proactive lifestyle is key to Healthy Ageing

Kolkata,(PARTHA ROY):Health of every human being is catalyst to healthy growth and development of any society including socio-cultural-economic prosperity in the society. Historically, health played important role in evolutionary human civilization development. A talk on "AGEING IS A PROCESS, HEALTHY AGEING IS A CHOICE" was organised by Bharat Chamber of Commerce (BCC) and Bharat Chamber Ladies Fourm to celebrate "International YOGA Day" on 28th June 2024 in Kolkata. Dr. Shivaji Bhattacharya noted Yoga expert cum trainer as well as medical doctor spoke on Ageing. Dr. Bhattacharya said to stay healthy as well as to slow down the Ageing process every human being irrespective of gender as well as chronological age needs to lead proactive lifestyle involving physical biological body movements. He said Ageing is influenced by

sunlight, water, toxin in air, diet physical activities. Bhattacharya said if the chromosomes are not multiplying, Ageing is happening at faster rate. Telomeres on chromosomes shorten with ages. Ageing is natural inheritant process of biological lifecycle of any human being like biological clock. Relationship between aging and the biological clock (circadian rhythm) is complex and bidirectional. Biological clock regulates various physiological processes, including metabolism, DNA repair, and cellular senescence. When the circadian rhythm is disrupted, these processes can become dysregulated, contributing to the aging process. Research suggests that maintaining a healthy circadian rhythm through lifestyle interventions (e.g., regular sleep schedules, exercise, and light exposure) may help

promote healthy aging. Dr. Bhattacharya suggested to slow down Ageing, every person should drink alkaline water at optimal pH level of 7.4 - 7.7, eat less of acidic foods, consume nuts, dry fruits, green vegetables, wake up early in the morning before sunrise, indulge in physical exercise, expose biological body to sunlight, sleep for 7-8 hours every day to rejuvenate biological body, laugh a lot, interact with other members of society in positive manner that facilitates to de-stress as well as create fun and joy, indulge in creative activities like singing, dancing, playing sports and games. Yoga is traditional Indian method of physical exercise encompassing entire body which every individual can do both indoor, outdoor, in all weather conditions to keep fit. Healthy Ageing involves both physical and mental health of any individual. So, every human being needs to

proactively participate both physical and mental activities. While Physical activities will help to build as well as rejuvenate muscles, mental activities can help to de-stress. According to a recent report published by the World Health Organization (WHO), almost half of Indian adults do not meet the WHO's recommended levels of physical activity. In 2022, 45.4% of Indian adults were inactive, which is up from 22.4% in 2000. The gender disparity is notable, with 52.6% of women and 38.4% of men physically inactive. If this trend continues, inactivity levels could reach 55% by 2030. Women tend to lead more inactive lifestyles compared to men, with household chores often being mistakenly considered as significant physical activity. Sedentary lifestyles and consumption of junk food are key contributors to diseases like osteoporosis

and osteoarthritis. Indians are genetically more prone to developing non-communicable diseases like heart disease and diabetes at least a decade earlier than others. Bharat Chamber Ladies Fourm Chairperson Smt. Renuka Shah introduced the speaker Dr. S. Bhattacharya. Shri Raj Kumar Agarwal Vice President of BCC highlighted importance of practice yoga in every day life. Dr. Hirak Kumar Sen while delivering vote of thanks stressed on need for physical exercise. Widespread awareness as well as sensitisation about various health related challenges arising due to inactivity is need of the hour. There is urgent need to build mass movement for physical exercise both in urban as well as rural areas across genders and across ages to motivate people to lead proactive lifestyle every day to build "Healthy Bharat"

BOBBY CHAKRABORTY WINS HEARTS AT SILVER POINT SCHOOL WITH HIS INSPIRATIONAL ANTI ADDICTION CAMPAIGN NO. 422

Kolkata,(KCN):With the present scenario of a heavy influx of the use of smartphones in a child, as young as a kindergartener, the danger of the dark side of the internet is looming large to affect a young impressionable mind. The easily available modes of addiction of smoking and alcoholism, right in their home front is normalizing these vices for a child, much younger than before in the past 10 years. A prevention is imminent, an awareness is extremely necessary, as early as possible. This is where, actor/activist/teacher of method acting, Bobby Chakraborty's globally acclaimed, free of cost, preventive awareness program titled 'I AM THE KING MY MY MIND', against all sorts of addiction and harmful social trends among the youth, becomes extremely effective to guide a child towards a healthy body and mind. On June 28th, Siilver Point School, Kolkata,



collaborated with Bobby for his 422nd Anti Addiction Campaign, which was also his 3rd session in this school. The socially responsible Principal Sucharita Roychowdhury, along with her efficient team, headed by senior teacher Ratna Chanda Roy, coordinated everything to perfection with Bobby. The eager audience to this thought provoking session were students from 7th-9th grades who we feel were the perfect recipients of these important life lessons from Bobby. The official photographer who documented this powerful session was soldier Anushka Maitra, assisted by soldier Sk. Younus Mohammad.

The most important titles of 'The 1st soldier' went to Shubham and 'The Trendsetter' went to soldier Younus. The surprise contest at the end had soldiers Purba, Payel and Mayank as winners, who along with Anushka were given special prizes, customised HCF (Health-Career-Family) t-shirts and Community Service Certificates by Bobby. Bobby won the hearts of his young soldiers with his heartwarming, emotional and witty delivery. Everyone present in the auditorium shouted out the mantra of a soldier "I am the king of my mind" as loud as ever, thrice, to conclude this mind bending and memorable session.

CII's Nursing Conclave Highlights Critical Role of Nurses in Healthcare Evolution

Kolkata,(-ABHIJIT SETH):The Government of West Bengal has reported a remarkable achievement in the field of healthcare, with 85,000 teleconsultations occurring daily across the state. This milestone was highlighted by Mr. N S Nigam, Principal Secretary of the Department of Health & Family Welfare, during the 8th Nursing Conclave organized by CII West Bengal in Kolkata. Mr. Nigam emphasized the crucial role of nurses in the current healthcare scenario. He advocated for the establishment of 'Nursing Practitioners' posts in India, similar to those in the United Kingdom, to meet the growing demands of the healthcare sector. He stressed the importance of

continuous education and technological proficiency for nurses to remain relevant and effective in their profession. According to Mr. Nigam, the future is bright for young caregivers, provided they keep pace with advancements in medical technology and telemedicine. The central theme of this year's Nursing Conclave was "Care, Compassion & Commitment," underscoring the foundational values of the nursing profession. A White Paper on this theme was unveiled by Mr. Nigam, highlighting the integral role of these three pillars in nursing. He pointed out that a commitment to care naturally leads to



compassion, and these qualities together foster a strong, dedicated nursing force. Mr. Rupak Barua, Mentor of the Healthcare Taskforce in West Bengal and MD & CEO of Woodland Hospital, praised the CII for its consistent efforts in

organizing the Nursing Conclave. He highlighted the rapid growth of the global healthcare market, which is projected to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 10.4% from 2023 to 2027. In comparison, India's

healthcare market is expanding even faster, with a CAGR of 22.5% as of 2022. The West Bengal Government has increased the budget for health and family welfare by Rs. 18494 crores for 2023-2024, reflecting its proactive stance on healthcare development.

The latest report from the Indian Nursing Council as of March 31, 2023, indicates that West Bengal has 1800 ANM seats, 8631 GNM seats, 5355 B.Sc. (Nursing) seats, and 460 M.Sc. (Nursing) seats. Additionally, the state boasts 69,709 ANMs (Auxiliary Nurse Midwives), 76,318 RNs & RMs (Registered Nurses & Registered Midwives), and 12,854 LHV's (Lady Health Visitors), showcasing a robust nursing workforce. In collaboration with the Indian Women Network (IWN), CII West Bengal organized Joyee 2024, the 5th Recognition of Excellence to Caregivers. This event celebrated the

exceptional contributions of over 400 caregivers from various hospitals, home health care providers, and old age homes, recognizing their relentless efforts in providing 24/7 care to patients. Other notable speakers at the conclave included Dr. Usha Ukande, President of the Nursing Honor Society, Capt. Madhukari Ray, Nursing Director-Eastern Region of Apollo Multispecialty Hospitals Limited, Ms. Doli Biswas, Chief of Nursing at Fortis Hospitals, Ms. Bidisha Basu, General Manager of Nursing Administration at Manipal Hospitals, Ms. Alo Sengupta, Director of Nursing at W o d l a n d s

Multispecialty Hospital Limited, Ms. Vijayalakshmi A Nair, Chief of Nursing at CK Birla - CMRI Hospital, Ms. Kalindi Gupta from Narayana Health, and Ms. Ratna Mazumder, Nursing Super at Medica Hospital. The conclave featured plenary sessions on making the nursing profession more attractive, advancing nursing practices, and evidence-based nursing research. The focus was on compassionate care, encouraging nurses to engage deeply with patients, understand their concerns, and strive to alleviate them, embodying the essence of care, compassion, and commitment in their daily work.

Tidal waves pose huge threat to Kendrapara

Kendrapara(KCN): Frequent ingress of tidal waves in seaside villages of this district is posing serious threats to the lives and properties of the residents. These waves are destroying farmlands and are also harming buildings and roads, locals informed Thursday. They stated that unless the embankments are strengthened the waves will cause major damages in future. The threat of tidal waves extends from Talachua panchayat in Rajnagar block to Batighar panchayat of Mahakalapada block. Locals said that the tidal waves have assumed threatening proportions and are affecting cultivation, the main

source of income for people in this district. The situation is the same for Gajaria, Utikana, K e r a d a g a d a , P a d m a n a v a p u r , Gopalpur, Rajgarh, Gadadharpur and Baragaon areas. Locals said that the tidal waves may destroy the geo-tube wall built at Penth coast under Mahakalapada sub-division. They informed us that sometimes the waves rise 40 metres above the embankments and surge into the villages. Similarly, the embankments of Brahmani, Kharasrota, Gobari and Hansua rivers are also affected by the saline water of tidal waves, they added. Residents of some of the areas informed that



on the last full moon day, the Patasala river swelled up and overflowed due to tidal waves. In the process, various varieties of crops were destroyed as the water flowed into farmlands. Locals informed that the Odisha government set up an office of the Coastal Embankment

department at Aul in 2004. The reason behind setting up of the office was to protect the 744.47 km-long coastal embankment spread along Aul, Rajkanika, Rajnagar and Mahakalapada blocks in the district. A joint administrative survey was conducted to

assess the threats due to natural calamities and their impact on human habitats in these areas, April 2022. The district collector, concerned departmental officials,

tehsildars and the BDOs of the areas were in the survey team. It then prepared a report. However, the findings have remained as a report only as nothing has been done to strengthen the coastline. The report also indicates that the officials of the district administration were aware of the problems that could develop due to weak embankments.

Sources said that nothing has been done due to the apathy of officials. They alleged that many of these officials are hand-in

gloves with contractors. The funds sanctioned for various projects have been used to for self-gratification, the sources added.

Locals Basant Kumar Hati from Rajnagar, Subhashis Sarangi of Rajkanika, Sunil Kumar Gantayat from M a h a k a l a p a d a , environmentalists Hemant Kumar Rout and Radhakant Mohanty said that the office of the Coastal Embankment division has been functioning in Aul since October, 2004. The office is responsible for maintaining the

111.53kmlong coastal embankment in Aul sub-division, 237.62km embankment in M a h a k a l a p a d a , 302.12km embankment in Rajnagar and 93.20km embankment in Rajkanika sub-divisions. When contacted, Subrat Das, superintendent engineer of the Coastal Embankment division said that tidal waves have become a threat due to climate change. He said that various projects have been undertaken to increase the heights of the embankments by four to six metres.

‘WADI’ project transforms innovative tribal farmer’s life

Sundargarh(KCN): In the remote village of Damposh, nestled within Gyanpali panchayat of Kutra block in Sundargarh district, a r e m a r k a b l e transformation in agriculture is underway, locals informed Thursday. They informed that Anugraha Bada, a 35-year-old tribal farmer, has not only transformed his own life but also that of others, with innovative agricultural practices. Anugraha’s journey is a testament to the transformative power that agriculture possesses. Anugraha decided to become a farmer since childhood, his family members informed him. Today, he earns over rupees five lakh annually by developing a mango orchard. He also grows watermelons and chillies on his fouracre farmland, they added. In FY 2023-24 his income stood at 5.2 lakh, they said. This success story began in 2020 year when Anugraha, along with 17 other farmers from Damposh, embarked on a journey with the help of NGO ‘SEWAK’. Supported by the district Mineral Foundation (DMF) and the Horticulture department, they launched the ‘WADI’ project, establishing a mango



orchard on a combined 73 acres of land. ‘WADI’ is a NABARD-funded tribal development programme (TDP) that aims at promoting sustainable livelihoods for tribal communities and enhancing their incomes. Incidentally ‘WADI’ means a ‘small orchard’ covering one or two acres. Once he embarked on the project, Anugraha received assistance from

NABARD. He got wires for fencing his farmlands, solar pumps for irrigation and various other accessories. Recognising the potential of intercropping while the mango trees matured, ‘SEWAK’ provided him training on cultivation of watermelon and chillies. Enthusiastic and determined, Anugraha seized this opportunity and in FY 2021-22, he earned approximately Rs

2 lakh from intercropping for the first time. The income grew in successive years. In 2022-23, Anugraha earned Rs 2.45 lakh rupees from watermelon cultivation and Rs 2.05 lakh from chillies, totalling Rs 4.5 lakh.

The following fiscal, his total income from intercropping soared to Rs 5.2 lakh. It is set to rise again as already he has earned Rs 2.6 lakh by selling watermelons and has stored 65 quintals of chillies worth Rs 10 lakh. Anugraha’s success story is far from over. Currently cultivating radish, he anticipates a harvest next week and plans to grow watermelons on three acres of land during the monsoons. Reflecting on his journey, Anugraha expressed his gratitude to NABARD for helping him. “Three years ago, even though we had land, it was not being cultivated properly. The success I have achieved today is possible only because of the ‘WADI’ project and NABARD. I am eternally indebted to the Horticulture department, DMF and ‘SEWAK’ for truly changing the course of my life and providing a sustainable livelihood,” Anugraha stated.

Odisha cadre IAS officer Saurabh Garg appointed MoSPI Secretary

New Delhi(KCN): The government Thursday appointed senior IAS officer Saurabh Garg as Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

An order issued by the Ministry of Personnel said the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Garg, a 1991-batch Odisha cadre IAS officer, currently serving as Secretary,




Department of Social Justice and Empowerment. Garg will hold the new

post till his superannuation on July 31, 2024 and on contract basis for a

period of one year thereafter or until further orders, whichever is earlier, the order stated.

His continuation in the government service on contract basis will be on usual terms and conditions applicable to retired government officers.

The officer will also discharge the functions of secretary to the National Statistical Commission, the personnel ministry order said.



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Bajaj Allianz Life launches world's first music video 'Superstar After Retirement', created by retired senior citizens

Pune: Bajaj Allianz Life, one of India's leading private life insurers, launched a world's music video "Superstar After Retirement", created by retired seniors showcasing their creativity and fulfilling their life goals. Retirees including ex-bankers, entrepreneurs, ex-educator, ex-engineers and other professionals, are seen unleashing their hidden talents like singing or dancing, and attempting to live their second innings with utmost zeal and passion.

For most individuals, their dreams and desires take a backseat as they strive to ensure financial security and stability for their families.

Commenting on the

initiative, Mr. Chandramohan Mehra, Chief Marketing Officer, Bajaj Allianz Life, said "Aligned to the brand purpose of enabling Life Goals, we launched Superstar After Retirement initiative to encourage retired senior citizens to rediscover their talents and explore a world full of possibilities and freedom. Financial security provided through a regular stream of income, post-retirement, allows individuals to pursue their earlier unfulfilled passions."

Bajaj Allianz Life had launched a pan-India talent hunt, to showcase their talent and fulfil their dreams of becoming a superstar. From a total of

over 5400 entries, 11 superstars from different walks of life were handpicked to be part of the music video. All of these participants, at some point of their lives, had aspired to be dancers, musicians, singers, cinematographers, lyricists, art director and stylists, aside from being retired senior citizens.

The music video was created entirely by these 11 senior citizens, after going through multiple enriching workshops with expert mentors from Bollywood. The team's collective efforts for 37 days and 450+ hrs has resulted in this one-of-a-kind music video.

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

honourable Prime Minister's vision of Atmanirbhar India, this collaboration with Plastic Legno's deep experience in world-class toy manufacturing coupled with our strong footing in the global toy retail industry would open new doors and unparalleled opportunities for toys manufactured in India. It is imperative for RBL to build design to shelf capability for a strategic advantage over the competition and to be an accelerator in building a robust toy manufacturing ecosystem in India not only for domestic consumption but also for global markets," said the spokesperson of Reliance Brands Limited.

RBL has a strong play in the Toy industry with its portfolio of Hamleys, the British toy retailer and homegrown toy brand – Rowan, making RBL one of the leading toy distributors. Hamleys currently has a global

footprint across 15 countries with 213 doors and is India's largest chain of toy stores.

"We are very privileged to have RBL as a partner in this Joint Venture. We are confident that Plastic Legno's experience in Toys production and Hamley's commercial outreach, will complement one another to enable the JV Company to achieve greater heights and successes. We have important development plans to implement, always in the spirit of creating a cultural background in this specific sector in India. We are ready for the challenges of the future, but when there is a group like RBL alongside, we are sure that together we can do a great development," said Paolo Sunino, Co-owner, Sunino Group.

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



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.

For The Festive Collection, H&M wanted to create a special collection that draws upon beauty and merriment of the season. Draping along the waistline, shoulder lines and across the body accentuate the female form, while long trousers and skirts contrast with alluring cropped tops.

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

"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.

Aakash Sambalpur announces Educational Scholarships for Admissions



Sambalpur: Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), a national leader in test preparatory services, has announced various scholarships prior to the commencement of its new session scheduled to begin in April 2024 to enable students to realise their dream of becoming doctors and engineers.

The first scholarship is the Instant Admission Cum Scholarship Test (iACST), offering up to 90% scholarship for admission into Medical, Engineering, and Foundation courses. Additionally, Aakash will provide special discounts to children of martyrs, defense personnel and terrorism-affected individuals.

Mr. Anup Agarwal, Chief Business Officer at Aakash Educational Services Limited, stated, "We are dedicated to providing accessible and impactful educational opportunities for students across India. Through initiatives like iACST and our scholarship programmes, we aim to empower deserving students to achieve their academic and career aspirations. We are proud to continue our tradition of supporting the education of children of our brave Armed Forces personnel and are committed to fostering excellence and inclusivity in education."

The Instant Admission Cum Scholarship Test (iACST) offers students immediate scholarship awards and opportunities

for instant admission. Students can take the exam online and receive details of their earned scholarships instantly, enabling them to secure instant admission under the expert guidance of Aakash faculty. The online iACST, lasting 60 minutes, can be taken between 10 AM and 8 PM on designated exam days.

The Other dignitaries present at the occasion were Nalini Kanta Mohapatra, Branch Head, Bikash Das, Regional Sales & Growth Head, Sumit Kumar, Engineering Academy Head, Santosh Kumar, Foundation Academy Head.

Catering to students in Class VIII to XII, iACST serves as a platform for them to showcase their potential for careers in Medicine or Engineering. Scholarships awarded through iACST are applicable for admission into Medical, Engineering, and Foundation classroom courses. iACST is conducted via the Aakash Computer-Based Test (CBT) platform, as well as through the Aakash website and dedicated mobile applications for both Android and Apple platforms.

In addition to its scholarship initiatives, AESL is committed to social responsibility by supporting the education of wards of Defence Personnel. Aakash will provide tuition fee waivers of up to 100% to

the children of martyrs. Similarly, an additional discount of 10% will be given to the children of defense personnel and terrorism-affected individuals over and above their iACST scores.

This initiative till date has

benefited over 75,000 students since 2014.

Aakash also celebrates its success in the recent JEE Mains 2024, where 41,263 students qualified the examination. Noteworthy achievements include 4,198 students attaining a percentile score of 95 and above, while 939 students secured a percentile score of 99 and above. Rishi Shekhar Shukla from Hyderabad achieved a perfect 100 percentile, with Abhiraj Singh from Karnal, Sri Ram A from Trinulveli, and Viswanath K S from Hyderabad securing an exceptional percentile of 99.99, among others.

Apart from the classroom students, students from Aakash's digital program scored tremendously in JEE Mains 2024 (Session-01), with toppers including Ritam Banerjee attaining a percentile score of 99.96 with a 100 in Mathematics; Arha Sahoo scoring 99.91 with 100 in Chemistry; Dhritishman Dutta at 99.87; Harish Kumar at 99.86; Eshwaranath at 99.86 percentile with a 100 percentile in Chemistry; Ishant Patel at 99.85 percentile; Sayan Mandal at 99.82; Jane Jones at 99.78; Srajan Gupta 99.74; Dilipkumar A 99.70, Rakshit Modi 99.67 among others.

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 Banks to increase their

customer base, while helping the MSMEs to meet their funding requirements. The key highlights of the arrangement include joint identification of viable projects and term loan and working capital financing to MSMEs. Initially the arrangement would be at specific centers and once the arrangement stabilizes at these centers, more locations would be covered.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Lal Singh, 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 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, SIDBI reiterated SIDBI's commitment towards timely financing for MSMEs across all sectors.

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 Adhikaris 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

on Vedanta Aluminium's 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 smelter, ex-China.

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

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

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

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