



PCC President Sarat Pattnaik Felicitated by PARYABEKHYAK & THE KALINGA CHRONICLE GROUP EDITOR

Bhubaneswar, (KCN Bureau): Dr. Pabitra Mohan Samantaray, the Editor-in-Chief of the Odia daily "Paryabekhyak" and the English daily "The Kalinga Chronicle," recently honoured Pradesh Congress Committee President Sarat Pattnaik at his residence in Kalinganagar, Bhubaneswar. The occasion was marked by the presentation of a

bouquet and angabastra alongside the prestigious "Paryabekhyak" Silver Jubilee plaque. During the event, Dr. Samantaray and Shri Pattnaik engaged in discussions regarding recent political issues

affecting both the state and the country. The dialogue highlighted significant political developments and the future direction of political efforts. Shri Pattnaik emphasized his commitment to

addressing the fundamental problems faced by the people of Odisha. He assured that the Congress party would continue its relentless efforts as the opposition to foster development

and progress within the state. In addition to political discourse, Shri Pattnaik conveyed his best wishes for the continued success of the "Paryabekhyak" and "The Kalinga

Chronicle" families. His words underscored the importance of media and journalism in driving societal progress and holding the political landscape accountable.

The felicitation ceremony underscored the collaborative spirit between the media and political realms in Odisha, reflecting a shared dedication to the state's growth and development.

Lakhs witness Lord Jagannath's 'Suna Besha' ritual in Puri

Puri(KCN): Lakhs of devotees Wednesday witnessed Lord Jagannath's 'Suna Besha' ritual in which the idol, seated on a chariot in Puri, was adorned with gold ornaments embedded with precious stones. The idols of his siblings – Devi Subhadra and Lord Balabhadra – were also decorated by servitors with golden jewellery and attires atop their chariots in front of the 'Singha Dwar' (Lion's Gate) of the famous 12th-century temple. Sources said that the sibling deities wear gold jewellery weighing nearly 208kg on this occasion.



The embellishment of the idols known as "Suna Besha" (golden attire) is held two days after the sibling deities return to Shree Jagannath Temple following their nine-day

stay at the Gundicha Temple, considered their birthplace. "The devotees can have darshan of the deities till 11pm Wednesday night," Shree Jagannath

Temple Administration (SJTA) chief administrator Arabinda Padhee told reporters. Puri district Collector Siddharth Shankar Swain said: "We have

made arrangements for the smooth darshan for 15 lakh devotees. The golden attires of the deities would be removed at about 11pm. The people can have a glimpse of the trinity between 5 pm to 11 pm." The ornaments used in the Suna Besha are stored in the outer chamber of the Ratna Bhadar (treasury) and brought to the chariots escorted by armed security personnel, temple officials and priests. The gold ornaments used in this ritual included hands, feet, third eyes, crowns, peacock feathers, earrings, necklaces, lotus and conch.

"Disbursement Of Funds Under 'Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha' Scheme To Be Probed": Panchayati Raj Minister

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Disbursement of funds under the 'Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha' scheme of the previous BJD government will be probed, Panchayati Raj Minister Rabu Naik said on Wednesday. 'Ama Odisha, Nabin Odisha' was not an actual scheme but was operating on an ad-hoc basis, with work orders being issued under the names of junior engineers (JEs), said Naik.

"The department was in the dark about who was carrying out the work and to what extent it had been completed. The secretary of the department was uninformed, and the

public," affirmed Naik. It is important to note that the BJP had contested the 'Ama Odisha, Nabin Odisha' initiative of the former BJD government, which was launched in October 2023. The initiative faced controversy because it did not incorporate the recommendations of elected representatives for panchayat projects, fund allocation, and usage. Allegedly, work orders were issued under the names of JEs, with lists prepared by the Block Development Officers (BDOs) and forwarded to district Collectors. The officials were tasked with allocating Rs 50 lakh for panchayat projects.

CM Majhi Approves Dissolution Of State Planning Board



is very likely over East Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat Region, Kerala, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, and North Interior Karnataka during the next five days, Marathwada on the 17th and 20th;

In East and Northeast India, fairly widespread to widespread light to moderate rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms, and lightning is very likely over West Bengal and Odisha; scattered to fairly widespread light to moderate rainfall over Bihar, Jharkhand and Northeast India during the next five days.

In Northwest India, scattered to fairly widespread light to moderate rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms & lightning very likely over Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Rajasthan during the next five days.

Monsoon To Be Active In Peninsular, Central India For Next 5 Days



New Delhi(KCN): The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Wednesday said the monsoon is likely to be active in peninsular and central India during the next 4 to 5 days bringing heavy rainfall in these regions.

"Isolated extremely heavy rainfall very likely over South Interior Karnataka, Saurashtra and Kutch on 17th and 18th; Konkan and Goa, Coastal Karnataka on 18th July and isolated heavy to very heavy

rainfall during subsequent 3 days," the IMD said.

*Fairly widespread to widespread light to moderate rainfall accompanied with thunderstorms and lightning very likely over West and Central India, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Coastal and South Interior Karnataka during the next five days.

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LoP Naveen Assigns 50 BJD MLAs With Task To Monitor Activities Of Various Depts



in the assembly, to protect the rights of Odisha residents and the interests of the public, the leader of the opposition party, Naveen Patnaik has given responsibility to 50 elected members of Biju Janata Dal. Patnaik expressed the hope that the move will help the opposition BJD in the assembly to carry out its duties more efficiently.

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Bhubaneswar(KCN): In a move aimed to strongly counter the BJP-led govt in the Odisha Assembly, LoP and ex-CM Naveen Patnaik assigned various departments to 50 BJD MLAs, who would closely watch their activities & raise issues about the departments in the state assembly. The opposition party is the watchdog of public interest and plays an

The Odisha government dissolved the State Planning Board on Tuesday, which was established by the previous BJD government.

Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi sanctioned the proposal to disband this planning entity.

Although the Chief Minister presides over the apex planning body, the former BJD government had appointed senior party leaders as its deputy chairman and members, none of whom have convened in many years.

The rain

By Dr. Arundhati Devi
The rain outside is falling
And the sky above me is grey
And the cold is just appalling
Why did I come out today?

The rain outside is howling
The raindrops incessantly drum
I fantasise about crawling
Into my blankets snug and warm...
All depressed and duly sheltered,
It's the sunshine that we covet -
We are all under the weather;
We could hardly be above it...

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RAINY DAY

By Anupama Bhuyan
I do not like a rainy day.
The road is wet, the sky is gray.
They dress me up, from head to toes,
In lots and lots of rubber clothes.
I wish the sun would come and stay.
I do not like a rainy day.

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I Love My Children

By Aparna Nayak

I am your parent, you are my child,
I am your quiet place, you are my wild.
I am your calm face, you are my giggle,
I am your compass, you are my wiggle.
I am your dinner, you are my chocolate
cake,
I am your bedtime, you are my wide awake.
I am your lullaby, you are my peekaboo,
I am your goodnight kiss, you are my
I Love You.

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Quotation of the Day

"Either you run the day
or the day runs you."

-Jim Rohn.

School teacher-writer-scientist Rekha Dan is no more



Distinguished Teacher - Science Club Worker - Science Writer - Environment Lover Rekha Dan (Pal) breathed her last at her residence in North 24 Parganas (WB) on Friday (05/07/2024) afternoon around 2.25 m. She was born on 18-3-1953 and was 71+ years old at her recent demise. During her student life (around 1969-1970) she came in contact with school teacher Kalyani Dasgupta. Later, she was closely associated with the Gobardanga Renaissance Institute from its inception (November 4, 1973) till the end of her life. She has been the fifth among seven children of her mother, Snehlata Pal and father, Harisadan Pal. The unforgettable death of her father in her childhood helped her to master the battle of life. She passed old XI (Science) from Khatnura High Girls School in 1970. From the prestigious Habra Shree Chaitanya College, she completed her BSc in the Bio Science branch and passed with distinction in

1973. On the advice of Prof. Shankarkanth Mukhopadhyay, Head of the Anthropology department of that college, she was admitted to the Anthropology department of the Ballygunge Science College under Calcutta University. She successfully completed her MSc toward the end of 1977. The Khatnura Pritilata Shiksha Niketan (Girls Department) was established in her own village not long ago. In 1976 she joined here as a teacher. She completed her BEd degree from the Gobardanga Hindu College between 1978-1980. She retired from the same school in 2013. She was very active from the beginning of her career as a scientist in the Science department of the Gobardanga Renaissance Institute between 14-15 August in 1979; and provided her commendable leadership and management skills in making this program a big success. Later she was also involved in the first West Bengal Beekeeping Conference held in 1980. This time she translated a science research article by Professor Tarakmohan Das as a science facilitator to help local beekeepers become aware of new developments in the discipline of Apiculture. She eruditely named her essay as 'The value of a tree is 15 lakh 70 thousand rupees'. Based on

Jawaharlal Nehru's birthday under the initiative of T.

Since its inception, the Gobardanga Renaissance Institute has been present with models in this exhibition every year. In 1978, she joined the exhibition as a teacher guide for five participating students. Rekha Dan was highly skilled in the art of science communication and actively educated and sensitized students on various aspects of Life Sciences and Environmental Sciences.

She also actively participated in the first ever All India Science Club Conference organized by Gobardanga Renaissance Institute between 14-15 August in 1979; and provided her commendable leadership and management skills in making this program a big success. Later she was also involved in the first West Bengal Beekeeping Conference held in 1980. This time she translated a science research article by Professor Tarakmohan Das as a science facilitator to help local beekeepers become aware of new developments in the discipline of Apiculture. She eruditely named her essay as 'The value of a tree is 15 lakh 70 thousand rupees'. Based on

current estimates this valuation has been set at even more than 5 crore rupees. The title commemorative book was later widely used by the West published that is



Bengal still remembered government in by many today. Inspired by the Gobardanga Renaissance Institute founder, legendary social worker and humanist, Mani Dasgupta; she participated in writing on various topics in the newspaper 'Gobardanga' (News - Literature - Science). She had a great talent for feature writing. Rekha Dan has also written many science articles for popular science magazines like Gyan O Vigyan, Gyan Bichitra, and Ki KO Ken; and in the 'Nature and Man' section of the Kalantar Daily, Kishore Gnology, Vigyan Mela, various local science

periodicals, newsletters, bulletins and in the

Anukul Patrika published from Bangladesh. In many such magazines, she has written on various aspects of science, technology, society and environment. She has extensively published articles on different topics related to nature and environment. A book on these has already been published by Gyan Vichitra Prakashani, 'Vigyan Sadhanay Bengali' and others in 2017. However, before this another book was published as a popular folklore work in 2000 entitled 'Wei Poka'.

Both books have been very well received by her readers. A third book with her remaining writings is on the pipeline. She has served as a Biology instructor for many years at the club's summer science camps. From 1989, Gobardanga Renaissance Institute first started Flower Fair, then Agriculture and Flower Fair. For this reason, she used to have spontaneous enthusiasm for various activities such as collecting donations from house to house, bringing flowers from different houses. In the early days of her career between 1999-2007, she was involved as one of

the organizers at the Gobardanga Book. Since 1977, she stayed active with the Calcutta Radical Humanist Association (RHA). She visited the RHA's room on the third floor of the College Street Coffee House several times. Through this source, she met many prominent personalities. She also contributed regularly to the publication of Jnana Vichitra Patrika published from Tripura and also took time to visit Tripura and interact with science communicators there.

Rekha Dan has been a regular presenter in various science related programs of Akashvani, Kolkata. In 2000, she was awarded the 'Gopal Chandra Bhattacharya Memorial Award' by the Science Association of Bengal. From 2010, Rekha Dan started suffering from various issues related to neurodegeneration. After 2015 she fell seriously ill.

Despite various medical efforts, she could not recover. She was always enthusiastic about all the activities of the school. She always tried to keep herself busy as an curious anthropologist. With two children (daughter and son) and her husband (Deepak Kumar Dan), Rekha Dan has been relentlessly engaged in all family activities. She was always used to a very simple lifestyle. Both her eyes have been donated to Prabha Eye Bank.

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Dharma clarifies rumours about 'Kill' remake: Only English language rights sold

Dharma Productions issued a statement on July 16 clarifying that only the English-language remake rights for 'Kill' have been sold. Indian-language remake rights have not been acquired by any parties yet.

'Kill' to be remade by Lionsgate and 87Eleven Entertainment, the production house behind 'John Wick' franchise. Dharma Productions issued a statement today, July 16, in order to clarify

the rumours surrounding the remake of 'Kill'. The production house shared a note on their official Instagram handle, where they addressed the speculations around 'Kill's remake.

Sharing this news on Instagram, they wrote, "Clarification regarding the remake rights of our film KILL. Putting the recent speculation surrounding the remake of our film 'Kill' to rest - we confirm that only the English-language remake rights for 'Kill' have been



rights have been sold. Indian language versions have not been acquired by any parties yet (sic)." The production house has confirmed that only the English-language remake rights for 'Kill' have been

sold to Lionsgate and 87Eleven Entertainment, the production companies behind the 'John Wick' franchise.

Chad Stahelski of 87Eleven Entertainment said in a statement, "Kill'

is one of the best action films seen recently. Nikhil has given such action sequences that more and more audiences should see. It is a pleasure for us to remake it. We have great responsibilities and I look forward to working with Nikhil, Karan, Apoorva, Guneet and Achin to achieve it."

In a joint statement, the makers of 'Kill' said, "When we made Kill with Nikhil Nagesh Bhat, we dreamed of global love

and the noise of 'Kill' in

North American cinemas was like seeing that dream come true. As we approach our global release, we are happy that 87Eleven Entertainment will remake our film in English."

'Kill', directed by Nikhil Nagesh Bhat and starring Lakshya, Raghav Juyal, and Tanya Maniktala, was released on July 5 in Indian theatres and in the US theatres on July 4.

Sanya Malhotra wins Best Actress award at New York Indian Film Festival for 'Mrs'

Sanya Malhotra won the Best Actress award for her role in 'Mrs' at the New York Indian Film Festival 2024.

The film is a remake of the Malayalam film, 'The Great Indian Kitchen', which revolves around Sanya's character who navigates the challenges and expectations imposed by society and her marital life.

'Mrs', which has only travelled to film festivals, will soon release in theatres. Filmmaker

Arati Kadav was also nominated in the Best Director category.

In 'Mrs', Sanya Malhotra portrays a woman navigating the challenges of being a wife while yearning to discover her own path and express herself freely. The film tackles societal pressures to conform, and Sanya's performance has resonated with critics and audiences at film festivals.

Earlier this year, Sanya



received the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for her performance in 'Kathal'.

The teaser of Sanya Malhotra's 'Mrs' was unveiled in November 2023. Sharing the same, Jio Studios' official Instagram handle wrote, "All set to inspire, move and spark conversations about the challenges & triumphs faced by women globally at the world stage! We are happy to announce our film #Mrs, a captivating story of strength & resilience, will have its World Premiere at #TalinnBlackNightsFilmFestival on 17th November. The powerful narrative has also been selected under the Critics' Pick Competition category at the film festival (sic)." Sanya Malhotra had quite an eventful 2023. She was seen in 'Kathal', 'Jawan' and 'Sam Bahadur'.

'Gully Boy' to 'Darlings'- Vijay Varma has come a long way

Gully Boy, India's official entry to the Oscars celebrates 4 years today, and while the film was highly celebrated for its impactful performances, it was dark horse Vijay Varma who stood for the sheer potential he showed and for holding his own despite the strong and established cast.

The actor was praised for his performance as Moeen Arif, and his portrayal instantly caught the attention of audiences and critics alike. From thereon, Vijay continued to impress with web series' like A Suitable Boy, She and Mirzapur 2 and Ok Computer, all of which he won rave reviews for.

But it was finally with



Darlings, that Vijay Varma cemented his position as the 'King of Grey' as his character 'Hamza' was yet another example of Vijay's incredible prowess as a performer who constantly raises the bar with every project he takes on. Critics spoke

about how Vijay 'nailed the character', 'was like a chameleon', 'terrific and absolutely scintillating' making audiences feel the dread that Badru (Alia Bhatt) felt everytime his character Hamza came home.

From being a supporting cast alongside

Alia Bhatt in Gully Boy to being a parallel lead opposite her in her production Darlings, the actor has come a long way in the last 4 years and his journey has been nothing short of inspiring.

It's no surprise then that after his phenomenal performance in the film, he is now part of some of the most exciting theatrical and OTT content including Sujoy Ghosh's untitled next alongside Kareena Kapoor Khan, Reema Kagti's Fallen and Sumit Saxena's untitled project that took almost 100 days of immersive, relentless work. Each of these are versatile and challenging but nothing that the actor can't pull off!

Success of Shah Rukh Khan's Pathaan is the victory of the age-old, exploitative, nepotistic top-heavy system, says Vivek Agnihotri



The Kashmir Files director Vivek Agnihotri, who had previously criticised Pathaan amid the controversy over the Besharam Rang song, recently credited Shah Rukh Khan for the success of the Siddharth Anand directorial. However, he said in the podcast, "They will go back to their fundamental beliefs that audience is an idiot and you just need star power and lot of marketing hype to make a film successful."

"After Pathaan, I have a feeling that everybody will fall back to the same old system because Pathaan's success is the success or in today's environment I would choose the word victory. It's the victory of the age-old, exploitative, nepotistic top-heavy system," he added.

The filmmaker further said that Pathaan's success should also be credited to those who threatened to boycott the film and made 'stupid statements' against it. He said that the film's promotions had turned into a political campaign, adding that Pathaan worked purely because of SRK's charisma and his fan following.

"The way he marketed it, the way he took it on his shoulders 'that, okay it's my film and I am responsible for it' which is pretty good. I also think that some credit should also go to people who were making stupid statements against the film and people who were unnecessarily protesting and asking for boycott and these are different people from regular 'Boycott Bollywood' gang," he said.

Pathaan has now become the highest grossing film in the history of Hindi cinema. The movie has grossed Rs 901 crore worldwide. While it has grossed Rs 558 crore in India, it has raked in Rs 343 crore in the overseas market.

The movie also features Deepika Padukone, John Abraham in the lead, followed by Dimple Kapadia, Ashutosh Rana and others in pivotal roles.

Speaking about the immense success of 'Pathaan', Shah Rukh Khan had shared "The four years that I had... Covid had good and bad parts. I didn't work. I was with my children. I saw them grow up. My last film had not worked and people had said my movies now won't work. So, I thought of an alternate career: cooking Italian. In these four days, I've forgotten my last four years."

Samantha Ruth Prabhu Climbs 600 Steps Barefoot, Prays to Palani Murugan



Samantha Ruth Prabhu climbed 600 steps of the Palani Murugan temple in Tamil Nadu on February 13 draped in an all-white churidar-kurta and offered prayers at the temple.

She also lit a camphor diya and tweeted on the same. She was accompanied by her

Jaanu' movie director C. Premkumar and other friends. The actor, who suffers from Myositis, an autoimmune disease condition that causes acute muscular pain, has started shooting for the web series 'Citadel' in which she shares screen space with Bollywood actor Varun Dhawan.

'Citadel' is the Indian version of the international sci-fi action web series of the same name created by the Russo Brothers AGBO. I am also looking forward to working with Varun for the first time. He is someone who is full of life and cheer when you are around him. Samantha is awaiting the release of her Telugu mythological movie 'Shakunthalam' in which she shares the screen with Prakash Raj and Dev Mohan. The movie is to be released on April 14.

DK, who had helmed the popular web series, 'The Family Man', in which Samantha played the role of Raji, a Sri Lankan Tamil militant.

She had recently tweeted: "I am thrilled to be part of this brilliant universe conceptualised by the Russo Brothers AGBO. I am also looking forward to working with Varun for the first time. He is someone who is full of life and cheer when you are around him. Samantha is awaiting the release of her Telugu mythological movie 'Shakunthalam' in which she shares the screen with Prakash Raj and Dev Mohan. The movie is to be released on April 14.

The Indian web series is directed by the director duo Raj and Priyanka Chopra plays the lead.

Discrimination in Medical Treatment



In the hallowed halls of hospitals and clinics worldwide, a disturbing reality often lurks beneath the surface: discrimination in medical treatment. Despite healthcare being a fundamental human right, millions face unequal access based on factors ranging from race and economic status to gender and geographic location. Let's dive deep into the shadows of healthcare disparity, uncovering poignant stories and stark statistics that illuminate the urgent need for equity in our medical systems.

Discrimination in medical treatment manifests in various forms, impacting individuals across different demographics and socioeconomic backgrounds. It transcends geographical boundaries and affects both developed and developing countries, albeit in different degrees and contexts. Furthermore, discriminatory practices can be embedded within healthcare institutions, affecting policies, procedures, and interactions with patients. Implicit biases among healthcare providers may influence clinical decisions and patient outcomes, perpetuating disparities. A study published in 2022 found that medical students and healthcare professionals often hold implicit biases against certain racial and ethnic groups, which can impact treatment decisions and patient care. Structural barriers such as

inadequate healthcare infrastructure, insufficient funding for public health programs, and disparities in health insurance coverage contribute to unequal access to medical treatment. Social determinants of health, including education level, employment status, housing conditions, and access to nutritious food, significantly influence health outcomes and access to healthcare services. Low-income families in urban areas of developing countries may struggle to afford basic healthcare services and medications, leading to higher rates of preventable diseases and poorer health outcomes.

In many parts of the world, maternal mortality rates vary significantly based on socioeconomic status, geographic location, and access to quality healthcare. Women from marginalized communities often face higher risks during pregnancy and childbirth due to barriers such as inadequate prenatal care and limited access to emergency obstetric services. In Nigeria, where maternal mortality rates are among the highest globally, women from rural areas and lower-income families are disproportionately affected due to limited access to skilled birth attendants and emergency obstetric care. Members of the LGBTQ+ community (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and individuals born with variations in sex characteristics including Asexual and Pansexual) in the United States frequently encounter discrimination when seeking healthcare services, ranging from refusal of care to derogatory remarks from healthcare providers. A survey conducted by the

Human Rights Campaign found that nearly one in five LGBTQ+ individuals reported having been refused care by a healthcare provider due to their sexual orientation or gender identity. Indigenous Australians experience significant disparities in healthcare access and outcomes compared to non-Indigenous Australians. Historical and ongoing systemic discrimination, coupled with cultural insensitivity in healthcare delivery, contributes to higher rates of chronic diseases and lower life expectancy among Indigenous populations. Research by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has shown that Indigenous Australians are twice as likely as non-Indigenous Australians to report fair or poor health status, highlighting persistent health inequities. India continues to grapple with high maternal mortality rates, exacerbated by disparities in access to quality healthcare services. Women from marginalized communities, particularly those in rural areas and from lower socio-economic backgrounds, face significant challenges in accessing timely prenatal care and skilled birth attendants. In states like Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, which have some of the highest maternal mortality rates in India, women from disadvantaged communities often lack access to adequate healthcare facilities and trained healthcare providers. This results in higher rates of maternal deaths due to preventable causes such as postpartum hemorrhage and infections. The lack of accessible healthcare facilities and skilled birth attendants disproportionately affects

Bruhaspati Samal

marginalized women, perpetuating intergenerational cycles of poor health outcomes and socioeconomic disadvantage. Members of the LGBTQ+ community in India frequently face discrimination and stigma when seeking healthcare services. Deep-rooted societal prejudices and legal ambiguities contribute to healthcare providers' lack of understanding and sensitivity towards LGBTQ+ individuals' unique healthcare needs. A survey conducted by the Naz Foundation in 2022 found that nearly 40% of LGBTQ+ individuals in India had experienced discrimination or harassment while accessing healthcare services. Instances include healthcare providers refusing treatment or making derogatory remarks based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Indigenous and tribal communities in India face significant healthcare disparities, stemming from historical neglect, geographical isolation, and cultural barriers. Limited access to healthcare facilities, inadequate infrastructure, and insufficient healthcare resources contribute to poor health outcomes among these populations. Tribal communities in states like Jharkhand and Odisha often lack access to basic healthcare services such as immunizations, prenatal care, and treatment for common ailments. Healthcare facilities in tribal areas are understaffed and under-equipped, resulting in higher rates of preventable diseases and maternal mortality. The healthcare disparities faced by indigenous

populations perpetuate cycles of poverty and ill health, further marginalizing these communities within the broader socio-economic framework of India. Ayushman Bharat Yojana (PMJAY) introduced in 2018 aims to provide health coverage to over 50 crore individuals from economically weaker sections. However, disparities exist in the implementation across states. For example, as of 2023, states like Kerala and Tamil Nadu reported higher utilization rates compared to states like Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, where utilization remains lower despite similar population demographics. This discrepancy indicates uneven access to healthcare services based on geographic location within India itself. In Bihar, only 25% of eligible families utilized PMJAY services in 2022, while in Kerala, the utilization rate was nearly 70%. This highlights stark regional disparities in access to healthcare under the same national scheme. National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) launched in 2005 to address healthcare disparities in rural areas aims to provide accessible, affordable, and quality healthcare to marginalized communities. However, resource allocation and healthcare infrastructure development under NRHM vary significantly across states, leading to disparities in healthcare quality and access. As of 2023, rural health infrastructure in states like Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh lags behind southern states such as Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. This disparity affects the quality of medical treatment available to Indian nationals residing in rural areas. Private healthcare facilities in metropolitan cities often cater to affluent

individuals, resulting in higher treatment costs that are prohibitive for many Indian nationals from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. A study conducted in 2023 revealed that the average cost of a major surgical procedure in private hospitals in Delhi is approximately Rs.2 lakh, whereas the same procedure costs around Rs.50,000 in government hospitals. This cost disparity underscores the economic discrimination faced by Indian nationals seeking medical treatment in urban centers. According to a survey conducted by Oxfam India, one in four Indians faced discrimination while accessing health services due to their caste and religion. A third of Muslim respondents, over 20 per cent Dalit and Adivasi respondents, and 30% of overall respondents reported being discriminated against on the grounds of religion, caste or because of illness or health conditions in a hospital or by a healthcare professional. Fifty percent respondents said they were not provided with an estimated cost of treatment / procedure before the start of the treatment / procedure when they or their close relatives were hospitalized in the past 10 years, it claimed. While 31% respondents reported being denied case papers, patient records, investigation reports for treatment/procedure by the hospital even after requesting for the same, 35% of women said they underwent physical examination by male attendant without a female present in the room, the report said. Nineteen per cent of the respondents whose close relatives were hospitalized said they were denied release

of dead body by the hospital. The surveys show that the basic rights of patients' in India are being routinely denied in healthcare facilities, for the poor and middle class alike. While 74% respondents were asked to get tests / investigations done without explaining their disease, nature and / or cause of illness, nearly 57% who were themselves or their relatives had been hospitalized did not receive any information about investigations and tests being done.

Discrimination in medical treatment is a complex and multifaceted issue that undermines the fundamental right to health for millions of individuals worldwide. Addressing healthcare disparities requires a concerted effort from governments, healthcare providers, civil society organizations, and the broader community to dismantle institutional biases, eliminate structural barriers, and promote equitable access to healthcare for all. By advocating for inclusive policies, investing in healthcare infrastructure, and fostering a culture of respect and empathy in healthcare delivery, we can strive towards a future where every individual receives dignified and equitable treatment, regardless of their background or identity. Together, let us commit to building a healthcare system that upholds the principles of justice, compassion, and human rights for generations to come.

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Choosing The Right Skincare For Your Little One this Monsoon



You finally have a bundle of joy - a baby in your lap. But now, a question bothers you. What should be done for the baby's skincare? The answer lies in the unique needs of your baby's skin. It requires a specifically formulated cream, as gentle and tender as their delicate skin demands.

The skin of a newborn is tender and soft. Baby skin is untouched and pure, just as nature intended it to be. A child's skin is thinner, retains less water, is paler, and is more likely to be damaged by the sun and other environmental irritants and allergens.

The skin hasn't fully developed yet, so it is more sensitive, delicate, and prone to infections.

Selecting the ideal baby face cream for your baby is crucial to maintain their delicate skin health. It involves meticulously considering various factors to ensure your baby's skin remains healthy and nourished. Are you faced with a market flooded with products boasting lengthy ingredient lists and unfamiliar additives? Perfume, soap and alcohol, often found in adult products, can all irritate your baby's skin or even cause an allergic reaction. Skincare products made for babies should have lower levels of fragrance and should not contain soap or alcohol.

But in a market loaded with so many baby care brands, how do you make the right choice? Well, here are some key recommendations to help you find the right baby care products this Monsoon.

1--Look for gentle ingredients: With their extra-sensitive systems, babies need gentle ingredients free from harsh chemicals and irritants.

One of the main purposes of baby skincare products is to prevent dryness. You should always read the ingredient label before making any purchase for your baby. It is very important to know what ingredients are safe for your baby and can help nourish their delicate skin. Make sure the products you buy for your baby are free from synthetics of any kind. While all products have different compositions, there is no substitute for gentle ingredients. So look for organic ingredients in the product before buying it for your baby.

For instance, Aloe Vera serves as a natural source of moisture, soothing a baby's dry skin. Aloe Vera is a natural coolant which is rich in vitamins and amino acids with healing properties.

Look for creams enriched with ingredients like shea butter, almond oil, coconut oil, mulethi, and cocoa butter. Natural oils not only nourish, hydrate, and condition your baby's

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hair and scalp but also possess soothing and anti-inflammatory properties that will prevent infections and inflammation by stopping the growth of harmful microbes on the skin.

Pick moisturizers that contain mild and natural ingredients known for their hydrating properties, such as shea butter or milk cream.

2---Choose Organic Products -----

As a new parent, you may feel overwhelmed with decision-making, including what products to choose for the delicate and sensitive nature of a newborn's skin. The way you care for your baby's skin is important to their health. It can take two to four years for a child's skin to undergo the full maturation process.

During critical periods of development, like infancy, what goes on in our baby's skin can go into our baby's body and have an effect.

With organic products, you can protect your baby from harmful chemicals that can

cause rashes, eczema, acne and other skin irritations. So, opt for organic instead of natural products to provide the safest and purest care to your little bundle of joy. Nowadays, organic products are more easily available than earlier, and if you can get your hands on organic baby products, that's the best you can do for your little one's health and safety.

Organic skincare products for babies contain ingredients that are grown without any kind of chemicals, whether fertilizers or pesticides. Opting for natural and toxin-free baby care products is paramount in ensuring the utmost safety and protection for your little one. Choose wisely to provide gentle and effective care for your newborn's delicate skin.

3---The Art of Bathing-----

Are you nervous about bathing your newborn baby? If your baby's umbilical stump has fallen off, then it's time for a major milestone: the first bath.

Bath time can be slightly tricky in the initial months.

However, as you begin understanding your baby's needs, it can prove to be a fun session with your little one.

Bathing a slippery

baby may feel daunting at first, but with a little practice, you'll start to feel more comfortable at bath time.

How often you bathe

your baby is subjective.

Bathing your baby too

much can dry out your

baby's skin.

A bathing routine

every night before

bedtime can be

OK as long as parents

are adding a moisturization routine as well. If you bathe your baby after a feeding, consider waiting an hour time for your baby's tummy to settle a bit first because moving may cause vomit.

Make sure that you have a nonslip mat or pad and a bath thermometer (optional) to make your baby feel safe, warm, and comfortable.

Measure the temperature of the water to avoid overheating or

chillness. Always use lukewarm water for baby baths. Warm water can leave a child's skin dry and dehydrated. There should be a fixed time for the bath which will help the baby to form a habit of an orderly schedule

4----Sun-Safe Babies -----

Sun protection is important at every stage of life, including infancy, no matter how dark or light your baby's skin tone is. Keep newborns and babies under 6 months old out of direct sunlight, especially during the peak time of sun exposure when UV rays are strongest. Take the baby for an early morning or later afternoon/evening walk instead. Avoid using sunscreen because infants are at greater risk than adults of sunscreen side effects, such as a rash. Baby's young skin can't metabolize and excrete chemicals often found in sunscreens. Look for natural shade, such as under a tree. Or

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PECUC Announces New Goodwill Ambassadors for Child Rights Promotion



Bhubaneswar (KCN): People's Cultural Centre (PECUC), dedicated to promoting and protecting children's rights and wellbeing, has announced child artists Suhana Kar, 13, and Tapas Kumar Sarangi, 12, as its newest Goodwill Ambassadors for promotion of child rights and wellbeing. This announcement was made during the 35th Foundation Day celebration of PECUC at Gita Gobinda Sadan, Bhubaneswar. Since 2010, PECUC has been appointing Goodwill Ambassadors to campaign for promoting children's rights and a child-friendly environment. These

ambassadors work for protection, participation, development and survival of children and also on various campaigns, including education, environmental conservation, ending child marriage and child labour, healthy children, etc., and addressing issues like violence, bullying, and online safety. The ceremony started with remarks by Mr. Ranjan Kumar Mohanty, Secretary of PECUC, who emphasized the importance of child rights & wellbeing and the role of Goodwill Ambassadors. Dr.

Minakhi Panda, Chairman of PECUC, made the public announcement, and Ms. Anuradha Mohanty, Executive Director of PECUC, introduced the new ambassadors. Ms. Ratna Dash, Treasurer of PECUC, delivered the vote of thanks. Eminent cine actress Bhoomika Dash and sportsperson Anshika Routray, former Goodwill Ambassadors of PECUC, presented SASHES to the new ambassadors. Other notable attendees included Olympian Anuradha Biswal, Director of PECUC and Banchhanidhi Pattnaik,

Renowned Artist. Suhana Kar expressed her excitement about her new role, stating, "It's a huge honor to join as PECUC's Goodwill Ambassador, and I am looking forward to campaigning for the rights and wellbeing of children, to end child labor, promote education for all, health and nutrition for all children and end child marriage." Tapas Kumar Sarangi added, "As a Goodwill Ambassador of PECUC, I am grateful for this opportunity to work for children and their wellbeing including rights of children to play, participation in decision making regarding the issues pertaining to them and their ecological rights."

Mr. Subhajit Panda, anchored the programme. Mr. J.S. Mohanty, Ms. Puja Panda, Dr. Sumitra Mohanty, and Ms. Alpana Dash of PECUC facilitated the program.

Industry oriented seminar by ICC



Bhubaneswar (KCN): Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Centre for Food Processing Industry oriented conference in collaboration with Ministry of Industries held at a star hotel in Bhubaneswar. ICC Odisha State Council Chairman JB Panigrahi presided and said that the Food Processing (FP) sector has emerged as an important segment of the Indian economy in terms of its contribution to GDP, employment and exports. During 2015-2022, FP sector has exhibited an Average Annual Growth Rate (AAGR) of around 7.3%, a robust growth with record levels of production.

There is an urgent need for R&D improvement for the sector to become more competitive across the states and worldwide as well. Odisha is endowed with diverse agro-climatic conditions, fertile soil, and ample water resources, which support the cultivation of a wide variety of crops including rice, pulses, oilseeds, fruits, vegetables, spices, and marine products. These abundant agricultural resources provide a strong foundation for the food processing industry in the state to emerge as a significant contributor to the state's economy since the sector has the

potential to add significant value to agricultural produce, reduce post-harvest losses, and generate employment opportunities, especially in rural areas. ICC Agri and Food Processing Committee Chairman Sriram Panda gave detailed information on the program. Harshita Joshi of Invest India presented on World Food India-2024. Minhaj Alam, Additional Secretary, Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries, as the chief guest, said that Government Of India To Promote Upcoming Mega Event World Food India Which Show Case the Potential of The Food

Processing Sector In Global Perspective. Mr. Alam Has Invited Odisha Government To Participate In This Mega Initiative Of Goi. He Has Highlighted The Various Components Like Exhibition, Buyer Seller Meet, Visit Of Food Street Which Will Occur During The 4 Day World Food India In The Month Of September. He Also Invited The Entrepreneurs And Startups From The Food Fraternity From The State Of Odisha To Join This Mega Event And Have The Global Exposure.

Honourable Guest Industry and MSME

Principal Secretary and IAS Hemant Sharma said the food industry is driven by raw material or demand driven. Packaged food is in high demand in the city. Odisha is now seeing development in both the fields. Many large food processing companies have opened Seman units in Odisha. Many MNCs want to enter franchise mode. So entrepreneurs of Odisha can take advantage of this. The food packaging industry has a future. An entrepreneur can set up with a small investment. Director of Industries and IAS Dr. as another guest. Prashant Kumar Reddy attended and discussed the food processing industry. ICC Odisha State Council Senior Vice President Rajeev S Sahu proposed vote of thanks. ICC Sr Director Madhuparna Bhowmick, ICC Regional Director J P Pal and other members of ICC Odisha State Council were prominently present.

CII Conclave Stresses Urgent Need to Prioritize Educator Wellbeing

Kolkata (ABHIJIT SETH): The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) recently organized an Educators Conclave at Taj Raajkutir in Kolkata, bringing together a diverse array of voices from the educational sector to address the critical issue of educator wellbeing. This event underscored the necessity of prioritizing the health, happiness, and professional growth of educators, who are pivotal in shaping the future of society.

Prof. (Dr.) Maitree Bhattacharya, Director of Jagdish Bose Science Talent Search, opened the conclave with a compelling discourse on the transformative power of education. Highlighting education as the most potent tool for global change, she emphasized the significant role educators play in tackling pressing global issues such as climate change, water scarcity, microplastic pollution, and the transition to renewable energy. However, she also pointed out the stark challenges educators face, particularly in rural areas. The inadequate teacher-student ratios, poor infrastructure, and limited digital resources hamper the potential of educators to deliver quality education. Moreover, the lack of career progression opportunities remains a longstanding issue, further impacting the morale and effectiveness of

teachers. Prof. (Dr.) Anupam Basu, Raja Ramanna Chair at Jadavpur University, stressed the importance of educators' wellbeing in nation-building. He called for a balanced workload to prevent burnout and ensure that educators can provide the best possible learning experiences. Prof. Basu also discussed the challenges and opportunities presented by the recent integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education. While AI can enhance learning, there is a risk of it undermining essential student skills if not carefully managed. He advocated for a collaborative learning environment over a purely competitive one,

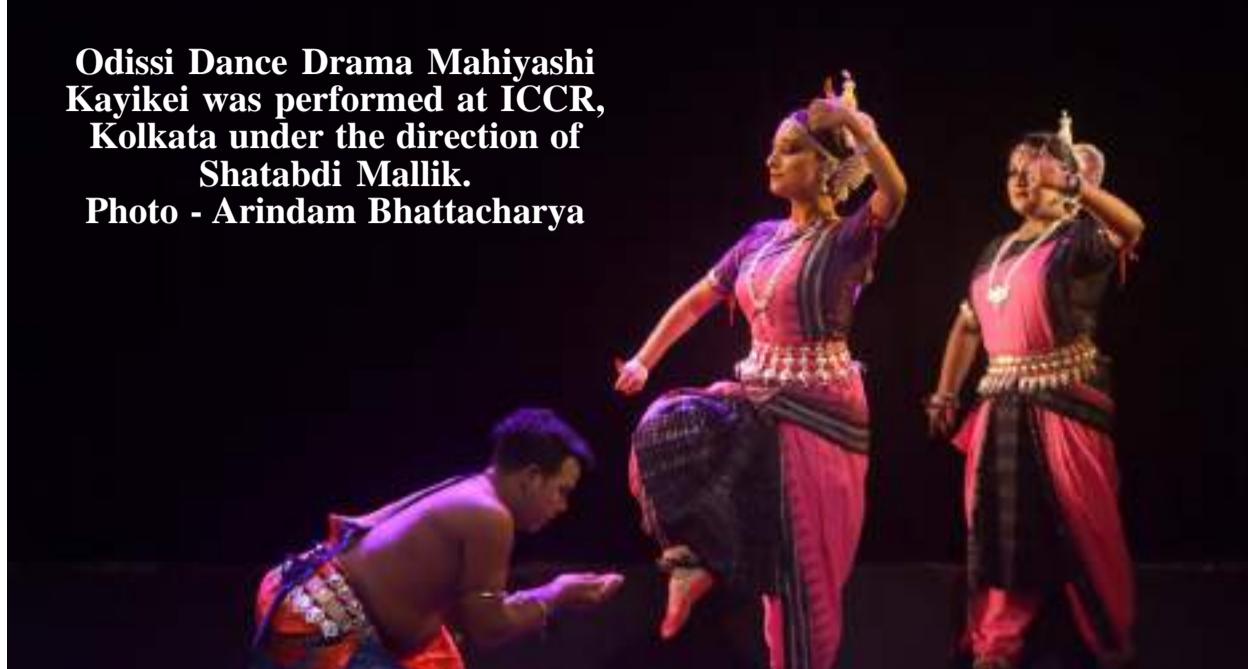
emphasizing the need to foster cooperation among students to create a more conducive educational atmosphere. Mr. Madan Mohanta, Executive Chairman of Tega Industries Ltd, highlighted the New National Education

Policy's contributions to sustainability, equality, and inclusiveness. He stressed that empowering educators is key to achieving these goals. By equipping teachers with the necessary tools and support, the policy aims to create a more equitable

and sustainable educational landscape. Mr. Ujjal Chakraborti, Managing Director of Jamshedpur Continuous Annealing & Processing Co. Private Limited (JCAPCPL), drew attention to the paradox between India's rising

GDP and its lower ranking on the Happiness Index. This discrepancy suggests that economic growth alone is insufficient; the wellbeing of individuals, particularly educators, must also be prioritized to achieve holistic societal progress. In a significant move to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of educators, CII organized the Acharya Samman Recognition of Excellence for Educators. This initiative honoured teachers and educators from various institutions who have tirelessly dedicated themselves to societal betterment, reinforcing the importance of their role in community

Odissi Dance Drama Mahiyashi Kayikei was performed at ICCR, Kolkata under the direction of Shatabdi Mallik.
Photo - Arindam Bhattacharya



4 arrested in attack on 2 youths of tractor showroom.

SUBARNAPUR (KCN): In Talmunda village under Binika police station of Subarnapur district, 2 salesmen of Shanti tractor showroom were attacked and his bike was completely burnt. According to the information, Mukesh Ranjan Mishra of Sonepur police station under Dungarpali village and Chandan Deheri of Binika Police station under Baunshuni village are both

working in Shanti Tractor showroom in Sonepur. Both of them came to Binika area with a glamor bike no - (OD 12B-7843) to promote the tractor and find customers. Yesterday, they were stopped near the Hanuman temple at the far end of Talmunda village when the Pitambar Padhan stopped them. Later, the Pitambar took away his bike keys and mobile phone. He later called Duryodhana

Padhan, Kailash Padhan, and Sanjaya Padhan of his village, who abused him in vulgar language. The four of them attacked Mukesh and Chandan to with iron rods and plastic pipes. Somehow Mukesh could not escape while Chandan was returning from there. They tried to take him inside the Pitambar house and kill him. Binika police received information from some source and

The villagers filed a claim with the Tahsildar to remove the government land seizure



SUBARNAPUR (KCN): The villagers of Koilisuta complained to the Harbhanga Tehsildar on Tuesday against the seizure of government land in Koilisuta Mauza under Boudh District Harbhanga Tehsil. Where the land is available, a person of the village forcibly occupied about 20 decimils of the said government land and turned it into agricultural land. Some other people also cut down trees from

one acre of government land and occupied it. Complaints for eviction have been made on behalf of the villagers. On the other hand, although the government is not directly occupying the revenue land, the villagers have complained that the Dhalpur Revenue Inspector (RI) is indirectly involved in insider trading and is involved in such unethical activities. Koilisuta

villagers have complained to the tehsildar to take legal action against the people involved in the encroachment and to take action according to the law. Likewise, in every mouza of the tehsil, there have been allegations of such people forcibly confiscating government land. Therefore, Harbhanga It is demanded that the Tehsildar take special action against the said complaint.



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Cong Demands Judicial Probe

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Targeting the State Government over the slipping of Lord Balabhadra during Pahandi to Adapa Mandapa in Puri, the Congress party today demanded a judicial probe into the entire incident.

Holding a press conference here at Congress Bhawan, Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) President Sarat Pattanayak today said a very unfortunate incident occurred during the Adapa Mandapa Pahandi of Lord Balabhadra

during Rath Jatra in Puri, which is hurt lakhs of Jagannath devotees. As the administration is also responsible for the incident, Shri Pattanayak said the government should set up a judicial commission led by a retired judge of Orissa High Court to probe the incident and submit its report within a month. Similarly, former OPCC President Prasad Harichandan alleged that several crucial rituals of Lord Jagannath and his siblings have been skipped during this year's Rath Jatra.

He alleged that the Netra Utsav has not performed as per rituals and the Lords have been taken in Pahandi without serving them 'Bhoga'. Meanwhile, Congress Veteran, Niranjan Patnaik has welcomed the recent opening of the Shree Mandir's Bhitara (Inner) Ratna Bhandar but has raised important questions regarding the timeline of the event.

Addressing the issue, Shri Patnaik h i g h l i g h t e d discrepancies in the widely reported claim that the Ratna Bhandar

was opened after 46 years.

According to records obtained through the Right to Information (RTI) Act, the Ratna Bhandar was last

questioned the veracity of recent reports suggesting a 46-year gap since the last opening.

Shri Patnaik also emphasized the need for a thorough investigation into the whereabouts of the Ratna Bhandar keys, which were presumably last used in 1985.

"The Bharat Ratna Bhandara was opened in 1985. The question is, where is that key?" asked Shri Patnaik.

He urged the government to investigate and disclose the location

of the key as recorded in the government registrar during that period.

Shri Patnaik also reminded the public of

Judicial Commission formed on June 6, 2018, under former Orissa High Court justice Raghbir Das, to investigate the loss of the key. Despite the c o m m i s s i o n submitting its report on November 29, 2018, the findings were never made public.

In light of these concerns, Shri Patnaik urged Chief Minister

Shri Majhi to release the Commission report immediately to ensure transparency and maintain the trust of Jagannath devotees across the State. He cautioned against the spread of false information regarding the Ratna Bhandar's history. "As Jagannath devotees, we deserve the truth. Let us not spread false news that the Outer Ratna Bhandara has been opened after 46 years. The government must refrain from such misinformation and act responsibly," said Shri Patnaik.

ACS Plants Trees In Smurti Van

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Planting a tree in memory of your loved ones is something unique, which not only helps you keep your memories alive but also uphold a cause of conservation of nature. Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Satyabrata Sahu has planted trees in memory of his departed father and mother in the Smurti Van (memorial garden) on 17 July here.

ACS Shri Sahu visited the Smriti Van and planted saplings to remember his parents.

A true nature lover and an obedient son, Shri Sahu, who loves his mother and father passionately planted two trees for remembrance. Not only ACS Shri Sahu, many renowned personalities have planted trees in memory of their family members, including former Chief Secretary Jugal Kishore Mohapatra, ex-IAS officer R. K. Sharma, retired IAS Mona Sharma, former PCCF J D Sharma, former RERA Chairman, Amiya Mohapatra and others have planted trees.

Many other prominent



members of the society including judges, high-placed government officials, doctors and businessmen, have planted saplings in memory of their loved ones. So far 1245 persons have planted trees and there is lot of space for the memory plants in the 'forest', being developed in an area of 17.5 acres by the Bhubaneswar Range Office, Patrapada under the City Forest Division, forest officials said.

The garden at Patrapada on the city outskirts was developed in April 2014 so that people could dedicate trees to their dear ones, celebrate birthdays or

anniversaries by planting saplings. In the garden, each sapling is placed in the centre of a 36-sq ft green lawn, beautified with ornamental plants, and special landscaping done there to the entire 17.5 acres. A stone plaque containing the name of the person in whose memory the sapling is planted will be placed near it. To give it a uniform look, the Department of Forest, Environment and Climate Change has designed the plaque and its content, so that all will look similar in shape and size, the official said. The management of the

memorial park is looked after by Ekamra Van Society, which manages the Ekamra Van on the western bank of Bindusagar with more than 100 medicinal plant species. Interested persons can contact the Khandagiri Forest Range Officer or the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) to plant a sapling in memory of their kin.

A minimal fee is being charged for proper care of the plant. One would get the opportunity on a first-come-first-serve basis. Cost per plant is Rs.8000, which includes cost of a plaque and lifetime maintenance.

SJTA Action Against Officials

Puri(KCN): The Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) today insisted legal action against the unauthorised persons found on the chariots during the Puri car festival on July 7 and 8 last.

Special officer of SJTA, Ajay Kumar Jena today filed a formal complaint with the Singhadwar police station to take legal actions against the unauthorised persons.

The Temple Administration in support of its complaint, has filed the relevant CCTV footage and the order prohibiting unauthorised persons from climbing the chariots, officials said. Earlier, SJTA Chief Administrator Arabinda Padhee had warned servitors and all concerned not to allow unauthorised persons on the chariots. Even, the Chief Administrator had to pull out one person sitting on the Darpadal chariot of



Devi Subhadra masquerading as a servitor. Dr. Padhee had directed the temple staff to identify the persons and file a complaint against them with the police. Meanwhile, the state is all set for the Suna Besha of the holy Trinity. The SJTA has made all arrangements for smooth completion of the rituals on time while the Police has made tight security arrangements in Puri town.

About 190 platoons of the police force will be deployed for the security and crowd management for the Suna Besha of Sri Jagannath and his siblings temple atop their

enforced along all the routes leading to Puri. Vehicle parking places will be regulated and drones will be used to monitor the crowd movement through two integrated control rooms. Senior police officers are entrusted for smooth conduct of devotees, he said.

A three-layer security cover will be laid around the three chariots during the Suna Besha. Arrangements are made for the VIP and VVIP darshan of Suna Besha.

The SP appealed to the devotees not to bring infants and very old persons to the event. The devotees were also asked not to use their mobile phones near the chariots.

The East Coast Railway (ECR) has announced plans to run 43 special trains to Puri from various destinations for tomorrow's auspicious ritual.



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BB Medicare opens advanced Bio Compostable Bags Manufacturing Unit at Tangi



Bhubaneswar : BB Medicare thrilled to announce the inauguration of cutting-edge Bio Compostable Bags Manufacturing Unit, set to revolutionize the sustainable packaging industry. The grand opening ceremony took place on June 17, 2024, The new facility located in Haladibasanta, Tangi, Cuttack.

This milestone marks a significant step forward in our commitment to environmental sustainability and

innovation. New manufacturing unit will produce high-quality bio compostable bags, designed to reduce plastic waste and its harmful impact on the environment. These bags are made from natural, renewable resources and are fully compostable, providing an eco-friendly alternative to traditional plastic bags.

The event was graced by Professor Pravat Kumar Roul, Vice Chancellor of Odisha University of

Agriculture and Technology, as the Chief Guest. Attendees had the opportunity to tour the facility and witness the advanced production processes. The manufacturing unit includes advanced Technology, utilizing the latest in eco-friendly manufacturing technology to produce durable and sustainable bio compostable bags such as grocery bags, garbage bags, pharmacy bags, shopping bags and carry bags. This unit expected to significantly reduce plastic waste,

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Nexus Select Malls unveils Purple Weekend across portfolio

Bhubaneswar : As the summer holidays draw near and individuals prepare to embark on a shopping expedition in preparation for their forthcoming sojourns, Nexus Select Malls unveils its latest initiative, "Purple Weekend," a weekend event featuring special offers, unforgettable entertainment, and an unparalleled shopping experience. The endeavor centered around "Savings & Excitement," is scheduled to kick start on April 19th, 2024 throughout all portfolio malls and will mark the beginning of a recurring monthly tradition wherein Nexus Esplanade will curate a unique weekend to present an ample selection of enticing discounts, deals and curated offers from a



diverse array of categories including fashion, food and beverage, electronics, movies, and hypermarket products

with the intention of accommodating each customer. Don't miss out on the inaugural Purple Weekend event! Mark your calendar, gather

friends and family and head to Nexus Esplanade between April 19th to April 21st.

As part of the Purple Weekend initiative

Gensol Engineering Ltd. emerged as a successful bidder for GUVNL's 250 MW (500 MWh) Battery Energy Storage Project worth INR 1340 Crore

Kolkata (AMBAR MUKHERJEE): Gensol Engineering Ltd. (BSE: 542851) (NSE: GENSO), a pioneer in solar power engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) services and electric mobility sector, has emerged as a successful bidder for 250 MW/500 MWh standalone Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) project from Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GUVNL).

The project will supply electricity on an "On-Demand" basis to Gujarat State's DISCOMs during peak and off-peak hours, thereby extending renewable energy

availability beyond solar hours, fulfilling Energy Storage Purchase Obligations, and enhancing grid resilience. The project will deliver 250 MW/500 MWh energy for two charge/discharge cycles per day. There is a greenshoe option of awarding second tranche of 250 MW/500 MWh at the discretion of GUVNL at the same terms and conditions; in case of exercise of greenshoe option the project could reach 500 MW / 1000 MWh, potentially generating a total revenue of approximately INR 2680 Crore over the 12-year Battery Energy Storage

Purchase Agreement (BSPA) tenure. Expressing his optimism about the future of BESS in India and Gensol's pivotal role in propelling the growth of this sector, Anmol Singh Jaggi, Managing Director, Gensol Engineering Limited said, "It's a proud moment for Gensol. This landmark for GUVNL BESS project not only highlights Gensol's expertise and reliability in the renewable energy sector but also sets a clear direction for our future endeavors. It aligns with Gensol's commitment to supporting India's energy transition goals through innovative and sustainable solutions. The BESS market in India is poised for exponential

growth, and Gensol is at the forefront, ready to lead this transformation. Securing this project enables us to make a significant impact on the Indian energy market while solidifying our position as a leading industry player in the renewable energy landscape, propelling the future of BESS in India."

Battery energy storage is increasingly deployed worldwide for renewable energy integration and managing grid uncertainties. As part of this project, Gensol will provide state-of-the-art energy storage solutions combined with advanced energy management systems, ensuring compliance with rigorous

Capri Global Capital Ltd announces Stock Split and 1:1 bonus

Mumbai (KCN): Board of directors of Capri Global Capital Ltd (CGCL), a diversified Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) with a presence across diverse segments like MSME, Affordable Housing, Construction Finance segments among others has approved stock split and 1:1 bonus issue. The company board also approved issuance of Non-Convertible Debentures through Public issue/private placement for an amount up to Rs. 500 crore in tranches.

The Board of directors at its meeting held on January 27 has approved sub-division of one equity share of the face value of Rs. 2 each fully paid-up into two equity shares of the face value of Re. 1 each fully paid-up. Company board also approved 1:1 bonus issue i.e. one new fully paid-up bonus equity share of face value of Re. 1 each for every one fully paid-up equity share of face value of Re. 1. Company has fixed the record date as Tuesday, March 5, 2024, for the stock split and bonus, subject to the approval of shareholders at the ensuing Extra-ordinary General Meeting of the Company scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 22, 2024.

For the Q3FY24

company has reported

net profit of Rs. 68 crore,

rise of 81.7% Y-o-Y from

the net profit of Rs. 37.4

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Crawley backs fan-centric entertaining play as batting mantra

New Delhi: Since Ben Stokes and Brendon McCullum took over as captain and coach respectively of England men's Test team, there has been a sporadic change. A cultural shift so to speak with the way England have played their cricket. Two years later, the vibe is very much on as their aggressive style of play which even borders on the extremes of adventurism continues to create divided opinions. Out of the 24 Tests under Stokes-McCullum, England have played out just a solitary draw, winning 15 and losing eight games during this phase.

Opener Zak Crawley, a key figure in the 'BazBall' philosophy, feels that his team's

impact has been beyond the stats of wins and losses. England's average run rate during this phase has been a phenomenal 4.58, as their batting unit took the intent levels over the roof across conditions. It hasn't all been rosy, of course, and the crash landing of the approach on the India tour did get the stick from critics but Crawley backed his side to keep doing the good work.

"I certainly feel we get more comments from people outside the ground saying, 'I watched you playing the other week, loved it'. That's awesome to hear, it's what you want," said Crawley at the press conference at Trent Bridge.

"You want people to enjoy watching you play

and I certainly feel that was heightened after the Ashes last year. We are here to provide something for the English people to enjoy and hopefully we keep doing that."

Crawley himself has gained immensely under England's current Test regime, having gone from a fringe Test player to a mainstay opening batter. After a struggling start to his red-ball career, Crawley has surged in the last two years, averaging 43.5 since the start of 2023 at a strike rate close to 80.

The Ashes series was where Crawley came of age, showcasing his strokeplay range and swagger against Australia's potent bowling unit.

Such has been



Crawley's rise that he even got the captaincy duties when England fielded a young ODI side against Ireland last year.

"It sneaks up on you, it's gone so quickly," he said.

"I've loved every minute of it. I feel like I have a responsibility to my team-mates to help them but I think that's across the board, to be honest. I don't feel like more than a leader than

anyone else."

Speaking of leaders, James Anderson continues to be in England's squad, albeit as a support staff. The veteran seamer, who has just retired from international cricket, had earlier this week revealed about staying on as a mentor for the rest of the summer. Crawley hoped that Anderson's presence would not only keep England's bowlers

on their toes but also prove a hefty challenge for the batters including himself.

"He said he's going to bowl in the nets. I just hope he's going to bowl cross-seam. I've faced enough seam up balls from him," quipped Crawley.

"He'll put the ball wherever he wants I suppose. A few flutters and half-volleys from now on I think, Jimmy."

Anderson's exit means the start of a new era for England's seam attack, given that they would be without the 41-year-old and Stuart Broad for the first time in close to two decades. Gus Atkinson's stellar debut at Lord's has come as a morale booster for the selectors and England's think tank as

they prepare for a smooth transition in this regard. Mark Wood's quiet progress over the last 12 months which include an impressive set of spells in the Ashes series will also hold the side in good stead.

While Chris Woakes remains the senior seamer in the squad, there are a lot of young seamers looking to force their way back in. Like Matt Potts who hasn't been in the radar despite making an impressive debut back in 2022. The latest to this list is Dillon Pennington who has been rated highly for his ability to generate pace and seam movement from a tall frame. Admitting the transition challenge to be tough, Crawley seemed upbeat about the talent pool.

"It's certainly a changing of the guard but it's really good to see some young talent coming in. Gus, Dillon, other guys like Potts (Matthew Potts). These guys are really talented bowlers and I find them hard to face. They're all going to go well and get the chance like Gus did.

"We're a very tight-knit group and we're all encouraged to add to the environment, help the environment. Even Dillon coming in for his first game, you're encouraged to help everyone around you."

England, meanwhile, have made just one change to their playing XI for Trent Bridge, with Wood replacing Anderson as the expected change in the line-up.

New Zealand to play England, Sri Lanka and Pakistan in home season

New Delhi: The Black Caps will play host to England, Sri Lanka and Pakistan in the home summer of 2024-25, New Zealand Cricket confirmed on Wednesday (July 17). The now-conformed itinerary will see the men's team play three Tests, six ODIs and eight T20Is during the home season.

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welcome Sri Lanka for a series involving three T20Is and as many 50-over games before travelling to Pakistan for an ODI tri-series, also featuring South Africa, in the build-up to the Champions Trophy that is pencilled in to start on February 19. New Zealand will return from that marquee ICC event and host Pakistan in a late-summer series featuring five T20Is and three ODIs, running until April 3. This assignment is likely to overlap with still-to-be-announced

schedule of IPL 2025. Meanwhile, the women's team will welcome Australia and Sri Lanka during the home summer, in which they'll play six ODIs and six T20Is. Australia will play the series in two parts: with the three ODIs in December and return again in late March for the T20Is. Sri Lanka will play their entire series in one shot, in March. Their last five T20Is of the summer will all be played as double-headers alongside the men's team.

Koraput 2 cricketer Indian Blind Cricket Team, Including 4 From Odisha, to Tour USA

Koraput: (KCN) Indian cricketer Sukhram Majhi and Nakula BadaNiaik will coach American children on cricket. Like India, players will be released to create a cricket team that is recognized in the US. After hearing this, there was a wave of happiness in Koraput. 2 cricketers from Koraput will go to America. So there is a lot of talk from village to city. Along with Sukhram, his fellow cricketer, the popular hero of Koraput district, will also go to America.

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advancing Colombian goalkeeper, Camilo Vargas, in the 112th minute, igniting wild celebrations amongst Argentina fans. Lautaro Martinez's goal was his fifth of the tournament, cementing his position as the top scorer and earning him the Copa America 2024 Golden Boot. The match, held at Hard Rock Stadium, started 1 hour and 20 minutes late due to crowd trouble.

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international visually impaired cricket players from Odisha will also participate in the training program in America. Sukhram has been working as Junior Assistant (Const Clerk) in Government High School since 2022. After returning from his visit to America, he said that he will start two cricket teams of boys and girls in his school, train them and work for the



more pressure and how we are going to deal with those situations if we are put in them again. Not losing wickets in clusters. "We are pretty disappointed after the first Test. We have put that behind us, we've had our discussions, and we are looking forward to the second Test. We are doing everything we

can, rebuilding and going hard...into the next Test."

Da Silva acknowledged the soft nature of the dismissals from the West Indian batters and hoped they can trust the process more this time around. "Obviously in the batting a few of us didn't stick our hands up," Da Silva

said. "We had a few soft dismissals," Da Silva said. "It's about reminding ourselves of the process and trusting that process because all of us have a different way of going about it. It's just about trusting our own game and making sure we get the job done."

While West Indies's bowling was their better suit in the first Test, there still remains room for improvement.

Shamar Joseph, who had a stunning initiation to

Test cricket in Australia a few months ago, suffered a stiff left

hamstring and could bowl only 15.4 overs.

Despite the setback, the pacer looks set to be available for the second Test.

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New Delhi: Lionel Messi is set to miss at least two matches in the MLS for Inter Miami after returning from Copa America. Messi was injured while playing the final against Colombia after he twisted his right ankle.

Legendary Lionel Messi is set to miss at least two matches in Major League Soccer due to his ankle injury. Messi twisted his ankle in the Copa America Final against Columbia on 15 July. The Inter Miami captain's fate was confirmed by coach Gerardo Tata Martino on Tuesday, 16 July. Tata Martino confirmed that Messi will undergo further testing. "He twisted his ankle, and the injury is present so tests are needed and wait for results," Martino told reporters. "I've had the opportunity to see

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