

## NEET-UG leak case: CBI arrests alleged kingpin

**New Delhi(KCN):** The CBI Thursday arrested one of the alleged kingpins in the NEET-UG paper leak case who was on the run ever since the crackdown on irregularities in the entrance exam began, officials said.

Rockey alias Rakesh Ranjan, who hails from Nalanda, and is said to be a relative of mastermind Sanjeev Mukhia, was nabbed by the agency from outskirts of Patna, they said.

The CBI had been trailing him since the case came to the



agency. His run came to an end Thursday morning when he was arrested by the agency, they said. The agency produced him before a special court in Patna which has remanded him to 10 days of CBI custody, they said.

The CBI conducted searches at three locations in Patna and nearby areas and one in

Kolkata after his arrest, they said. Earlier this week, the CBI had conducted searches at 15 locations in Bihar and Jharkhand gathering incriminating evidence in the case, they said.

The agency had earlier arrested the principal and vice principal of Jharkhand's Hazaribagh-based Oasis

school in the case and two persons who allegedly lent premises to NEET candidates where burnt question papers were recovered by the Bihar Police.

The CBI, which is probing the alleged irregularities in the medical entrance exam, has registered six FIRs in the matter so far. The FIR from Bihar pertains to paper leaks, while the remaining, from Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra, are linked to the impersonation of candidates and cheating.



## LoP Naveen Writes To CM Majhi Decisive Action In Adapa Bije Pahandi

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** BJD President and Leader of Opposition (LoP) in Odisha Assembly, Naveen Patnaik, expressed his profound concerns regarding the mishap during the 'Adapa Mandap Bije' of Lord Balabhadra in Puri. In a letter to Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Thursday, he urged the CM to personally ensure that such incidents do not recur again in future. Naveen stated in his letter, "Lord Jagannath represents Odia Asmita and embodies the identity of Odias as the Lord of the Universe. Devotees in the millions from around the globe converge at Puri Dham to observe Lord Jagannath's Rath Yatra, a festival celebrated with immense reverence and



devotion worldwide. Additionally, billions of devotees experience the divine joy of the festival by viewing it on social media and television." He continued, "The unfortunate event during Lord Balabhadra's Adapa Pahandi Bije this year has pained the devotees across the globe, and I share in their sorrow." Describing the deity as the supreme guardian of

Odias, Naveen remarked that the mishap during the Pahandi was without precedent. The distressing video of Lord Balabhadra's idol tumbling on the Charamala has been heart-wrenching, marking a first in the millennia-long history of the Rath Yatra. Naveen also criticised certain State Cabinet members for their dismissive remarks on the matter, which he said compounded the pain felt by Lord Jagannath's devotees. He argued that the government's response failed to provide solace to the devotees. Concluding his letter, Naveen requested, "I implore you to take personal responsibility to prevent the recurrence of any such incident. I am confident that your

## CM Majhi Expresses Deep Grief Over Death Of Gajapati ADM

**Gajapati(KCN):** Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi expressed his deep grief over the death of Birenda Kumar Das, the Additional District Collector of Gajapati district.

Das collapsed on the stage while reciting a bhajan of lord Jagannath

during a dinner party in Brundavan Palace in Paralakhemundi last night. He was rushed to the hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

"Shri Das was a dedicated, responsible officer who always worked for the public.

## Srimandir Ratna Bhandar Likely To Be Opened On July 14: Law Minister

**Puri(KCN):** Odisha Law Minister Prithviraj Harichandan said that the Ratna Bhandar (treasure trove) of Puri Srimandir is most likely to be opened on July 14.

The managing committee of Puri Srimandir approved the high-level Committee's recommendation for the opening and has submitted a proposal to the Odisha government. The Law Minister stated that the government will review the proposal, and the opening of the Ratna Bhandar on July 14 is highly probable.

## Seeking IPS Ashish Singh Transferred & Posted As OSD To Home Department

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The Odisha government on Thursday transferred IPS officer Ashish Kumar Singh and posted him as OSD in the Home Department.

A notification issued by the Home Department stated that the 2004 batch IPS officer was working as IG of police for the Chief Minister's security.

"Ashish Kumar Singh, IGP (CM Security) is transferred and posted as OSD, Home Department with immediate effect," the notification read.

Singh was sanctioned leave from May 4 to June 2 and accordingly joined back on June 3. On June 27 the Home Department had sought it was 'no one's fault' and that 'only Mahaprabhu knows the cause of such an event'.



Kumar Sarangi stated that Singh had resumed duty in the special intelligence wing on June 3.

The Election Commission of India (ECI) had directed Singh to appear before a board of AIIMS-Bhubaneswar for a health check-up following complaints from the BJP that the IPS officer was working in favour of the BJD in

## PM Modi holds discussion with economists, NITI Aayog officials in run-up to Budget

**New Delhi(KCN):**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi Thursday held a meeting with senior NITI Aayog officials and leading economists as part of the wider consultations in the run-up to the Union Budget 2024-25. The Modi 3.0 government will present its first full budget July 23. Finance Minister

of the Modi 3.0 government, which is expected to outline a road map for making India a developed nation by 2047. FM Sitharaman has already held widespread discussions including captains of Indian industry, state finance ministers and economists to elicit their views for the forthcoming Budget.



PM in a group photograph with IAS officer trainees of 2022 Batch posted as Assistant Secretaries, in New Delhi

## Literature and Social Service regulates Society

Puri (KCN): The 48th programme "Ghosh Yatra Loka Mahotsav 2024" has been held on the occasion of the Holy Ghosayatra by KAIBALYA SAHITYA SASAND at Bada Danda, Puri. Founder and Secretary Dr. Sangram Keshari Samantaray expressed the opinion that KAIBALYA SAHITYA SASAND has shown the best effort to promote spiritual research literature in the world and to promote Jagannath culture across the globe. The President Bijaya Lakshmi Samantaray

Spiritual thought enriches the eternal consciousness. Social service activities and spiritual literature regulate society. In this programme, Dr. Surendra Nath Tripathi, Editor N a v k a k a l i , Jagatsinghpur, Dr. Anirudh Kururia, Spiritual Practitioner, Sonepur, Mr. Hemant Kumar Jena, Editor Rajashri Arts and Literature Sansad, Kendrapara, Mr. Bipin Dalai, Editor Priyapatra, Puri Mr. Gagan Bihari Pradhan, Social Worker, Puri, Mr. Ashok Kumar Behera, Vocalist, Bhubaneswar, Mr. Birendra Kumar Jena,



Vocalist, Bhadrak, Mr. Deepak Kumar Naik, Jajpur, Ajay Kumar Tripathi, Balasore, Manoj Kumar Barik, Puri, Mansi Prabha Swain, Jagatsinghpur and Manorama Dash were attend as guest of honour. They recited jai Jagannath and jai Nandighosh in the

spiritual spirit and toured Badadand, celebrating the chariot festival with much enthusiasm. Nandighosha Seva honor was given to more than a thousand social workers and various social service institutions who have rendered services to the devotees in this

programme. Nandighosh Sarasvat Award was given to more than three hundred writers for their scholarly poems/fictions/essays entitled "Spiritual Implications of Ghosayatra in Sanatan Dharma" presented by Saraswat Authors. The singers sang Jagannath's famous song in a grand style. Rath issue of Navakali magazine was unveiled. Odissi dancer Anita Bhoi performed the Mahari dance in large scale. Avatars of Hanuman and Lord Shankar were displayed. The Poet Abhay Patnaik delivered the vote of thanks.

Bihar minister Jama Khan met the Union Minister of State for Education and demanded to open a Kendriya Vidyalaya in Kaimur district

New Delhi (KCN): A demand has been made to the country's education minister to start a Kendriya Vidyalaya in Kaimur district, located on the border of Bihar and UP. In this regard, Bihar's minority minister Jama Khan met the Minister of State for Education Sukant Majumdar and mentioned the need to start a Kendriya Vidyalaya in the district. Let us tell you that Jama Khan is an MLA from Chainpur in Kaimur district. He has also been a minister in the Bihar government for a long time.



SBI Kesura branch has been relocated to Cuttack Puri by-pass road near Kesura Square Bhubaneswar. CGM Shri Dinesh Pruthi today on 11th June 2024 inaugurated the new premises in the presence of Shri Prasanta Kumar DGM Bhubaneswar Administrative Office and other senior officials. CGM Shri Pruthi addressed the gathering of customers and staff about the new branch, its facilities and customer centric initiatives taken by SBI. The new branch will be located in the ground floor with e-Corner facilities

## Top IAS Reshuffle



**Bhubaneswar (KCN):** The BJP Government today effected a reshuffle among top level IAS officers in the State. The General Administration & Public Grievances (GA&PG) Department has brought a notification in this regard today evening. As per the notification, Additional Chief Secretary to CM, Nikunja Bihari Dhal is allowed to remain in additional charge of Chairman, IDCO, Bhubaneswar.

Shri Dhal, a 1993 batch IAS Officer, was recently appointed as Additional Chief Secretary to Chief Minister.

Similarly, 1993 batch IAS officer Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Surendra

Kumar has been given additional charge of Parliamentary Affairs Department. He will continue to serve in his current position as ACS to the GA & PG Department and Tourism Department.

G. Mathivathanan, Additional Chief Secretary, Housing and Urban Development and Parliamentary Affairs Department, has been transferred as Director General, Training Co-ordination, Gopabandhu Academy of Administration, Bhubaneswar.

The additional appointment of IAS officer Anu Garg as Director General, Training Coordination, Gopabandhu Academy of Administration shall stand terminated from the

Saswat Mishra, Principal Secretary to Governor with additional charge of Chairman, OSSSC is allowed to remain in additional charge of Principal Secretary, Finance and Energy Departments.

A 1996 batch IAS Officer Vishal Kumar Dev, who is now serving as Principal Secretary, Finance with additional charge of Chairman, GRIDCO and Principal Secretary, E & IT Department is appointed as Principal Secretary, E & IT Department. He is allowed to remain in additional charge of Chairman, OFDC.

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Department.

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Vineel Krishna, Sports

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# 'Tauba Tauba' fever: Revisiting Bollywood songs that left internet groovy

Here's a look at how and why the internet embraces the viral Bollywood dance numbers like Vicky Kaushal's 'Tauba Tauba', Katrina Kaif's 'Kala Chashma', and others.

What makes a song go viral on the internet? There's no formula to make a song go viral. It's about this whole package - of music, lyrics, dance, who's performing it and how it's being presented. Like everything else in the creative business, a good video has to click with the audience. For it to go viral, it has to appeal to all kinds of audience - even those who usually don't consume that kind of content. 'Tauba Tauba', a new song from the Bollywood film 'Bad Newz' has done just the same.

It has instantly crawled up the top chartbusters' list and even though it is just all about the glam, with a very sexualised Vicky Kaushal, it's a hit among the audience. So much so that he has got newfound popularity among the heartland audience, known for never holding back their craze for a scintillating dance number. 'Tauba Tauba' has music by Punjabi singer Karan Aujla, and it is choreographed by Bosco Martis. Interestingly, it does a great deal of glorifying a woman's beauty, referring to Tripti Dimri in the video, but ends up highlighting Vicky as the very definition of 'tall, dark, handsome'. Vicky's tryst with Punjabi music and his casual dance moves have made

many videos go viral on Instagram before, but this time, he seems almost unstoppable. The choreography does justice in utilising the actor's full potential as a dancer in a never-seen-before fashion. While the popularity of 'Tauba Tauba' can be largely attributed to the actor's ever-growing charm, it is also the vibe that it exudes. When a trend rises on

social media, it breaks down into many forms of entertainment, but the vibe remains the same. You could be a failure at dancing, nowhere near to Vicky's smooth-like-butter-moves, but if you could still manage to match the mood of the song, your job is done. 'Tauba Tauba' is also one of those dance numbers which is brilliantly made to

please the female gaze, as opposed to your regular dance numbers where the 'Chikni Chameli' and the 'Sheelas' of the world are objectified to satisfy the male gaze. It puts the onus of glamourising the screen on a man's shoulder, and he never disappoints. Every time a Bollywood song has taken the internet by storm, it hasn't just

been done casually. It was back in 2015 when it all began. Salman Khan decided to give his audience a double dose of 'Prem' on-screen. It was Sonam Kapoor's graceful moves on the song 'Prem Ratan Dhan Payo' which made everyone sit up, take notice, and try it again and again till they got them right. So, we didn't just get influencers, but also the brides, the bridesmaids and everyone who could keep their timidity at bay, grooving to the song with their waist out hands up. The popularity of the song made the singer, Palak Muchhal, an overnight star, and Sonam, who was not known for her dance until then, a quintessential demure Bollywood heroine.



# 'Maidaan' Review: Ajay Devgn strikes a goal, yet again



Ajay Devgn's 'Maidaan' is a biopic on the life of pioneering football coach, Syed Abdul Rahim. The film immortalises the unsung hero, says our review.

## Listen to Story

India celebrated its 'golden era' in football, even earning the moniker of 'Brazil of Asia' in the 1950s. During this time, with players like Chuni Goswami, P K Banerjee, Peter Thangaraj, Tulsidas Balaram, Jarnail Singh, and Pradyut Barman, the team ended in fourth place at the 1956 Olympics and won gold at the Asian Games in 1951 and 1962. While they played hard on the turf, Syed Abdul Rahim was the man who created and coached this team.

'Maidaan', starring Ajay Devgn, aces the job of celebrating the passion and love of 'Rahim saab' towards the sport and how he put India on the world map. However, the film is not jingoistic or only highlights his big feats - it's more about the roadblocks he faced during his stint. It's about how he fought politics, media animosity, and regional biases to build a team that could

fight against the best. 'Maidaan' is about a family that stands by this man's deep passion, asking him to choose football rather than spend his last few months with them. It is about how 'jazbaa' (enthusiasm) is all that you need to fight the toughest opponents on any field. And when you are 'that' good at what you do, you do win over your naysayers one day

Director Amit Ravindernath Sharma is used to making 30-second advertisements, and 'Maidaan' gives him a chance to helm something more than 300 times longer. He did falter in the first half of the 180-minute film, as the slow pace tests your patience. However, in

the second half, he headbutts it out of the park with an engaging screenplay and some delightful camera work. Special mention to sports directors of photography, Fyodor Lyass, Tassaduq Hussain, and Christopher Reed. Given football is a sport of movement, probably for the first time, go-pro cameras have been used in a feature film, adding to the nail-biting experience. The matches are gripping and make you cheer for the players and even shed a tear at their failure.

Also, the best biopic or period film is the one that makes you want to Google more about it. 'Maidaan' scores full points with that, as many

in the audience were slyly searching more about the players or even the tournaments that Syed Abdul Rahim coached, while in the theatre. After '83', this film has also struck gold when it comes to casting. The team not only got actors who looked like the original players but also trained them to play like professionals. Chaitanya Sharma aka Slow Cheeta and Amartya Ray stand out as P K Banerjee and Chuni Goswami. So do Davinder Gill and Tejas Ravishankar as Jarnail Singh and Peter Thangaraj, respectively. Priyamani, as Rahim's wife, may have just a few scenes, but her pleasant screen presence and highly expressive face do leave an impact.

Coming to Ajay Devgn, the superstar is on a roll after 'Shaitaan' emerged as a sleeper hit earlier this year. He sheds his 'Singham' personality and embodies the part of the coach so naturally. He is known to emotive through his eyes, and he does that in 'Maidaan' so well.

Even with a quiet demeanour and subtle personality, he stands his ground with his players and the authorities. The film also allowed him to tap into many shades of a human personality, as Rahim tries to perfect the part of a husband, father, and coach. He is also marvellous in the emotional scenes, especially when he sees the love of his life - football - slipping away from him.

However, we would have to give a yellow card to the dialogue and music department of the film. Apart from the 'Team India' song, none of the AR Rahman compositions really stand out in the film. Given that sports films are high on adrenaline, we also expected some more dialogue baazi that could pump things up. There is an SRK-esque '70-minute' coach diktat

like 'Chak De', as Rahim talks about the power of 'one' as a team and position in the game. But given Rahim's soft personality, the makers may have chosen to underplay it, keeping things quite non-dramatic.

However, one of the sequences where Ajay's character calls out a senior sports journalist, Roy Choudhury (played brilliantly by Gajraj Rao), and uses Elvis Presley's statement - 'Don't criticise what you don't understand. You never walked in that man's shoes' - did have the theatre whistling.

'Maidaan' is not only a treat for football enthusiasts but also quite a delight for movie lovers. It immortalises the unsung hero, after whom India never qualified for the Olympics. Rahim, in one scene, says 'Kismat haathon se nahi, pairon se likhi jaati hai (destiny is written by foot, not hands)'. While it was the truth back then, you realise in reality, luck favours the brave, and SA Rahim was truly Indian football's Braveheart.



## '12th Fail' to release in China, director Vidhu Vinod Chopra shares excitement

Vidhu Vinod Chopra's celebrated film '12th Fail', starring Vikrant Massey and Medha Shankar in lead roles, is set to make its mark in China. The film's release in China signifies a milestone in Chopra's career and highlights the global appeal of Indian cinema.

Chopra, known for his masterful storytelling, expressed his enthusiasm about bringing '12th Fail' to Chinese audiences. He said, "As a filmmaker, I believe storytelling transcends borders. Bringing '12th Fail' to China is not just about reaching a new audience, but about sharing universal human experiences that resonate regardless of geography. '12th Fail' is based on a story of honest people, and I am sure that people everywhere will relate to the struggles and perseverance of the characters. I'm excited to see how Chinese audiences connect with it."

'12th Fail' is based on a 2019 book of the same name, depicting the early life and struggles of IPS officer Manoj Kumar Sharma. The film's narrative, coupled with Chopra's distinctive directorial vision, has earned it love from critics and fans alike.

# Health and Human Rights in Odisha



from dead cattle a few days ago.

In April 2024, a malaria outbreak was reported in tribal villages at the foothills of Niyamgiri hills in Muniguda and Kalyansingpur blocks, where affected individuals received treatment. Just last month, the block faced a Diphtheria outbreak in some regions of Odisha that claimed many lives. State also witnesses a spurt in diarrhoea, Japanese Encephalitis (JE) and jaundice cases in several districts due to contamination of water sources, and it is revealing a gap in vaccination, awareness and health services efforts despite records indicating achievement of targets.

Despite claims of ongoing measures, efforts to sensitise the citizens have been limited to accessible areas, leaving the most remote regions of Odisha neglected. Not only the remote regions, a state government audit report reveals that, more than 8 lakhs people in the city of Brahmapur and nearby regions of Brahmapur

are drinking contaminated water which causes malaria, dengue, diarrhoea and other water contaminated diseases and it is due to irresponsibilities of water department officials who are not treating the water through WTP and ETP. So just think, if a Municipal Corporation Area is not getting the safe drinking water then how the remote regions will be safe.

Health Services and Human Rights : Human rights, gender and equity related barriers to health services can make people more vulnerable to infection, more likely to experience poorer health outcomes, and make it harder to access HIV, TB, Dengue, Diphtheria, Japanese Encephalitis (JE), Jaundice and Malaria services.

These diseases can also exacerbate inequality, impoverish people, and make them more vulnerable to human rights violations. Not only do these barriers hinder access to health services, but many also constitute human rights violations themselves.

**Rabindra Kumar Mishra**

Challenges such as the lack of preparedness, screening, sanitation, hygiene, safety, responsibility and accountability of public servants and public representatives towards the most vulnerable sections and regions in our society. Diphtheria is a highly contagious infection that can affect the nose and throat, and sometimes the skin. If left untreated, it can prove fatal. The disease can lead to breathing, heart rhythm problems and even death. Diphtheria is mainly spread by coughs and sneezes, or through close contact with someone who is infected and material objects (toys or clothes) used by the person already contracted diphtheria.

Key areas reducing human rights related hurdles to health services: Eliminating HIV, TB, Dengue, Diphtheria, Jaundice, Japanese Encephalitis (JE) and Malaria related stigma and discrimination in all settings. Ensuring non-discriminatory provision of health

care, Legal Literacy to know the human rights violations, Increasing access to legal services and support the affected people, Improving laws, regulations and policies related to HIV, TB, Dengue, Diphtheria, Jaundice Japanese Encephalitis (JE) and Malaria, & other health outbreaks. By reducing health related gender discrimination, harmful gender norms and violence against women and girls, including trans and gender diverse people. Community mobilization and human rights advocacy, to put robust chlorination systems in place for disinfection of all drinking water supply sources in rural areas and conduct regular monitoring every month to take stock of the progress of testing, to provide drinking safe treated water supply to the interior village, cities and lay a motorable road to the remote regions to save the pregnant women, elderly, children and vulnerable people. For Example: Manuspadar is situated in Kashipur block of Rayagada district, which was infamous for

diarrhoeal disease outbreaks in the past. The village is difficult to access. Doctors and health workers can reach the village only after walking five km and crossing a stream. Reports/Indexes, Human Rights & Way Forward: Various Reports and Indexes revealed that, Odisha's overall health index and performance indicators has not improved. Rayagada, Kalaahandi, Malkangiri, Koraput and Kandhamal have recorded maximum Malaria cases fuelling the numbers in the state. The Government of India and Odisha has been focusing on inclusive growth and has taken various steps to provide access to the basic services and promote welfare of the people in the country. In this direction, various schemes such as National Health Mission to provide health services, Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PMJAY), BSKY (Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana) to provide health cover, Swachh Bharat Mission to provide access to

toilets in households, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to provide connectivity to unconnected habitations, and many other programs to provide social, economic and financial assistance to the elderly, widows and persons with disabilities in the form of social security and health schemes etc. But the ground level implementation is slow, appointment of skilled and honest health officials are decreasing, monitoring is not in progress, screening is reducing corruption is rampant in health sectors, political favouritism, capitalism and nepotism are ruining the health services and due to these problems, health services in Odisha is affected and there is a large scale violation of human rights in the state. Human Rights Commission envisioned an inclusive society where everyone takes responsibility for promoting and protecting human rights; where everyone is valued and treated with equal dignity and respect;

and where everyone's human rights are a lived reality. The right to health is an inclusive right, extending not only to timely and appropriate health care, but also to the underlying determinants of health. These include: An adequate supply of safe food, nutrition and housing; Access to safe and potable water and adequate sanitation; Healthy occupational and environmental conditions; and Access to health-related education and information, including on sexual and reproductive health. Therefore, the new government may promote human rights in the state by providing basic health care services by reducing the inequality, corruption, barriers to health services and reach to the unreachable areas of our state.

**Founder & Chairperson of Stayee Bikasha Lakshya (SBL) National NGO, Social Scientist, Independent Researcher, Law Graduate Practising at Orissa High Court, Author, Philanthropist, and SDGs Activist.**

Recently Malaria has reached alarming levels in Rayagada district of Odisha, with more than 100 students from an Ashram school at Anchabadi village in Kalyansingpur block testing positive for the disease within the past week, which is managed by the SC & ST Development department, government of Odisha. With the disease spreading rapidly among the students, there is growing concern that the general population may also be at risk.

Health officials are on high alert in Kuttinga village under Laxmipur block, Koraput after a person was reportedly found positive for anthrax and others suspected to have been affected by the bacterial illness. Local sources indicate that villagers of Kuttinga allegedly consumed contaminated meat

## Rediscovering Authentic Kashmiri Malai Kulfi: A Culinary Journey



Traditional Kashmiri malai kulfi is a labor of love, crafted from pure milk that is slowly simmered to achieve a thick, creamy consistency.

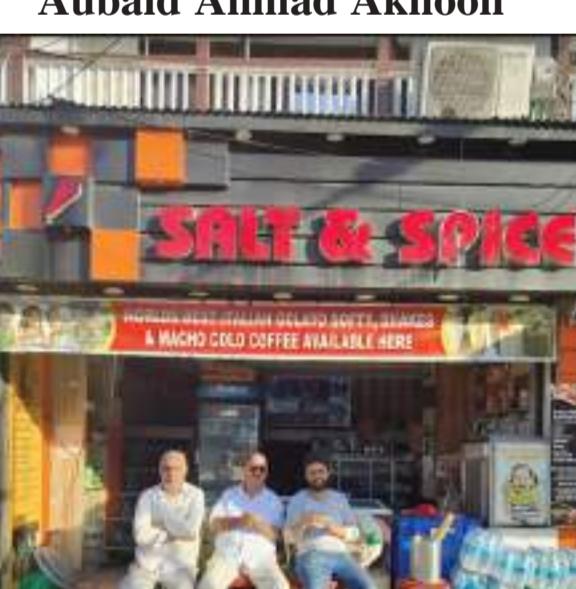
Unlike the commercialized custard-based variants, authentic kulfi is dense, rich, and bursting with the flavors of cardamom, saffron, and nuts. The growing presence of custard-like kulfis in the market has led to confusion, with many people unable to experience the genuine article.

**Ingredients :** Traditional kulfi is made from milk, sugar, and natural flavorings like cardamom and saffron. Beware of products with artificial flavors, preservatives, or thickeners like custard powder. **Texture:** Authentic kulfi has a dense, creamy texture that

melts slowly. If the kulfi feels light and melts quickly, it is likely to be custard-based.

**Flavor:** Genuine kulfi boasts rich, natural flavors. Artificially flavored kulfis often have a synthetic taste that can be easily detected.

**The Pursuit of Authenticity in Downtown and Lalchowk Srinagar** Amidst the sea of imitations, very few establishments are making strides in preserving and enhancing the authenticity of kulfi, mostly available in Srinagar's downtown areas. Living in the civil line area, I usually visit ice cream shops, and today, I discovered a beautiful shop located in the heart of Lal Chowk: Salt & Spice. The owner, Sheikh Fayaz, greeted customers with a humble smile and



warm hospitality. During my visit, I found that Salt & Spice has creatively blended traditional Kashmiri malai kulfi with Italian gelato to create a dessert that is both true to its roots and innovative. This fusion results in a smoother, more scoopable texture while maintaining the rich, traditional flavors that define Kashmiri kulfi.

While innovation can often come at a high price, some places manage to keep their offerings affordable. At Salt & Spice, for instance, you can enjoy a scoop of this exquisite kulfi for just Rs 50. This accessibility ensures

larger quantities. Salt & Spice provides bricks of their signature kulfi, allowing you to bring home a taste of Kashmir and enjoy it with family and friends.

**Conclusion: A Call for Authenticity** As the popularity of kulfi continues to grow, it's essential to celebrate and support the authentic versions of this beloved dessert. By being discerning about ingredients, texture, and flavor, we can ensure that the rich culinary traditions of Kashmir are preserved for future generations to enjoy.

After a good conversation with Sheikh Fayaz, I took home a packet of ice cream for my family, and we enjoyed it immensely. Despite modernization, there are very few people who want to promote

heritage, culture, and authenticity in every aspect, and Sheikh Fayaz is one of them. For my friends and readers, I suggest that when in Srinagar, you should visit:

**Salt & Spice** Lala Rukh Hotel Building Opposite Food Street, near JK Bank ATM Lal Chowk, Srinagar Do visit Salt & Spice to experience the true flavors of Kashmiri malai kulfi and support the preservation of this wonderful culinary tradition.

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Kashmir, a land celebrated for its stunning landscapes and rich cultural heritage, also boasts a remarkable culinary tradition. Among its most cherished desserts is the traditional Kashmiri malai kulfi. However, in recent years, the authenticity of this classic treat has been compromised by various custard-based imitations sold by street vendors and dhaba wallas. It's essential for kulfi enthusiasts to distinguish between these versions to truly appreciate the authentic flavors. The Heart of Traditional Kashmiri Kulfi

## " Hera Panchumi "observed at ISKCON's Kolkata Rathayatra



**Kolkata,(PARTHA ROY ):**Kolkata Rathayatra organised by ISKCON observed " Hera Panchumi " in Kolkata on 11th July 2024. Hera Panchumi is a significant and unique ritual in Jagannath tradition. The celebration is held at the Gundicha temple popularly known

temple on the fifth day following the start of the Rath Yatra. The terms "Panchami" and "Hera" both allude to seeing. As per mythology, Ma Laxmi consort of Bhagwan Jagannath tried to meet Bhagwan Jagannath at Gundicha temple popularly known

as " Masir Bari " as she was missing Bhagwan Jagannath. However, Bhagwan Jagannath refused to meet Ma Laxmi. Ma Laxmi returned to "Sri Mandir" without meeting Bhagwan Jagannath. It is symbolic unique interaction of love & care amongst divine entities.

**Farmers from eight different states were felicitated by the Honourable Minister of Fisheries, Govt. of West Bengal on National Fish Farmers' Day,24**



**Kolkata,(KCN):**Being the premiere research Institute in the field of inland open waters, ICAR-CIFRI celebrated "National Fish Farmers Day" Barrackpore in the August presence of Shri Biplab Roy Chowdhury, Minister of Department of Fisheries, Government of West Bengal and Shri Gabriel D. Wangsu, Honourable Minister, Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary & Fisheries, Food & Civil Supply, Legal Metrology & Consumer Affairs, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh in collaboration with Kolkata NAAS Chapter. About 150 fishers and fish farmers, including 17 women farmers and other stakeholders of the sector, such as Entrepreneurs, NGOs, and Researchers, participated in the National Fish Farmer's Day Celebration. This year, the institute awarded eleven

progressive farmers from eight different states, viz. West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Manipur, Kerala, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh as an honour for their contribution to the development of the inland fisheries sector in their respective states and as an encouragement to other farmers of the sector during the celebration of National Fish Farmers Day 2024. The programme was inaugurated by the Shri Gabriel D. Wangsu, Honourable Minister, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, by lighting the lamp. While addressing the gathering, Shri Gabriel D. Wangsu mentioned that fisheries is a sunrise sector, and fish farmers/fishers should apply scientific know-how to get the best result. Shri Biplab Roy Chowdhury, Minister of

Department of Fisheries, Government of West Bengal, felicitated the nominated farmers from the eight different states. In his speech, Shri Roy Chowdhury talked about the scope of women's empowerment through inland fisheries and praised CIFRI's interventions. On this important occasion, three publications of CIFRI were released.

Regional Research Centre of CIFRI, Guwahati, celebrated National Fish Farmers' Day at Hajo, Kamrup District, Assam where 30 fishers participated. Regional Centre, Bangalore, stocked fingerlings of catla (Labeocatla), rohu (Labeorohita) and carniacarp (Hypselobarbuscamaticus) in Kanya reservoir, Ramanagara district, Karnataka and sensitized 50 farmers about the prospects of cage culture technology in reservoirs on this occasion. The primary goal of celebrating National Fish Farmers' Day is to increase public awareness of technologies that are beneficial to the fishing sector. Observing days dedicated to fish farming can bring together scientists, fish farmers, and policymakers to address the inland fisheries issues assuring economic growth, livelihood support, and nutritional security.

## Personal Branding through LinkedIn opens up new horizon of opportunities for Businesses & Professionals

**Kolkata(PARTHA ROY):**Presentation of Self through Microsoft owned LinkedIn can open up multi-faceted new opportunities in personal and business life as it connects one to global community of people having diverse interest. It helps individuals to develop their own personal brand

A talk titled 'LinkedIn and Personal Branding 101' by Mr. Karan Kishorepuria Entrepreneur, Angel Investor and Changemaker was organised by Bharat Chamber of Commerce and Bharat Chamber Ladies Forum on 9th July 2024 in Kolkata. Shri Karan Kishorepuria said in a dynamic & evolving socio-business space one needs to develop self in the form brand and needs to



connect to global community for healthy growth and development as well as for expansion of business. Shri Karan Kishorepuria stressed on importance of time management and Return on Time Investment for any entrepreneur to be successful. Kishorepuria said putting profile by

professionals and corporate facilitate individual and company to connect global community of professionals. Such connections and interactions facilitate to get recommendations for business expansion, new job search, etc. LinkedIn was officially launched on May 5, 2003.

In December 2016, Microsoft completed its acquisition of LinkedIn, bringing together the world's leading professional cloud and the world's leading professional network. With more than 1 billion members worldwide, including executives from every Fortune 500 company, LinkedIn is the world's largest professional network. Today, LinkedIn is breaking barriers and building bridges amongst professionals around the planet as well as facilitating businesses to grow at rapidly. Connections of the world's professionals through LinkedIn to make them more productive and successful.

## National Christian Council Holds Ordination Ceremony at Guwahati



**Guwahati-(ABHIJIT SETH):**The National Christian Council (NCC) recently held an ordination ceremony at the esteemed Council of Baptist Churches of North East India (CBCNEI) campus in Guwahati. The event marked a significant moment for 36 individuals from various North Eastern States and several other countries, who were ordained as Reverends. This sacred ceremony was presided over by Bishop Dr. Sam Paul Kolakuri, the Founder President of NCC.

In his address, Bishop Sam Paul emphasized the need for radical love, grace, and a lifestyle dedicated to serving society. He evoked the spirit of Mother Teresa, recalling her response to a media question on why she helped the destitute: "In each of the dying person's face I see the image of Lord Jesus Christ." His words underscored the profound dedication required in Christian service.

Bishop M. Jagjivan attended the ceremony as the Special Guest. He highlighted the importance of the NCC certificates, issued in collaboration with the World Council of Baptist Churches (WCBC) registered in the United States, stating that these credentials would significantly enhance the identity and efficacy of the ordained in their Christian activities and services.

Rev. Brighty Beulah, National Vice President, stressed the need for NCC to focus more on its 17 operational wings. She advocated for increased support for disadvantaged special children, sharing insights from her experience as a Special Educator with the Government. The newly ordained leaders were prayed for through anointing with oil, dedicating them to societal service. They received internationally valid ordination certificates, solidifying their new roles. Key leaders who participated in the ceremony included Mr. Israel Nanda, NCC State General Secretary; Rev. Akon Bajrana; Pastor Anuradha from Gurgaon; and Rev. Vangpong Phom, Nagaland State General Secretary. Additionally, Mrs. Amy Hughes, NCC International USA Secretary, addressed the gathering online from the USA, extending her greetings and blessings. The program was efficiently coordinated by Rev. Nand Kumar Gurung, NCC North East India Region President, and Rev. Dr. Thungdemo Lotha, North East India Vice President, ensuring a smooth and memorable ceremony. This event not only marked a milestone for the newly ordained Reverends but also reinforced the NCC's commitment to fostering dedicated service and community upliftment across diverse regions.

## Kharghar Jagannath Temple in Navi Mumbai Hosts Rath Yatra

**Navi Mumbai, (KCN):**The Jagannath Temple at Sector Five in Kharghar hosted Annual Car Festival with spectacular fanfare and spiritual fervour. Thousands of Odia and Non - Odia devotees alongwith their family members gathered here to witness the Grand Religious Ceremony. Commencing from the morning all the religious rituals have been performed before the Deities in utmost solemnity and unfettered devotion. The managing body of the temple, Maharashtra Odia Welfare Association (MOWA), painstakingly ensured that the Festival

should pass on in a smooth and steady manner. In the afternoon the Pahandi Bije of the Gods and Goddess started from the sanctum sanctorum. First Lord Sudarshana, then Elder Brother Lord Balabhadra, followed by Devi Subhadra and at the end Lord of the Universe Mahaprabhu Shree Jagannath were taken in a procession to the colourfully decorated chariot stationed in front of the temple. The entire atmosphere got reverberated with recitals of hymns, shouting of slogans like Hari Bol, Jai Jagannath and playing of musical



instruments such as Ghanta, Mardala, karatala, Jhanja and Mrudanga. President and Trustee of MOWA Dr. Bhagwan Panda conducted the traditional sweeping on the chariot called Cherrapahanra. The pulling of Chariot began in the afternoon and reached at the Aunt's house popularly known as Gundicha Mandir in the evening. The Special attraction of the Mega event was presentations of soul soothing Bhajans and Kirtans by the devotees. As per the Temple sources, the Deities will remain in the Gundicha temple for public darshan till Bahuda Yatra on 15th July 2024. At Aunt's House the Deities were offered delicious Prasad which was later paracted by the devotees present. The entire arrangements of the Rath Yatra Festival was well managed and smoothly executed under the active and able stewardships of Trustees Dr. Bhagwan Panda, Balaram Patro, B.S. Patnaik, Dr. Manoj Kumar Nayak, Dr. Ketan Gokhale, B.C. Khatua, G.S. Gill, Capt. S.P. Rao, Bighnaraj Parida, Maguni Raut, P.M. Mahapatra and other members of the Managing committee which include senior advisers led by Dr. Rabinarayan Mishra.

# Girl dies as malaria hits Rayagada hard

**Rayagada (KCN):** Malaria is spreading rapidly among students residing in hostels of various educational institutions including Sevashram and high schools in this district, sources stated here Tuesday. They added that the majority of the students affected by malaria belong to tribal residential schools under the Scheduled Tribe and Scheduled Caste departments. This development has sparked concern among the parents of the students, more so after a Class VI girl fell prey to the disease, Tuesday. The sources

said that more than 400 students have tested positive for the disease. Sources said that 12 students are undergoing treatment at the district headquarters hospital here while nine have been admitted to Muniguda, Kolnara and Kalyansinghpur hospitals. The disease has hit approximately 40 schools. Among other places where students are undergoing treatment are the MKCG Medical College and Hospital in Berhampur and SLN Medical College and Hospital in Koraput. A medical team has been pressed into service to



tackle the disease. So far, blood samples of 2,000 students have been tested, out of which 400 returned positive for malaria, Health officials informed here. They added that 10 students of Kereda High

School, 11 of Bilesu High School in Rayagada block, and nine students of Anwesha hostel on the outskirts of the town are undergoing treatment after testing positive for malaria. Among other

Kolnara, Bissam Cuttack and Muniguda blocks have tested positive for malaria. Health department officials are conducting regular screening of the afflicted students in various schools. However, their work has been hampered due to the scarcity of malaria examination kits.

As a result, Health officials have decided not to conduct blood tests of all the students. They are identifying those suffering from fever and showing other symptoms of malaria and then testing them. Locals alleged that the unavailability of

mosquito nets is the major reason behind the spread of malaria. They stated most of the hostels have not been supplied with nets since 2020. Parents also alleged that in many schools, authorities are not providing proper treatment to the affected students.

However, this allegation was denied by Chief District Medical Officer (CDMO) Dr Lalmohan Routray. He said the health department personnel are working round the clock to conduct tests and are providing medicines to affected students. State ST and SC minister

Nityananda Gond was on a visit to this town Tuesday and gave instructions so that the students down with malaria are treated properly. He also informed that he will look into the allegation of mosquito nets not being supplied. When contacted, District Welfare Officer Bharat Bhushan Biswal said all the affected inmates of hostels are undergoing treatment in coordination with the Health Department officials. Directions have been issued to keep the premises of all the schools," he added.

## NH-16 expansion hits roadblock in Ganjam

**Chhatrapur (KCN):** Even though two years have elapsed since the approval of the expansion work for the Puintola-Girisola stretch on National Highway (NH)-16, passing through Ganjam district, the project has hit roadblocks due to land acquisition issues, said sources. The expansion of the stretch from Puintala to Girisola was excluded initially from the NH project, but the National Highway Authorities of India (NHAI) had to decide in favour of it due to huge demand by the locals, who had alleged that lack of expansion of the NH was causing frequent mishaps.

Meanwhile, locals expressed their resentment as the work is yet to begin even after two years of the approval of the project by the NHAI. Moreover, the work from Puintala to Narayani Chhak is yet to be completed, said



sources. According to project details, flyovers were also planned to come up at Chhatrapur DRDA Chhak, Lanjpalli and Pukudibandha Chhak, while underpasses were proposed to be built at Kalia Bali and Haladiapadar Chhak. Though NHAI had earlier said that tenders were finalised and construction would start by the end of 2023, the work is yet to commence. In December 2023, the then Berhampur MP Chandrasekhar Sahu

raised the issue in Lok Sabha, expressing concern over the undue delay in the NH expansion work. Former Chhatrapur MLA Subash Chandra Behera had also raised the issue with NH authorities several times. Moreover, MLA Krishna Chandra Nayak has also drawn the attention of the NHAI in this connection, but to no avail. Sources said the delay in construction is partly due to private land acquisition issues. Expansion of Puintola

Girisola stretch of NH-16 was necessary as the existing narrow stretch has caused several fatal accidents and the issue was also raised in the district road safety committee meetings. This stretch has at least 10 black spots, as identified by NHAI. Meanwhile, an ongoing dispute has halted the Galashankha construction on the Puintola-Narayani stretch of the NH at Humma. This has led to frequent mishaps and traffic issues, said sources.

## 50K indigenous birds spotted in Bhitarkanika



**Rajnagar (KCN):** There is a surge in the population of native birds in the world renowned Bhitarkanika Wildlife Sanctuary, following the activation of the monsoon in the state. More than 50,000 birds have flocked to regions such as Mathadia, Durgaprasaddia, and Lakshmi prasaddia of the sanctuary in Kendrapara district, according to a report. The chirping of these birds has made Bhitarkanika one of the

most sought after destinations for nature lovers. After the onset of the monsoon, the winged creatures have headed to the region for food and breeding purposes, say experts. It is believed that they also come to establish bonds with the migratory birds that have stayed back in Bhitarkanika. Species such as the openbill stork, water hen, egret, cormorant, black ibis, jacana, and various types of ducks are mostly

seen in the aforesaid regions. These birds can be seen nesting in trees like banyan, guava, tamarind, and neem, creating a beautiful ambience in the sanctuary region. Mathadia hosts a large number of openbill storks, while egrets and water hens are mostly seen in Durgaprasaddia. Lakshmi prasaddia, on the other hand, houses about 30,000 birds

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# Aarka 2024 Ignites Innovation and Fun at KLH Global Business School

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** KLH Global Business School, located at the Kondapur Campus, is well-known for its frequent organization of international week-long seminars, guest lectures, workshops, and summits. These events are all dedicated to the comprehensive development of its students. Consistent with its progressive mission, the university was excited to host Aarka 2024, a student-organized, two-day Management Fest. This highly anticipated inter-college festival was

expected to attract many students from different colleges, offering them a stage to exhibit their managerial prowess and athletic abilities. The fest was set to be an unforgettable celebration. The inauguration of the fest by Mr. Bharadwaj K, Vice President & Branch Business Head of HDFC Bank Limited, Hyderabad, served as a source of inspiration for the students. His engagement with the attendees went beyond simple dialogue, providing them with a

## DSP Mutual Fund launches DSP S&P BSE Liquid Rate ETF Offers easy cash management with ample liquidity and low risk

Mumbai :DSP Mutual Fund announced the launch of DSP S&P BSE Liquid Rate ETF (DSP BLR ETF), an open-ended scheme replicating/tracking S&P BSE Liquid Rate Index. The Fund offers investors easy cash management with ample liquidity and low risk. The scheme is suitable for investors who have money lying idle in margin account which doesn't yield any returns; instead, parking money in units of DSP BLR ETF may help them earn additional returns. The scheme invests in overnight instruments with 1D maturity.

DSP S&P BSE Liquid Rate Index generally has a lower volatile return profile due to investment in low-risk securities in overnight markets. Apart from better utilization of money lying idle and generating no return in broker's account, DSP BLR ETF can also be used as cash equivalent margin for trading (subject to NSE and BSE approval). A minimum of 95% and up to 100% of the scheme shall be invested in low-risk instruments like Tri-Party REPOS, Repo in Government Securities, Reverse Repos and any other

similar overnight instruments as may be provided by RBI and approved by SEBI. The New Fund Offer for DSP BLR ETF will open for subscription on March 15th, 2024, and will close on March 20th, 2024. "DSP S&P BSE Liquid Rate ETF is designed to always let investors' money remain in action and hence makes it a useful product for brokers with large retail clients, PMS providers, F&O brokers, Institutions who invest in direct equities HNIs and retail investors who trade on the stock exchange," says Anil Ghelani, CFA, Head – Passive Investments & Products, DSP Mutual Fund.

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

## EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES AWAITS SINGAPORE AIRLINES CUSTOMERS

**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.

**Singapore:** Airlines (SIA) today unveiled its all-new flagship SilverKris and KrisFlyer Gold lounges at Singapore Changi Airport Terminal 3, following a \$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

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"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 reshape ideas and practices in higher

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 Amrita, but also practiced in spirit. 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,

## Isuzu Motors India to roll-out 'ISUZU I-Care Pre-Summer Camp' across India

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** In a constant endeavour to reaffirm ISUZU's commitment to provide best service and ownership experience, Isuzu Motors India will be conducting a nation-wide 'ISUZU I-Care Pre-Summer Camp' for its range of ISUZU D-MAX Pick-ups and SUVs. This service camp is aimed at offering customers exciting benefits and preventive maintenance checks for a hassle-free driving experience during the season across the country. An initiative of 'ISUZU Care', the Pre-Summer camp will be organised at all authorised service facilities of ISUZU located in

service outlets, between 19th to 24th March, 2024 (both days inclusive). During this period, customers can also avail special offers & benefits for their vehicles. Customers visiting the camp will receive the following: - Free 37-Point Comprehensive Check-up. 10% discount on Labour. 7% discount on Parts. 7% discount on Lubes & Fluids. 20% Discount on Retail RSA purchase. Free Top Wash. Free 'REGEN' etc. The Pre-Summer Camp will be organised at all authorised service facilities of ISUZU located in



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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, Muzaffarpur, 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.

**Singapore:** Airlines (SIA) today unveiled its all-new flagship SilverKris and KrisFlyer Gold lounges at Singapore Changi Airport Terminal 3, following a \$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 full range of 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."

**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 reshape ideas and practices in higher

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 Amrita, but also practiced in spirit. 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,

# Bangladesh's High Performance unit set to tour Australia

**New Delhi:** With an eye on the two-match Test series against Australia in 2027, Bangladesh's High-Performance Unit prepares to fly down under.

According to the Future Tour Program (FTP), Bangladesh are expected to tour Australia in 2027 for a two-match Test series which will be their first tour to Australia after a long gap of 19 years.

In between the tourist hardly played any longer version of cricket in Australia at any level and as a result, the conditions are likely to be their biggest challenge when they travel there for the Test series, if not anything else.

BCB HP unit's tour is scheduled to start their over-month-long tour by taking on Pakistan Shaheens - a second string squad of Pakistan - in two four-day matches, scheduled in Darwin from July 17. Though it is yet to be announced officially by

Cricket Australia but according to BCB game development chairman Naimur Rahman the two-Test series is also scheduled in Darwin and keeping everything into context the tour seemed just more than a series for the upcoming stars of the nation.

Test opener Mahmudul Hasan will lead the four-day squad while he will be assisted by middle-order Shahadat Hossain in the two four-day games while another Test opener Shadman Islam was also included in the longer-version squad to have the opportunity to get some match under their belt in condition that is not familiar with them.

"Some of the players picked in the squad are playing for the national team and the game (two-match Test series) we have with Australia in 2027 will be in Darwin and they are preparing for it (with the forthcoming HP tour's four-day matches),"

Naimur, the first Test captain of the country and current BCB HP Unit's chairman, told reporters at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium on Wednesday.

"Many times we see our new players struggling playing for the first time in an unfamiliar environment and so this tour is not just a routine HP program rather it's a new inclusion and we have informed them (CA) that we intend to continue this series in the future," he said.

"Our purpose is to create opportunities for the players. We hope that these players will serve the country well in their future endeavors," he added.

National selector Hannan Sarkar, who will be part of the touring party, echoed the same sentiment while added that the 50-over games and the T20 matches will also be helpful considering the cricketers will learn how to adapt in those

conditions.

"To be honest, Australia tour is a big tour for Bangladesh in any stage because for a long time, Bangladesh team is not getting the opportunity to play there even the other teams (second string side, HP, or Under-19 squad) are not getting the opportunity to play there," said Hannan.

"So it's a big opportunity if we think about it, and the main thing we are getting to play all three format matches in



Australia, there can be nothing better than this because as we know it can be really challenging to play cricket in all three formats on the Australian soul. So players are going to gain that experience. And we have done the mixing by taking players from everywhere from HP and the national team because we know that in 2027 we have FTP tour of Australia," he said.

"From that point of view I think this is a big

opportunity, because they will gather experience from dressing room, field and even the weather and if you see there are quite few Test players in the two 4 day matches we are going to play as we are going to play Test matches there according to the FTP 2027 and so we have tried to prioritize them because of that and also we are sending the players whom we are considering will play the longer version," he said.

"Similarly, in the white ball

formats, One Day and T20, if you notice the team we are sending those players whom we prioritize and are mainly focused at for playing the white ball format, we are sending the ones whom we have considered to play these formats now and also in future," he added.

Following the longer-version games HP Unit will play a 50-over tri-series involving Pakistan Shaheens and Northern Territory of Australia. The HP Unit will start the series against Northern Territory on 1 August and conclude against Shaheens on 6 August. They will depart on July 13 and will conclude their tour by taking part in the Northern Territory's T20 Series that will feature Pakistan Shaheens along with some leading Big Bash outfits.

**Four Day team:** Shadman Islam, Mahmudul Hasan Joy (capt), Parvez Hossain Emon, Amite Hasan, Shahadat Hossain Dipu (vice capt), Ariful

Islam, Mahidul Islam Ankon, Aich Mollah, Rakibul Hasan, Sk Peavez Rahman Jibon, Hasan Murad, Rezaur Rahman Raja, Md Mukidul Islam, Ripon Mondol, Maruf Mridha One Day team: Tanzid Hasan, Jisan Alam, Parvez Hossain Emon, Afif Hasan (capt), Shamim Hossain Patwari, Ariful Islam, Akbar Ali (vice capt), Wasi Siddique, Rakibul Hasan, Sk Peavez Rahman Jibon, Mahfusur Rahman Rabbi, Abu Haider Rony, Md Mukidul Islam, Ripon Mondol, Maruf Mridha T20 team: Tanzid Hasan Tamim, Jisan Alam, Parvez Hossain Emon, Afif Hasan, Shamim Hossain Patwari, Ariful Islam, Akbar Ali (capt), Wasi Siddique, Rakibul Hasan, Allis Islam, Mahfusur Rahman Joy (capt), Parvez Hossain Emon, Amite Hasan, Shahadat Hossain Dipu (vice capt), Ariful

## Gambhir pushes ten Doeschate's case for India coaching role

**New Delhi:** There may be a surprising addition to Gautam Gambhir's support staff, and he might not be Indian. It has been learned that the new India head coach is advocating for the inclusion of Ryan ten Doeschate in the team's backroom staff. The decision now lies with the BCCI, which has recently preferred only Indian personnel in the coaching crew. Gambhir, who has requested a free hand in managing the team, wants the 44-year-old former Dutch international as one of his associates. Ten Doeschate has recently worked with Gambhir at the Kolkata Knight Riders, having served as the team's fielding coach in the team's



championship winning 2024. He also holds various positions with KKR's subsidiaries in the Caribbean Premier League, Major League Cricket and ILT20. A viral video of Gambhir praising ten Doeschate was recently in circulation on social media. In the video, the former KKR mentor is seen stating that the Dutchman is the most selfless human being he has ever come across and that he would even be ready to take a bullet for him. "When I talk about selflessness, I have never said this in 42 years of my career. And I wanted to say this. The greatest team man I ever played with, the most selfless human being, someone I can take a bullet for, someone who I can trust

for life.

"I can tell you this because in 2011, my first game as a KKR captain, we only had four overseas (players) available. And this man had a fabulous 50-over World Cup. And we went in that game with only three overseas players. He was carrying drinks in that game with no disappointment on his face. He taught me selflessness. Ryan ten

Doeschate (sic)," Gambhir says in the video, shot at a KKR function last season. Those who know Gambhir say he tends to surround himself with people he trusts implicitly. The current discussion centres around the position ten Doeschate might assume should he be considered. The BCCI reportedly wants to retain T Dilip, a member of Rahul Dravid's outgoing

staff, as the fielding coach. In this scenario, ten Doeschate may be brought in as an assistant coach. However, there is a complication: Abhishek Nayar, who is certain to join Team Gambhir, is also being considered for a similar assistant coach role rather than for a specialised batting coach role.

Some adjustments may be necessary if the BCCI eventually decides to bring ten Doeschate on board. Although a decision has not yet been made, Cricbuzz can confirm that discussions are definitely underway. If ten Doeschate does join the Indian team, KKR will be left without at least three members of its coaching team that helped it win the IPL this year.

2001. Colombia will defend their 23-year-long wait for a major tournament final as they defeated Uruguay 1-0 in an entertaining semi-final of Copa America 2024 at the Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, North Carolina, United States on Thursday, July 11. Colombia will meet Lionel Messi's Argentina in the final of the continental tournament in Miami on Sunday.

The Colombian players were left in tears as they celebrated the sensational victory in front of thousands of fans, who traveled to Charlotte and filled the stands. James Rodriguez's emotional celebration was reflective of the mood in the camp as Colombia worked their way through to their first Copa America final since

Nunez missed several chances in the first half and Colombia made them pay. It could have easily been game over for Colombia when they were reduced to 10 men just before half-time. Daniel Munoz lost his cool and got himself sent off, with the right back receiving a second yellow card for elbowing Manuel Ugarte in the chest when play was stopped. However, Colombia showed incredible grit and determination to hold off Uruguay, who dominated possession in the second half. Former Barcelona star Luis Suarez, who was brought on from the bench in the 66th minute, nearly equalised for Uruguay, but the post denied him and his team a chance to come back into the game.

## More than I could have dreamed of: Atkinson reflects on dramatic entry

**New Delhi:** Gus Atkinson described his first day as a Test cricketer as 'more than I could have dreamed of' as England's fast-bowling transition exercise got off to an exciting start at Lord's. Playing his first red-ball game at the fabled venue, Atkinson needed just 53 balls to etch his name on the honours board and finished with astonishing figures of 7 for 45. "I don't think it's sunk in yet. I was looking up at the board seeing my figures and just thinking, 'Wow.' A very special day," Atkinson reflected after the day's play. "I was a bit nervous this morning. I woke up and all I could think about was the day ahead. I was a bit emotional this morning

and then having my family there for my cap presentation - if you could have asked me what I wanted from my day that was pretty close to the top. It was pretty cool. Just to take a five-for is amazing, more than I could have dreamed of. On a slowish Day 1 pitch, Atkinson was introduced into the attack after West Indies had seemingly sailed past the early choppy waters and reached 34 for no-loss.

Atkinson's second delivery at this level was inside-edged on to the leg-stump by opposition captain Kraigg Brathwaite. He had bowled three wickets and took two wickets before he even conceded his first run.



"I was trying to keep as level as possible. My dad was saying, 'It's the biggest day of your life.' I was like 'Relax! Relax - try not to think like that.'

I was a bit nervous to start with but once the first few overs were bowled I was pretty calm," he reflected. The 26-year-old stuck to his strengths of bowling quick cross-seam deliveries. He coupled that by using the Lord's slope to good effect as evidenced by left-handers Kirk McKenzie and Alick Athanaze getting thick edges to the slip cordon. "My stock ball is that scrambled seam, it felt like today, bowling with the slope, bowling from the Pavilion End, that was my

most dangerous ball," Atkinson said. "I was targeting fourth stump and trying to run it down the hill and with the left-handers, I was trying to push it across them with the odd in-swinger. I felt like that was the best way I could get the wickets. The seam was probably a bit more scrambled than I'd like but that is something I

can work on. I feel like I can bowl quicker and hit the pitch harder when I bowl scrambled seam and it's worked pretty well for me in the past."

It was with his second

spell that Atkinson had West Indies floundering. He took three wickets in four balls in his ninth over, scything through West Indies' middle order and joining the distinguished company of Tom Hartley, Josh Tongue, Rehan Ahmed, and Will Jacks as England players who have recently taken a five-for on Test debut under Ben Stokes. Atkinson went further with two more wickets in his 11th over to cap off a dramatic arrival on the scene.

It is too soon to anoint his performance as a passing of the torch, but the nature of his entry did take some of the spotlight off the exiting James Anderson, whose retirement after 22 years

and over 700 Test wickets remains the central narrative peg to this season-opening Test. "The focus was on Jimmy so it was nice to go under the radar a bit and just focus on performing as best as I could," Atkinson said. "To be out there alongside Jimmy in his final test was incredible, being in the Long Room, Jimmy leading us on the pitch was a pretty surreal moment. I've played a few white ball games here. It was special, I've always felt like I would bowl quite well here with the red ball so to be able to come out and get the opportunity in the first Test of the summer is great, and thankfully it went well."