

Thousands pull chariots in Lord Jagannath's return car festival in Puri



Puri(KCN): Thousands of devotees pulled the chariots of sibling deities Subhadra and Lord Jagannath, Devi Balabhadra – on the

'Bahuda Yatra' or return car festival Monday. Though the pulling of chariots was slated to start at 4pm, it began ahead of the schedule amid chants of 'Jai Jagannath' and beating of cymbals.

Devotees start pulling Lord Balabhadra's chariot 'Taladwaja' at 3.25 pm and Devi Subhadra's 'Devadalan' at 4pm. Pulling of Lord Jagannath's chariot 'Nandighosh' began at 4.15pm.

The chariot pulling started after Puri's titular king 'Gajapati Maharaj' Divya Singha Deb performed 'cheerapahanra', a ritual during which he swept the three chariots with help of golden broom by sprinkling scared water.

The deities left the Jagannath temple July 7 during the Rath Yatra and reached Gundicha temple, considered their birthplace. They stayed there for a week and Monday are now returning to the Jagannath temple. This journey is known as the

'Bahuda Yatra'.

Earlier, the trinity was ceremonially taken to their respective chariots from the Gundicha Temple in the presence of lakhs of devotees.

A total of 180 platoons (1 platoon comprising 30 personnel) of police force and 1,000 officers were deployed to maintain law and order and crowd management during the 'Bahuda Yatra'.

Additional Director General of Police (Law & Order) Sanjay Kumar said adequate security arrangements have been made and the entire temple town is under CCTV surveillance. Around five lakh people are expected to congregate for the festival.

The deities will remain seated on the chariots in front of the 'Singha Dwar' (Lion's Gate) of the 12th-century shrine Monday night.

The 'Sunabesha' (golden attire) ritual, in which the deities are decked in gold jewellery, will be performed on chariots July 16.

Low-pressure forms over Bay of Bengal; likely to trigger heavy rainfall in Odisha



Bhubaneswar(KCN):

A low-pressure area has formed over the northwest adjoining west-central Bay of Bengal off south Odisha coast, IMD sources said Monday.

A fresh low-pressure area is also likely to form over west central and adjoining northwest Bay of Bengal around July 19, it added.

Under the influence of the low-pressure area, squally weather with gusty surface wind speed reaching 40 to 50 kmph is very likely over the northwest adjoining west-central Bay of Bengal during July 15 and 16.

Heavy to very heavy rainfall (7 to 20 cm) is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Koraput, Malkangiri, Nabarangpur and Rayagada while heavy rainfall (7 to 11 cm) is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Ganjam, Gajapati, Rayagada, Kandhamal, Kalahandi, Nayagarh, Malkangiri and Koraput.

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The IMD has issued yellow warnings for Koraput, Malkangiri, Rayagada, Gajapati, Ganjam, Nabarangpur, Kalahandi and Kandhamal districts where under the influence of the low-pressure area, heavy to very heavy rainfall (7 to 20 cm) is very likely to occur till July 20.

Non-Servitors Climb Atop Chariots During Bahuda Yatra In Puri



Puri(KCN): Two non-servitors climbed atop the chariots before the Pahandi rituals at Saradhabali in Puri on the day of the Bahuda Yatra.

SJTA Chief Arabinda

not be allowed on the chariots. As per preliminary information, the person concerned is a senior official of the Central Government and another is an officer of a private/cooperative institution. The chief administrator has directed to file a complaint at the Singhadwara police station for necessary investigation and action. Strict action will be taken if any exception is found.

Padhee took the two persons out of the chariot as non-servitors are prohibited from boarding it. Following the Adapa Mandap Bije mishap, Padhee had clearly said that non-servitors would

Assam not to send non-Muslim immigrants entering state before 2015 to Foreigners Tribunal



Guwahati(KCN): The Assam government has asked its border police unit not to forward cases of non-Muslim illegal immigrants entering the state before 2015 to the Foreigners Tribunal and advised them to apply for citizenship under the CAA.

In a letter to the Special Director General of Police (Border), Home and Political Secretary Parth Pratim Majumdar referred to the Citizenship Act, 2019, and said all those non-Muslim immigrants who

entered India from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan by 2014 are eligible to be granted Indian citizenship. The letter, issued July 5, asked the Assam Police's border wing not to forward the cases of persons belonging to

Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Parsi, Jain and Christian communities who entered India prior to December 31, 2014 directly to the Foreigners Tribunal for further action," he said.

Addressing a press conference Monday, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said the letter was issued as per norms.

"It was a statutory order. There is nothing objectionable in that and it was as per law," he asserted.

Sarma also said anyone coming to Assam in 2015 or later will be deported back to their country of origin.

According to the Assam Accord, names of all foreigners coming to the state on or after March 25, 1971 would be detected and deleted from electoral rolls, and steps would be taken to deport them.

SC to consider setting up bench to hear pleas against passage of laws as money bills to circumvent RS

New Delhi(KCN): The Supreme Court Monday agreed to consider a suggestion for setting up a constitutional bench to hear pleas challenging the validity of passage of laws like the Aadhaar Act by the Modi government as money bills allegedly to bypass the Rajya Sabha where it was in a minority. The BJP currently has 86 MPs and the ruling NDA 101 in the 245-member Rajya Sabha where the majority mark is 123. The passage of bills like the Aadhaar Act and even amendments to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) as money bills, Monday that the

apparently to circumvent the Rajya Sabha when the NDA did not have a majority there, has been at the centre of a major political and legal row. Congress general secretary in-charge of communications Jairam Ramesh is one of the petitioners who have challenged the passage of the Aadhaar Act of 2016 as money bill under Article 110 of the Constitution. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal told a bench comprising Chief Justice of India (CJI) D Y Chandrachud and justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra

pleadings are complete and the petitions needed to be listed for hearing. Sibal said since the matter is already there in the list of scheduled constitution bench hearings, such a bench should be created on a priority basis. "I will take the call when I form the constitution benches," the CJI told him. Later in the day, the Congress welcomed the top court's decision agreeing to consider

setting up a constitution bench to hear the pleas. The party hoped a final verdict would come before Chandrachud retires in November this year. Earlier, the top court had said it would constitute a seven-judge

bench to consider the issue of validity of passage of laws like the Aadhaar Act as a money bill.

A money bill is a piece of legislation which can be introduced only in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha cannot amend or reject it. The Upper House can only make recommendations which may or may not be accepted by the Lower House.

A bench headed by the CJI had earlier said all pending seven-judge bench matters will be listed October 12 last year for procedural directions. In November 2019, a five-judge bench of the apex court had referred to a larger bench the issue of examining the validity of the passage of the Finance Act, 2017 as a money bill.

"The issue and question of Money Bill, as defined under Article 110(1) of the Constitution, and certification accorded by the Speaker of the Lok Sabha in respect of Part-XIV of the Finance Act, 2017 is referred to a larger Bench," it had said.

The five-judge bench had then struck down in entirety the rules governing the appointment and service conditions of the



members of various tribunals that formed part of the Finance Act. Earlier, another bench of the top court, while upholding the constitutional validity of PMLA, had kept the issue of passage of the amendments to it as a money bill open for adjudication by a larger bench. In the Aadhaar judgement, the top court had upheld the validity of passage of the law as a money bill. However, Justice Chandrachud, the present CJI, had penned a dissenting judgement and called designating the Aadhaar legislation as a money bill a "fraud on the Constitution".

SPECIAL TRAINS FOR SUNAVESA & ADHARAPANA

East Coast Railway Enhances Services for Car Festival-2024

Bhubaneswar, (KCN):

With an aim to provide comfortable journey to the commuters and to avoid rush in regular trains to and from Puri during the world famous Car Festival-2024 of Lord Jagannath, East Coast Railway has provided special trains from different parts of the state including the special trains to and from neighboring states. Apart from the regular trains to and from Puri, 43 Special Trains for Sunavesa and 33 Special Trains for Adharapana will run for the convenience of the passengers. East Coast Railway has arranged special trains from almost all parts of State to facilitate passengers to visit the holy festival. East Coast Railway had announced 315 Special Trains for Rath Yatra Festival at Puri. During the period from 5th July to 15th July, 2024; Railways has already provided 239 Special Trains to & from Puri

starting from Gundicha Yatra to Bahuda Yatra during Rath Yatra Festival.

Special Trains will run towards Puri from Paradeep, Angul, Bhadrak, Junagarh Road, Khurda Road, Daspalla, Sompeta, Palasa, Kendujhargarh, Gunupur, Jagdalpur, Sonepur, Sambalpur for Sunavesa Festival.

Similarly, trains from Paradeep, Angul, Bhadrak, Daspalla, Palasa, Kendujhargarh and Khurda Road will run to Puri on Adharapana Festival.

To clear additional rush of passengers, East Coast Railway is running Special Trains towards Bhadrak, Paradeep, Angul, Palasa, Kendujhargarh, Daspalla, Brahmapur from Puri on Adharapana Day and Niladribije Days.

Ministry of Railways has provided various facilities for the convenience of devotees and pilgrims. Round-the-clock Control Room has been opened to

look into passengers' issues as well as smooth train operations. Emphasis have been given on effective announcements at station and smooth disbursal of tickets through additional ticket booking counters.

The measures implemented for the convenience of passengers by Railways during Rath Yatra are - Crowd Management, Train Information System / Enquiry Counters, Video Walls Display, UTS on Mobile App, Additional Ticket Booking Counters and Mobile Ticket Counters, Pilgrim Waiting Area/ Shed and Mela Sheds & Security Arrangements, Catering & Hospitality, Medical Facilities & Ambulance.

Measures for Passenger Convenience Crowd Management

Train Information System / Enquiry Counters

Video Walls Display

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Additional Ticket Booking Counters and Mobile Ticket Counters

stations to facilitate smooth boarding and alighting at Stations. Pilgrim Waiting Area/ Shed and Mela Sheds & Security Arrangements

Additional Ticket Booking Counters: For smooth and quick ticket disbursal.

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East Coast Railway is committed to ensuring a safe, comfortable, and convenient travel experience for all passengers during the Rath Yatra Festival-2024.



Additional Arrangements and Facilities

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Round-the-clock Control Room: To address passenger issues and ensure smooth train operations.

Effective Announcements:

Ensuring clear communication at

Bahuda Yatra Concludes at KIIT with Grandeur

Bhubaneswar, (KCN):

After nine-day journey, Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra, and Devi Subhadra returned to Shreebani Kshetra today during the Bahuda Yatra. The return journey of the deities was marked by grandeur and fervour.

The day began with Mangala Arati, followed by other rituals including the Pahandi. The ceremonial sweeping of the chariots, known as Cherapahanra, was conducted by the Founder of KIIT and

KISS Dr Achyuta Samanta at 3:00 PM. Devotees pulled the chariots of Lord Balabhadra, Devi Subhadra, and Lord Jagannath at 4:00 PM. A unique aspect of the Rath Yatra at Shreebani Kshetra is that women

NTPC Kaniha celebrates Rathayatra



Yatra. The performances included traditional dance forms, music and drama which enthralled the audience and highlighted the cultural diversity of the region. A special highlight of the event was the release of a souvenir

pull the chariot of Devi Subhadra. The three chariots were pulled from Gundicha Temple to Shreebani Kshetra. Over 30,000 devotees from the surrounding areas gathered to witness the event, seeking divine blessings by pulling the decorated chariots of Nandighosa, Taladhwaja, and Darpadalana. The air resonated with the sounds of gongs, drums, and conch shells as the chariots moved.

Head Of Project Shri Ashok Kumar Sehgal, All GMs, Head of HR, President Tanvi Sangam, Secretary & office bearers of Rath Yatra Committee and representatives of unions and associations along with employees, women and residents of the township were present on the occasion.

NTPC Kaniha is committed to preserve and promote cultural heritage through such events and foster a sense of community and togetherness among its employees and the local populace.

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A Joint Hearing Camp of Public Grievance by the Collector & S.P. at Binika Block

SUBARNAPUR (KCN) :

Binika Block Level Joint Grievance Hearing and Redressal Camp has been held at block conference hall. Collector & District Magistrate Mrs. Anya Das and Additional Superintendent of Police Birendra Kumar Naik joined the Joint Grievance Hearing Camp and received 83 registered complaints of various objections and problems of the public. Out of which 73 individual applications were received and 10 collective applications were received. 37 applications were

processed immediately while other applications were given to the departmental officers of various departments concerned to be solved within the stipulated time BDO, the joint held under the supervision of Binika Pramod Kumar Meher. Additional District Magistrate Rajendra Majhi, Chief Development Officer Zilla Parishad Mr. Ashwini Kumar Meher, Sub Collector Birmaharajpur Lalatendu C, CDMO Dr. Durgadatta Das, SE PWD Er. Damodar Kaibart, District Chief Supply Officer Suresh Panigrahi, District

Panchayat Officer Arjun Charan Majhi, District Welfare Officer Achyutananda Singh, District Social Security Officer Gobinda Ballabha Sarangi, District Education Officer Laxman Bhoi, District Sports Officer Chittaranjan Mishra, DLO Dileswar Khakha, Executive Engineer TPWODL Ashok Kumar Mishra, Tahasildar Binika Sitaram Bhoi, EO NAC Binika Satyanarayan Pradhan were present along with various District Level Officers, Tehsil and Block Level Officers, Journalists were major contributors.



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How To Crack the GATE Exam Without Coaching?

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Cracking this exam without coaching is challenging but achievable; the main steps to break this exam without proper coaching are as follows:

Get an Overview
It is an online exam conducted only once yearly, around the first-second week of February. The dates for 2023 are out on the official website. It is held jointly by the India Institute of Sciences and IITs under the Ministry of Education. It consists of a single paper with 65 problems, adding up to 100 marks a candidate must solve in 3 hours. A package of multiple-choice questions and Numerical questions can be seen. The first section consists of 10 aptitudes, reasoning and language questions. Rest 55 questions revolve around core engineering concepts.

This exam is famous for its innovative approach

to testing each candidate. Getting a hold of the entire engineering syllabus for a 3-hour examination is not a cakewalk.

Gather Your Tools
Get a comprehensive idea of the current syllabus and get familiar with it. A smart way is to get limited and appropriate books that cover the entire syllabus. Rather than reading multiple books, get a hold of the same books multiple times.

You can gather these resources online or offline but stick to one. Not just this, try to solve as many previous year question papers as possible. Try to get an idea of repeated patterns and topics. This small step will accelerate your preparation two to three times.

Mock tests are yet another effective way to increase your chances. There are easy-to-access test series available for free or at

nominal charges. These mock tests are beneficial in identifying your strengths and weaknesses. Try to figure them out and work on both of these points. Plan Out Your Strategy
At this point, each of us knows the exact time left for the exam. We are done with what, when and where. Now, we must focus on how to crack the exam. Keeping in mind all our strengths and weaknesses, make a schedule and work each day uniformly. Keep a daily journal and note your progress.

Try to work on accuracy and then jump onto your problem-solving speed. Sharpen your skills each day. A detailed analysis will tell you the topics that hold more weight and try to build a schedule around those topics.

An appropriate advice would be to try to cover the entire syllabus at least once by the end of the year so that you can revise as much as

possible in January. Disciplined Execution
This is probably the most critical and challenging step. You might execute your plan

strike back with your full potential. Try to make a small group of 3 – 4 friends and make a note of each other's progress.

Suit yourself to long stretches of 3 hours, especially during the morning when the exam takes place

Try to give as many

questions; practice as many as possible. Sincerely, attempt mock tests, and an overall analysis of your mistakes is even more critical.

Revision has to be categorised daily, weekly and monthly. This will help you to cover the syllabus intelligently.

Time management during the preparation and exam hours is very crucial. One must get a hold of it.

Try to make simple and concise notes. Do not just add important stuff; only add the data you mostly forget.

Don't Procrastination is a sweet poison, do not consume it. Never sleep upon anything. Manage to finish your chores on time.

Do not skip language practice. It might not take a lot of time and energy. Don't break the consistency; even if you get off the track, try to collect yourself as soon as possible.

Dos & Don'ts for GATE Exam
Dos

Stick to the concepts that will help you for a long time and effectively.

There is no limit to practising the number of

questions; practice as many as possible. Sincerely, attempt mock tests, and an overall analysis of your mistakes is even more critical.

Make sure to leave all topics intact; try to cover each case or at least hover over the minor ones.

Previous year question papers are a blessing. These are the best resources available out there.

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Do not gather unnecessary material; stick to limited resources and master them.

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flawlessly, but doing it continuously for weeks and months challenges you. The discipline to get going each morning is hard to achieve, but once you find it, you have done half the job. Once you have completed a disciplined approach, try to grow each day; nothing can stop you. There will be days when you feel like giving up, but those are the days when you

Healthy competition can help you to achieve more. Also, problem-solving and aptitude skills are enhanced in a healthy group discussion.

Tips to Ponder
Make sure to adapt to a proper routine, including a healthy sleep routine of six to seven hours. Do not linger around on various resources; try to stick to limited material and master it

mock tests as possible, and that too in online mode. Never underestimate the role of these mocks. Prepare and attempt these sincerely.

Working on your weaknesses is necessary but do not leave behind your strengths. Instead, try to sharpen them from time to time.

Most of the questions in the GATE exam are based on concepts. So

Sri Jagannath The Lord of Universe



Ratha Yatra is the most important festival of Lord Jagannath. This colourful festival draws million of devotees from various part of the country as also from around the world. Millions of devotees flock to Puri to participate in this car festival. This holy Trinity is amongst the common masses irrespective of caste, creed, sect and religion and shares the joy happiness and suffering faced by us. Really this festival is also an extraordinary religious event.

Really a sea of devotees from different parts of the country come to Puri to watch a glimpse of the ceremonial bathing rituals of the deities. The Lord of Universe and his siblings would set off for their annual sojourn. Even this year for blessings the entire humanity.

Real bliss in the material world is spiritual happiness which is nothing but the truth. Ultimate Devine happiness is that when an individual soul sets United with supreme one. The cultural

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Yatra, Dolo Yatra
Damanaka Yatra.

Puri is one of the four dham of India. Most sacred places of the collective existence of the race. Our collective existence is Jagannathmaya full of jagannath. It is not possible to discuss History, art, sculpture and literature ignoring Lord Jagannath. Shree Jagannath is quite familiar with the fasts and festivals of the people of Odisha.

Different festival and functions of Shree

listen to music, enjoys dance, goes to bed and even enters into quarrel with his wife Laxmi.

The Jagannath cult and culture has encouraged the whole world to be bound on world brotherhood giving up separatist ideas. The Car festival of Lord Jagannath has spread the message of love for one and all besides encouraging want to resort to brotherhood among all. One vital essence of

rule the kingdom where all in the name of Lord Jagannath

Lord Jagannath comes down to the midst of see of humanity down. Car festival known as Rathayatra and becomes one with them the devotees. Every body irrespective of colours caste creed can openly have a darshan of lord Jagannath on the chariot. It is believed that lord Jagannath meets his devotees during Ratha Yatra on the grand road of Puri to exonerate their sins. This Rath Yatra is called patitapabana Yatra.

Very interesting event is that Mahalaxmi feels hurt and ignored when Jagannath journeys out of the temple for almost a fortnight during Ratha Yatra with his sister Subhadra without taking her. After his festive travel Mahalaxmi bars his entry into the temple but eventually relents, Jagannath offers her Rasgulla, the traditional Odia sweet.

Unity in diversity is an ideal philosophy in India and the same is reflected in the cult of Lord Jagannath. Eminent saints like Ramanuja, Sankaracharya, Chaitanya and Nanak who accepted Lord Jagannath as the Lord of Universe.

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Jagannath have been described in the Sanskrit text such as the Skanda Purana Samhita, Bhagabata, Abhinava Jagannath Prastava etc.

The famous twelve Jatras festivals of Shree Jagannath are Akshaya Tritiya, Snanayatra, Ratha Yatra, Saya Na Yatra, Dakshinayan Yatra, Parbata Yatra, Deva Utpatana Yatra, Prabarana Sastri Yatra, Pusyabhisheka Yatra, and Uttarayana

Jagannath the master of the Universe. He is considered Ganadevata known as the God of people irrespective of colour, caste, creed. The cult of Jagannath has enriched the cultural heritage of Odisha such as art, literature, music, dance, and drama.

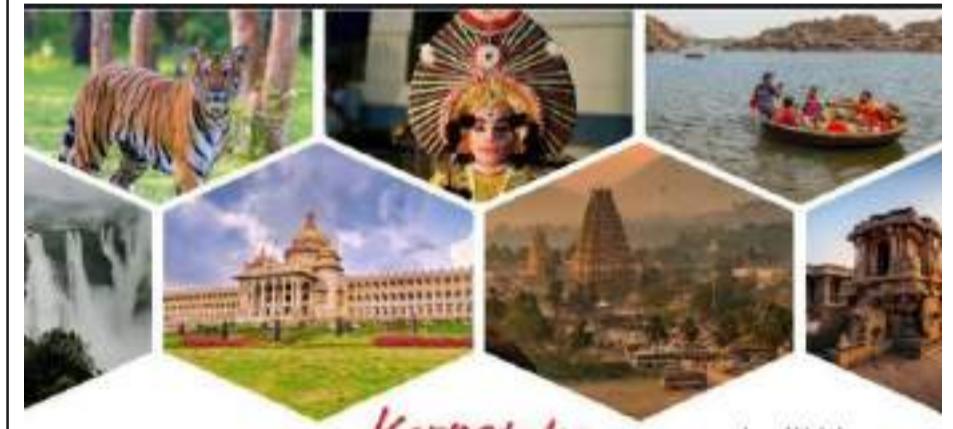
In religious practices, Lord Jagannath is worshipped like a human being. He gets early takes food, takes snakes, suffers from fever and other ailments

Karnataka Tourism Held Successful Roadshow in Kolkata to Engage Travel Trade Professionals

Saikat Kumar Basu



Karnataka Tourism recently hosted a highly successful roadshow at The Park Hotel in



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Kolkata, aiming to engage travel trade professionals from the region. This event marked a significant milestone in promoting Karnataka as a premier travel destination, showcasing its diverse attractions, rich cultural heritage, and unique travel experiences.

The roadshow served as an excellent platform for Karnataka Tourism to connect with travel agents, tour operators, and other industry stakeholders. Attendees had the chance to explore Karnataka's multifaceted offerings, from the lush landscapes of Coorg and the serene beaches of Gokarna to the majestic palaces of Mysuru and the vibrant urban life of Bengaluru.

Dr. K V Rajendra, Director of Tourism and Managing Director of

expressed enthusiasm for the new opportunities presented and praised the comprehensive information shared during the event. The roadshow not only highlighted popular tourist spots but also unveiled lesser-known gems, encouraging deeper exploration of Karnataka. As part of its ongoing efforts to boost tourism,

Karnataka Tourism announced plans to enhance infrastructure, introduce new travel packages, and strengthen collaborations with travel trade partners. The roadshow in Kolkata is one of many initiatives aimed at expanding Karnataka's reach and attracting a larger number of visitors. Karnataka Tourism extends its gratitude to all participants for their enthusiastic support and looks forward to continued partnerships in promoting the state's unparalleled travel experiences.

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Climate Change: A Threat to Justice and Human Development



Climate change is the defining issue of our times, threatening to disrupt the existing way of human life. This global phenomenon is dignified to substantially alter the human situation, affecting nearly all aspects of life, from food security and water availability to energy sources and biodiversity. When discussing climate change, we often use the terminology of emissions, carbon footprint, temperature rise, and low-carbon economy/technology. These technical terms reflect the deep connections between ecology and technology. However, the study of climate change transcends individual disciplines, encompassing law, economics, science, international relations, ethics, and philosophy. At the heart of this complex issue is equity, which must become the focal point of all discussions on

tackling climate change. Climate change threatens to cause irreversible changes in the Earth's atmosphere, jeopardizing the right of future generations to enjoy the planet's resources. Our responsibility extends beyond current communities; it encompasses a duty towards future generations. Climate justice demands equity among contemporary societies and between present and future generations. Intergenerational equity implies that each generation must leave the planet and its resources in a state that ensures comparable equity for future generations. This concept is underpinned by three principles: options, quality, and access. The first principle, 'options,' emphasizes conserving the diversity of natural resources to meet the future needs of upcoming generations. The second principle, 'comparable quality,' relates to maintaining the quality of the environment and natural resources. The third principle, 'equal

access,' ensures that future generations have the same access to these resources as the present generation. These principles guide us to view the Earth's atmosphere as a common resource to be shared among contemporary communities and across generations. The equal rights of future generations inherently limit the right of the present generation to access and enjoy the Earth. Climate change threatens the realization of numerous human rights, resulting in widespread injustice. It poses the greatest threat to human development in contemporary times. Human development is fundamentally about creating growth opportunities, but climate change threatens to curtail these opportunities. Described as a 'human tragedy in the making,' climate change could lead to catastrophic effects on human life if the international community fails to take decisive action. A human rights approach to studying climate change is normatively relevant as it focuses on human suffering caused by climate

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change to foster cooperative political will to address the issue. Furthermore, the impacts of climate change are felt differently across the globe. Developing countries are particularly vulnerable due to their geographic and economic circumstances, which limit their ability to mitigate and adapt to these effects. This asymmetry in climate change impacts leads to profound injustice. Compounding this is that these vulnerable communities have contributed the least to the anthropogenic causes of climate change. Thus, climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies may also result in human rights violations and further injustices if not carefully designed and implemented.

Climate change costs after storms, cyclones, or floods, which burden communities and individual households. In developing countries, many people depend on fragile ecosystems for their livelihoods. Climate change increases the frequency and intensity of coastal storms, threatening these coastal communities' homes, food, and livelihoods. Forced migration due to uninhabitable conditions presents a significant challenge, especially in overpopulated regions like Southeast Asia. This demographic shift can lead to unrest in receiving communities as competition for already scarce resources intensifies. Thus, climate change often creates a causal nexus where its effects exacerbate poverty and inequality. For instance, water scarcity can reduce agricultural productivity, leading to food shortages. This scenario diminishes farmers' income and causes malnutrition and further economic decline in affected regions. Climate change thus forms a vicious cycle where environmental degradation, economic vulnerability, and social instability are interlinked. The impact on agricultural productivity due to water scarcity illustrates this cycle. Reduced agricultural output leads to farmers losing income, food shortages, and malnutrition, further weakening economic activity in the region. Thus, climate justice is not merely about mitigating emissions and technological solutions; it is about ensuring that all people, now and in the future, can thrive in a healthy and sustainable environment. Climate change is a multifaceted threat that undermines human rights and development. Its impacts are disproportionately felt by those in developing countries, where limited resources and economic vulnerabilities compound the effects of environmental changes. Resolving climate change requires a holistic approach that integrates environmental, financial, and social policies to mitigate its impact and promote resilience in vulnerable communities.

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EDUCATION, FAMILY, SOCIETY - WHAT MAKES LITTLE MINDS DISRUPTIVE



A good friend of mine from the village days, having had a few years of extensive teaching experience in one of the remotest areas of India, has recently narrated his personal service anecdote. And I, with curiosity pouring in from all sides, have listened to him but of course with grave concern and intense perplexity. His anecdotal summary does not have to be written in detail here, but the essence of it was all about how the young generation has dangerously been tuned into an alarming level of arrogance, vengeance and hostility. This, according to him, was instrumental in pushing societies through the harsh domains of disruption. Though his experience was personal, he had witnessed such occasions multiple times.

While an ideal paraphrasing of thoughts has been exchanged between both of us, the question that surfaced was about how the society is looking at such negative transformation among the young minds. Even if I consider his experiences as confined to a particular locality, wrapped under the situational volatility of a society that underwent perennial dismemberment from the mainstream, it demands a genuine and compassionate approach to know its emasculative effects on the country. When children enter the teenage years, what turns calamitous about their life is the intensity of pressure they receive from the parents and society that subsequently crushes them hard. Aspirational parents and centers of competitive examinations frequently inject the venom of Artificial Intelligence in its various forms have helped the world shrink into an accessible size. Radical human interventions in the life of people through various means have

survive in this atmosphere of complexity that has been designed by the illusory ideas of some elders, begin to shrink intellectually and deviate from the dreams that have grown with them all through the corridors of schools and colleges.

Situations have sweepingly changed well before the new dawn of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and this outlook on excellence has been primitively driving the young minds towards certain harsher moments of an intellectual crisis. This has mainly been due to the ethical framework that we traditionally built around the process of education which indeed got dismantled today, and the idea that education is a lifelong process and it cannot be a mere breadwinning exercise, was dispelled. In these examinations frequently

inject the venom of Artificial Intelligence in its various forms have helped the world shrink into an accessible size. Radical human interventions in the life of people through various means have essentially curtailed their living space that they once used with intense involvement and affection. Many reasons can be ascertained in connection with this transition.

So, what, as per the changing tendencies, should be treated as an essential prerequisite? The first thing, as per my observation, is to revive the basic aspects of an ideal social relationship, its absence at present, is creating distress everywhere. Invariably, to a large extent, this was neglected and the ramifications of it began to surface everywhere, stretching from the families to societies and beyond. Parents, being surmounted by aspirational thoughts began to deviate from the basic congeniality and the family atmosphere almost everywhere turned out to be mechanical. An alarming revelation under the RTI provides staggering statistics of suicide among students in the national capital. It tells that a total of 1294 students under 18 years died by suicide between 2014 and 2018. This number represents the situation in the national capital alone. The national data must be a hair-raiser with thousands of incidents being reported. The Supreme Court has directed the central government to make its point clear as to what has so far been done with respect to the implementation of Public Health Programme for prevention of suicides. The situation is alarmingly serious and it does not confine its effects in certain areas alone. Being the most populous country, India's demographic responsibility with democracy flourishing vividly, is large and it needs to set the situation right, before the young generation is carried away by the notions of stress, distress and disappointment. In this instance, it is fair to say that there has been a distance engulfing between the parents and the children and the society too turned out to be ignominious and it disregards to dwell into what the young minds have to say. What is missing in the families is an honest conversation. Mostly, the conversations in families are forceful monologues by parents on the children and the latter with fewer options and no spaces for them to make their voices heard, end up with a conclusion; that, the world around them is an ugly territory without a wind blowing to carry the voice of concern from the young and feeble minds. And the result is the statistics that I presented above.

What makes children go astray? Should we blame the parents and the familial conditions as the principal reasons behind this perilous shift? Should society be held accountable for what it has turned out to become? Or is it someone who our children are in company with? Or is it the mobile screens that the children find convenient to personally bury their intellect in? There are multiple and obvious reasons to blame. But with certainty one thing can be said; that the family atmosphere

these days seems to have been self-defeating and the parents frequently fail to sense those frail and inexcusable terrains their children intellectually and emotionally land. Families, where an ideal social behavior should have sprouted, became dry living spaces. And initiatives to cause distress begin from their aspirational intuitions and in most of the cases parents unknowingly take this rough ride and children often fail to catch-up with the pace. Families are known to be places where lessons of basic discipline are taught. But they often become spaces of confrontation and there develops discrimination among the members. While having a firm commitment to family and the welfare of its members, parents time and again go rude on children mostly due to the latter's inability to capture the gist of what the elders in the family dream about. Of course, the final impact of such menacing ways of implementing their

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Raipur's Jagannath Temple Hosts Bahuda Yatra



Raipur, (KCN): Bahuda Yatra was celebrated at the biggest Jagannath Temple in Chhattisgarh at Gayatri Nagar in Raipur amidst pious atmosphere and spiritual fervour. To mark the occasion special religious rituals were performed before the four deities stationed at Adap Mandap inside the Aunt's house at the basement of the main Temple till afternoon. At around 5.00pm, the Gods and Goddess were taken in Pahandi procession to the elegantly decorated three chariots standing in front of the temple. Chief Guest of the return of the

Chariot Festival Speaker of Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly Raman Singh and Guest of Honour Leader of Opposition Charan Das Mahanta did the traditional sweeping of the chariot called the Chherra Pahanra. The Founder of the Temple Purandar Mishra helped them to conduct the job. The Incessant rain In the afternoon here was seeming like showering of Lord of the Universe's blessings from sky. Around early in the evening the long awaited return journey of the Chariots

commenced. The juggernaut started rolling amidst the Slogans of 'Hari Bol', 'Jai Jagannath', playing of Musical instruments like Ghanta, Kartala, Mardala, Jhanja, Mrudunga and singing of Soul soothing Kirtans and Bhajans by devotees. Travelling through the outskirt of the Temple compound the chariots were pulled back to the Grand Road in front of the main temple at around 7pm. An enraged Goddess Laxmi blocked the entrance of Lord Jagannath to enter into the Temple because she

Kharghar Jagannath Temple in Navi Mumbai Hosts Bahuda Yatra

Navi Mumbai, (KCN): The Jagannath Temple at Sector Five in Kharghar celebrated Bahuda Yatra Festival amidst pious atmosphere and spiritual fervour. Commencing from the wee hours in the morning all the religious rituals were performed before the Deities at Adap Mandap inside Aunt's House in Harihar Peetha with utmost solemnity by the priests of the temple. In the afternoon the Four Deities were taken in Pahandi procession from the Gundicha Temple to the aesthetically and elegantly decorated chariot stationed in front of the temple.

At around 2.00 p.m.

President and Trustee of the managing body of the temple, Maharashtra Odia Welfare Association (MOWA) Dr. Bhagwan Panda did the traditional Chherapahanra. At around



4.00 p.m. in the evening the long awaited return journey of the Lord of the Universe commenced. The Chariot was pulled back from Harihar Peetha to the premises of main temple amidst Kirtan and singing of Bhajans by the devotees and servitors at around 6 p.m. The entire ambience got reverberated with recitals of hymns, shouting of slogans like Hari Bol, Jai Jagannath and playing of musical instruments such as Ghanta, Mardala, Kartala, Jhanja and Mrudunga. The view of the Trinity in a majestic style from atop the Royal Chariot during their sojourn in the street of Navi Mumbai was momentous and mesmerizing. After the return journey the Gods and Goddess have remained on the chariot for Public Darshan. As per the Temple sources, the Deities will continue to be on the Chariot for next two days. On 17th July 2024 the rituals of adorning of

golden attire and offering of Adharpana will be performed in the chariot. The Idols will then be taken to the Temple performing Dhadi Pahandi around late night and will be placed on the Sanctum Sanctorum. The entire arrangements of the Bahuda Yatra Festival was well managed and smoothly executed under the active and able stewardships of the Trustees of MOWA like 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.

Mr. Rakesh Sharma,

Indian Railways Boosts Innovation with "Startups for Railways" Initiative

Kolkata, (KCN): To improve Railway operations & services through innovations, in a significant move towards innovation, the Ministry of Railways launched the "Startups for Railways" initiative on June 13, 2022. This programme aims to leverage the expertise of Indian startups, MSMEs, Individual Innovators, R&D Organizations / Institutions, NGOs and entrepreneurs to enhance operational efficiency and safety across the railway network.

As part of this initiative, Indian Railways Innovation portal has also been made live at <https://innovation.indianrailways.gov.in>. As of July 2024, a total number of 1942 entities engaged in innovations have registered on Innovation Portal of Indian Railways. These

include startups, individual innovators, MSMEs, R&D organizations, and more.

The Ministry of Railways has also carried out meticulously planned workshops / meetings / Talk / VC to spread awareness among various stakeholders of Innovation policy which resulted in the good participation of Startups/ Innovators.

The Ministry of Railways has received a total 423 offers against the 28 problem statements opened so far on Innovation portal. A total of 23 innovation projects have been awarded for 15 problem statements so far. The value of 23 awarded Innovation projects is approx. Rs. 43.87 crore with share of Railway's

grant of approx. Rs. 10.52 crore to eligible entities.

The problem statements for which projects are already awarded includes Design of superior elastomeric pad for heavy haul freight wagons, Lightweight wagon for transporting commodities like salt, Rail stress monitoring system, Track inspection technologies for accurate inspection, Broken Rail system, Track cleaning machine, Development of sensor based load calculation device with audio visual alarm in VPU/Power Car/SLRs, Simplified OHE cantilever design, Quick point locking clamp/system, Development of sensor based Fire/Smoke detection system for coaches of IR with wireless networking (Phase II).

Innovations in problem statements given above will not only improve Railway operations but also enhance safety and amenities as well, hopes the Railway authority.

New Delhi's Hauz Khas Jagannath Temple hosts Bahuda Yatra



New Delhi, (KCN): 46th Bahuda Yatra Festival celebrated at the main Jagannath Temple of the National Capital Region at Hauz Khas village in New Delhi amidst pious atmosphere and spiritual fervour. Commencing from the wee hours in the morning all the religious rituals were performed before the Trinity at Adap Mandap inside Aunt's House at the Basement of the Temple with utmost solemnity by the priests of the

Temple.

The entire arrangements of the Bahuda Yatra were well managed and neatly executed by the overall supervision of the custodians of the Temple Management Committee

Shri Jagannath Temple Seva Samiti like President

Purandar Mishra, Members

Manmath Kumar Raut, Subrat Sahoo, Subhaash

Agrawal, Gopal

A g r a w a l ,

Dwarikadheesh Mishra, Gunanidhi Mishra and Prakash Das.

At about 4.30 p.m. Chief Guest of the return of the Chariot Festival Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan and Guest of Honour Former

Nath Pradhan, Adviser Advocate Abani Sahu, members Abhaya Pradhan, Ashok Pradhan (A), Khirod Patra, Gajendra Samanta, Abhiram Sutar, Ashok Pradhan (B), Jitendra Mohapatra, Ajay Pradhan, Pankaj Mohanty, Nishidha Kumar Das, Rankanidhi Sahoo, Bijay Sahoo, Dillip Kumar Swain, Kishore Samal, Amulya Ojha, Sukanta Sahu, Manager of the Temple Rashmiranjan Behera, Assistant Managers Sashikanta Sahoo and Sanjiv Jena and Preists Sanatan Padhi, Debabrata Mishra, Jagabandhu Dash, Premananda Satpathy, Santosh Panda and Prashant Dash.

The entire arrangements of Bahuda Yatra were smoothly conducted by the office bearers and members of Temple Managing Committee, which include President Bighneshwar Rout, Secretary Ravindra

The Indian Newspaper Society is happy to announce the inauguration of the INS Towers, B-Wing, located in the prestigious Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai



New Delhi, (KCN): The Indian Newspaper Society is happy to announce the inauguration of the INS Towers, B-Wing, located in the prestigious Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC), Mumbai. Today marks a momentous day as the Honorable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi has officially inaugurated the INS Towers, B-Wing at BKC, Mumbai.

The event was a resounding success, attended by the Governor of Maharashtra, Mr. Ramesh Bais, Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Mr. Eknath Shinde, Deputy Chief Ministers of Maharashtra, Mr. Devendra Fadnavis and Mr. Ajit Pawar, Other Dignitaries, Industry Leaders, and Members of the print media fraternity.

The inauguration ceremony began with a ceremonial unveiling of the plaque followed by a very warm welcome of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi by Shri Rakesh Sharma, the President of Indian Newspaper Society, followed by an address of the Prime Minister.

Mr. Rakesh Sharma,

President, INS also urged the Prime Minister to look into the recent issue of Self Declaration Certificates as well as the issues raised with the Finance Minister during a recent interaction.

The Prime Minister delivered an inspiring speech, highlighting the importance of the print media in India's growth and development. In his address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasized the pivotal role of the print media in disseminating news, thereby strengthening India's media landscape.

Addressing the gathering, he underscored the media's historical role as a spokesperson for current affairs and stressed its significance in shaping the country's future direction over the next crucial 25 years.

The Prime Minister urged the media industry to align with Governmental initiatives aimed at benefiting the people of India, emphasizing their non-partisan nature devoid of any political agendas or vote bank politics. He also encouraged the publishers to promote tourism through interstate promotional campaigns, by leveraging the media's outreach.

Highlighting the need for global presence, the Prime Minister advised the

publishers to consider translating their publications into languages spoken in United Nations countries, by harnessing the potential of microsites and social media for global outreach. He emphasized the importance of digital editions in amplifying India's voice on the global stage.

INS Towers, B-Wing, is set to become a landmark in Mumbai's print media sector. Its strategic location in BKC, coupled with state-of-the-art facilities, positions itself as an ideal hub for the print media. It is a centrally air-conditioned state of the art building having 14 floors.

We once again extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Honorable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi and the other dignitaries for their gracious presence and support.

The inauguration of INS Towers, B-Wing, marks a new chapter in our journey towards print media's excellence and sustainability.

Vizag's Jagannath Temple Hosts Bahuda Yatra



Visakhapatnam, (KCN): Vizag's Jagannath Temple hosted Bahuda Yatra with pious atmosphere and spiritual fervour. Special religious rituals were performed before the four deities stationed at Aunt's house in Lawsons Bay Colony with utmost solemnity in the morning by the priests. At around 4:30 pm in the afternoon, the Gods and Goddess were taken in the procession to the elegantly decorated chariot standing in front of the Gundicha temple. The Highlight of the Mega Event was the Presentation of Spirited Beating of Drums by the Dulduli Troupe of Odisha's Bolangir District and Kotlam Dance by local female artists. Travelling through Shanti Ashram,

amidst the Slogans of 'Hari Bol', 'Jai Jagannath', playing of Musical instruments such as Ghanta, Kartala, Mardala, Jhanja, Mrudunga and singing of Soul soothing Kirtans and Bhajans by 4000 strong devotees. The Highlight of the Mega Event was the Presentation of Spirited Beating of Drums by the Dulduli Troupe of Odisha's Bolangir District and Kotlam Dance by local female artists. Travelling through Shanti Ashram,

UDA Park, AU Gate, UDA Children's Arena and All India Radio, the chariot reached its final destination at the Main Temple on Daspalla Hills at around 8 pm. An enraged Goddess Laxmi blocked the entrance of Lord Jagannath to enter into the Temple because she was not invited to accompany the Siblings

UDA Park, AU Gate,

Then she was pacified and granted permission to the deities to get in. The Idols were then taken to the Temple by the servitors and devotees performing Dhadi Pahandi and placed on the Sanctum Sanctorum. This year's Bahuda Yatra was actively supported by Marwadi Yuva Manch and Gurudwara Sadhu Sangat for logistic arrangements.

The Bahuda Yatra was successfully organised with overall supervision of the President of Temple's Management Committee Jitendra Kumar Nayak and General Secretary Bimal Kumar Mahanta, Vice President Dr Karunakar Padhi, members Bijay Mahapatra, Rajendra Prasad Sahu, Banamali Sahu and Arun Das.

Dalmia Bharat Honours Odisha's Rath Shilpkars With DSP Expert Rath Shilpkars Samman

Puri: Reaffirming the company's long-standing commitment to Odisha and its traditions, Dalmia Bharat Limited (DBL), a leading cement manufacturer in India, celebrated the Rath Yatra festival in Puri by honouring Odisha's skilled Rath Shilpkars through their Saluting the Expert initiative.

The tribute, named DSP Expert Rath Shilpkars Samman, recognizes the exceptional craftsmanship of distinguished shilpkars, thereby acknowledging them too as true experts in their respective fields

of Rath making and craftsmanship.

Notable Dalmia DSP Cement is itself positioned as a 'Dhalai Expert' providing formidable strength to all Dhalai jobs in construction. Four esteemed shipyards, Shri Laxman Mohapatra Maharana, Shri Shyam Sundar Maharana, Shri Surendra Maharana and Shri Rabi Bhoi were felicitated in front of the majestic Ratha they meticulously crafted. As a mark of respect, each of them received a plaque, a shawl, and a cash award of INR

10000. Initiated in 2022, the Saluting the Expert initiative by Dalmia Bharat is dedicated to the Maharana community, whose skilful design and construction of the Rathas preserve Odisha's unique craft traditions. Their devotion and craftsmanship uphold the globally renowned Jagannath Rath Yatra, ensuring its continued splendour.

Commenting on the occasion, a company spokesperson said, Dalmia Bharat is



proud to honour the masterful Rath

Shilpkars of Odisha, whose dedication and tradition of Rath Yatra

to life each year. Our long-standing commitment to the state is reflected in our efforts to support its cultural heritage and community development. By celebrating these artisans, we acknowledge their vital role in preserving our shared heritage and reinforcing the deep bond we have with the people of Odisha.

Cuttack, Balasore, Jajpur and Berhampur. Members of the Maharana community were invited to construct life-sized replicas of the chariots, which were installed at central locations for congregations of channel partners and their families. Children were presented with miniature chariots (Raths) and other token gifts. The event saw the participation of key stakeholders of Dalmia Cement and their families, creating a joyous and inclusive atmosphere.

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, Kera daga dada, Padmanava pur, Gopalpur, Rajgarh, Gadadhar and Baragaon areas. Locals said that the tidal waves may destroy the geotube wall built at Pentha coast under Mahakalapada subdivision. They informed us that sometimes the waves rise 40 metres above the embankments and surge into the villages. Similarly, the embankments of Brahmani, Kharasota,



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



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TPNODL Conducts Extensive Safety Drive for Monsoons

Balasore: As a part of its monsoon preparedness drive, TP Northern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPNODL) the joint venture between Tata Power and the Government of Odisha has announced various safety measures for its customers and employees along with taking steps to ensure seamless power supply throughout the monsoon season.

The company has urged its customers to discharge

their duties as responsible citizens and abide by the safety norms.

Customers are requested to shut off the main switch in case of meter cabin leakage, to properly examine any possible faults in wiring by a licensed holding electrical contractor, and to avoid overloading and touching electrical installations with wet hands. TPNODL has urged its customers to inform any sort of sparking incident at electricity poles and street

lights using the toll-free customer care number issued by the company. The company has brought in large-scale transformation in its customer care service to ensure expedited solutions and to avoid unfortunate electrical accidents. Consumers are appealed to dial the toll-free number 1800-3456718/1912 to avail all kinds of assistance at the time of any unforeseen situation.

TPNODL has doubled

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-educators, 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 LifeGoals, 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.

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.

"Keeping with our

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.

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

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

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

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.

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. Note-worthy 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; Dhrithiman Dutta at 99.87; Harish Kumar at 99.86; Eshwaran 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 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 pincodes, 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.



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.

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.



Competition for opening spot a 'good thing', says Gill

New Delhi: That was the phrase Shubman Gill used to describe India's 4-1 series win in Harare, a scoreline that belies the manner in which India lost the first match and barely does justice to the manner in which they dominated thereafter. But the turnaround witnessed in Harare also extended to Gill, who only weeks ago had been left out of the T20 World Cup squad. Picked to lead an inexperienced squad in Harare, Gill not only showed good tactical acumen but also shone as an opening batter, top-scoring with 170 runs at a strike-rate of 126 and sending a memo to the selectors that he's still up for it. His performance in Harare is surely going to add a lot of weight to his T20I resume. In fact, he presents a strong case after the retirement of Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma from the format and looks favourite to couple with Yashasvi Jaiswal at the top of the order, but there are challenges he will need to stave off.



For starters, there's his Punjab teammate Abhishek Sharma, who came into the side on the back of a hard-hitting IPL and played exactly like that in the two opportunities he got at the top of the order. The second of those ended in a hundred, his first in international cricket and sat snugly into the style of play that India have been growing comfortable with. Then there's Ruturaj Gaikwad, who didn't get an opportunity to open but what he brings to the table was for everyone to see.

New Delhi: Skipper Shubman Gill did not fail to carry on the long-going tradition of team India, as he handed over the side's Zimbabwe series trophy to debutants Dhruv Jurel, Abhishek Sharma, Tushar Deshpande and Riyan Parag during the celebrations. Sanju Samson was the star of the show for India as they defeated Zimbabwe by 42 runs in Harare on Sunday, July 14. India ended their Zimbabwe tour in the best way possible after Samson's 58 and a disciplined effort with the ball from Mukesh Kumar helped India secure the win and seal the series with a resounding 4-1 scoreline. Zimbabwe was once again left to rue their poor middle order

name the squad for the next series (3T20Is, 3 ODIs in Sri Lanka)." While Gill's strike-rate was the least when compared to the three other potential opening batters in the squad - Jaiswal (166), Gaikwad (158) and Abhishek (175) - the India captain alluded to tacky pitches upfront and the need to play a certain way in order to set the game up for those who follow. "The wickets were a little challenging for the first 5-6 overs and the ball always did something in the powerplay, so we tried to lose a few

stars did receive a lot of flak on social media from fans, with some of the stars being labelled as IPL players. However, the likes of Abhishek Sharma, Ruturaj Gaikwad and Ravi Bishnoi stepped up to help them to seal the series easily. The arrival of the T20 World Cup squad members in Sanju Samson, Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shivam Dube added more steel to

wickets upfront and then capitalize later," Gill explained.

Gill's captaincy, though, is a huge green tick for him as India look to the future after the retirement of Rohit. "One thing about captaincy I feel is how much confidence you can show in your players. I try to do that and make them believe that if you try and execute the plans, the results will always follow," Gill said.

"After losing the first match, we were under a bit of pressure. It's not easy to play back to back games and the series was planned in a way that there were two back-to-back games, a couple of days rest and then again back-to-back games. It's never easy playing a series like that but I think the way we came back after losing the first T20I was really remarkable.

"I think going 1-0 down in the series and then the way we came back was truly remarkable. Seeing everyone hungry and so quickly adapting to the situation and assessing the conditions was truly spectacular to watch."

Shubman carries on MS Dhoni tradition, hands series trophy to debutants

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stars did receive a lot of flak on social media from fans, with some of the stars being labelled as IPL players. However, the likes of Abhishek Sharma, Ruturaj Gaikwad and Ravi Bishnoi stepped up to help them to seal the series easily. The arrival of the T20 World Cup squad members in Sanju Samson, Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shivam Dube added more steel to

the Indian squad, which ultimately proved to be too much for the hosts. Speaking at the post-match press conference, Shubman reflected on his side's performance throughout the series and how they came back from behind to glory.

"Excellent series. The hunger that we showed after the first loss was phenomenal to watch.

Lot of the players had long flights, they weren't used to the conditions. The way they adapted was remarkable. I have been there (Sri Lanka) once for Asia Cup, looking forward to go there and performing," Shubman said.

Messi in tears on the bench after being substituted in Copa America final



New Delhi: Lionel Messi was in tears on Argentina's bench after being substituted due to an injury during the Copa América final against Colombia on Monday.

Lionel Messi was left shattered in tears on Argentina's bench after being substituted due to an injury during the Copa America final against Colombia on Monday. The 37-year-old exited the match with a non-contact injury after chasing the ball on defence, limping off the pitch in tears. Earlier in the match, Messi went down with an apparent leg injury while attempting to kick the ball before it went out of bounds. He planted his right leg awkwardly and seemed to make contact with Colombia's Santiago Arias.

Messi writhed in pain, clutching his lower right leg, and rolled over

several times. Trainers attended to him for a few minutes before helping him to his feet. He walked slowly towards the sideline but later reentered the game. Messi had been dealing with a leg injury and discomfort throughout much of the tournament, causing him to miss Argentina's group stage finale. He managed one shot attempt in the first half on Sunday. Earlier, the Copa America final between Argentina and Colombia was delayed by over an hour on Sunday after thousands of fans without tickets rushed security and attempted to force their way into the stadium, according to organizers. Video on social media showed security clashing with fans as they ran across concourses and tried to breach the gates of Hard Rock Stadium in

Miami Gardens, Florida. Police managed to close the gates and initiate a lockdown, resulting in scores of people stuck outside trying to enter before the match kicked off. Both teams were taken off the field as the chaos unfolded. According to reports, several people were ejected from the stadium by security staff, while some players reported that their families were caught up in the chaos and were unable to enter the venue, which is set to host matches during the 2026 World Cup. South American football's governing body CONMEBOL pushed the start time back three times: from 8:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., then to 8:45 p.m., and finally to 9:15 p.m., when the teams were able to line up for the national anthems and begin the match.

Samson, Mukesh star as India complete a 4-1 drubbing

New Delhi: Led by Sanju Samson's second T20I half-century and Mukesh Kumar's career-best efforts, India registered a comfortable 42-run win over Zimbabwe on Sunday at the Harare Sports Club to complete a 4-1 win in the five-match series. After having posted 167 for 6, India bundled out Zimbabwe for 125.

After having made an aggressive start in the run-chase, Zimbabwe's momentum was squeezed out in the middle overs through regular strikes. The hosts lost four wickets and failed to score at even run-a-ball during this period, a phase in which India found a steady 65-run partnership to lay the foundation of a late attack.

With the top three blown away quickly, Sanju Samson and Riyan Parag steadied the Indian innings with a fairly conservative approach. The ball did nip around a bit as the Indian batters controlled their aggression. They didn't manage to find a four through the middle period, but did give the occasional every over.

Brandon Mavuta faced the brunt of this attack as he was catted for four sixes, including twice off successive deliveries by Sanju Samson in the 12th over.

Even as Sanju Samson was dismissed soon after scoring his half-century, Dube took over the mantle of the attack in the company of death-over specialist Rinku Singh. Dube deposited a low full toss by Ngarava over long on and Rinku deposited Faraz Akram straight down ground for a six.

Despite losing opener Wessley Madhevere for a duck in the opening over, Zimbabwe kept a positive approach in the chase. Brian Bennett hit a couple of crisp boundaries off Tushar

Deshpande before becoming Mukesh Kumar's second victim in the powerplay. Tadiwanashe Marumani and Dion Myers took the attack to Ravi Bishnoi and picked up 16 runs in the last over of the Powerplay.

India pulled the momentum back in the middle period with regular strikes. The spin trio of Bishnoi, Abhishek and Washington Sundar, along with Dube's medium pace proved too difficult for the Zimbabwe batters to put away. After the set batters, Marumani and Myers departed, Raza was sent back courtesy a direct by Dube from short fine. To complicate the chase further, Jonathan Campbell pulled Dube straight to the deep square leg fielder in the