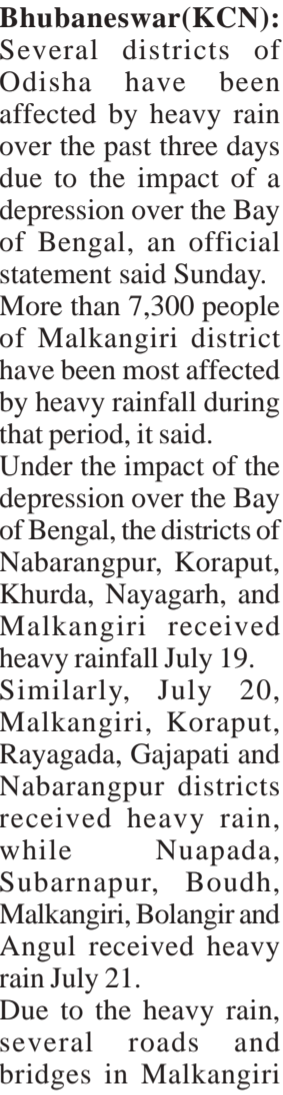


# Heavy rain lashes Odisha, over 7,000 affected in Malkangiri



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In another post, the Congress leader said, “How the political climate has changed! In the all-party meeting of floor leaders, the BJD leader reminded the Defence Minister and BJP President JP Nadda that the BJP’s manifesto for the 2014 Assembly

elections in Odisha had promised special category status to the state.”

Ramesh’s post on social media came when the meeting was still underway.

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# Odisha: All party meeting held ahead of budget session

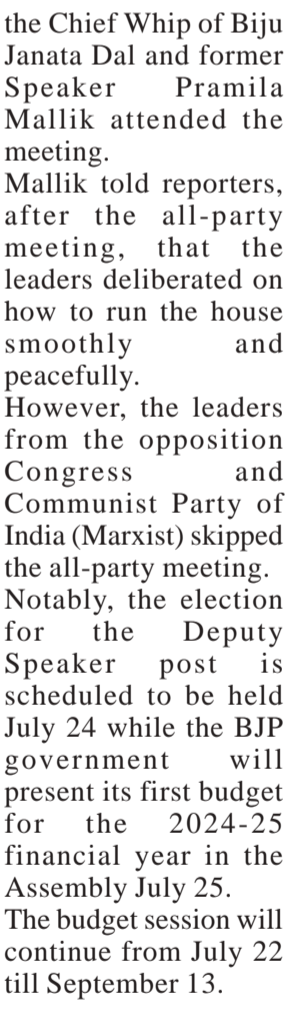
A portrait of a middle-aged man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a white button-down shirt. He is looking directly at the camera. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a desk or office environment with some papers and a wooden cabinet.

dissolved the Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee, various executive committees, frontal organisations and the Congress committees at the district, block and mandal levels.

“Congress President has approved the proposal of the complete dissolution of the Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee, including the President, PCC, its office bearers and executive committee, District/ Block/ Mandal Congress Committees, Frontal Organisations,

Departments and Cells, with immediate effect,” read a Congress statement. The current DCC presidents have been asked to serve as acting presidents till the appointments of new presidents by the party. Many party workers and senior party leaders in the state had of late openly advocated for the removal of Congress state president Sarat Pattanayak from his post following the party’s poor performance in the recently held general elections.

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Leaders of various parties Sunday attended an all-party meeting convened by the state government ahead of the budget session of the Odisha Assembly, which will start Monday. The budget session will commence with the address of Governor Raghubar Das. "Detailed discussions held on the suggestions made by the leaders of all the political parties during the meeting to ensure the smooth conduct of the current session of the 17th Odisha Assembly," said Speaker Surama Padhy who chaired the all-party meeting. "The new government's first session is going to begin Monday. We hope that the house will run smoothly under the leadership of Chief



**New Delhi(KCN):** The Congress Sunday sought the Lok Sabha Deputy Speaker's position for the opposition in the all-party meeting convened by the government ahead of Parliament session, and raised the issue of paper leaks, including of the prestigious NEET, sources said.

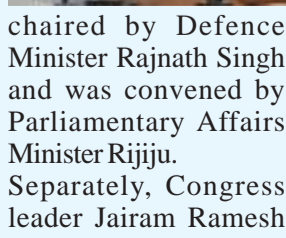
They said party leader Gaurav Gogoi said the opposition should be allowed to raise issues in Parliament after Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju sought cooperation from

every party for the smooth running of the two Houses.

Samajwadi Party MP Ramgopal Yadav, sources said, raised the issue of the Uttar Pradesh government's controversial directive to eateries on the kanwariya route to display the owners' names.

The YSR Congress spoke about the TDP government's alleged targeting of its leaders in Andhra Pradesh and sought the Centre's intervention.

The meeting is being



said that in the all-party meeting, the JD(U) and the YSRCP demanded special category status for Bihar and Andhra Pradesh respectively but “strangely” the TDP

kept quiet on the matter. In a post on X, Ramesh, who was present at the meeting said, "In today's all-party meeting of floor leaders chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, the JD(U) leader demanded special category status of Bihar. The YSRCP leader demanded special category status for Andhra Pradesh. Strangely, the TDP leader kept quiet on the matter."

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JD(U), a key ally in the ruling NDA had recently passed a resolution demanding special category status or package for Bihar. Though leaders from Andhra Pradesh had been demanding special category status for the state, the demand has again gained momentum post-Lok Sabha polls. BJP president J P Nadda, Congress leader Gaurav Gogoi and Union minister and LJP (Ram Vilas) leader Chirag Paswan were among the leaders who attended the meet.

Defence Minister Singh and Rijiju put forth the government's view at the customary meet. Besides, Congress' Ramesh and K Suresh, as also Asaduddin Owaisi of AIMIM, RJD's Abhay Kushwaha, JD(U) Sanjay Jha, AAP's Sanjay Singh, SP leader Ramgopal Yadav and NCP's Praful Patel were present at the customary meeting. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the Union Budget Tuesday during the session beginning

Monday. A united opposition is set to corner the NDA government on issues ranging from the NEET paper leak case to railway safety. The session begins Monday and will have 19 sittings till August 12 when the government is expected to present six bills, including the one to replace the 90-year-old Aircraft Act, and also get Parliament's nod for the budget of Jammu and Kashmir, which is under central rule. Sitharaman will also table the Economic Survey in Parliament Monday.

Kiren Rijiju Seeks Cooperation From All Parties For Smooth Functioning Of Parliament

New Delhi(KCN): A meeting of the Government with Floor Leaders of all Political Parties has been held under the Chairmanship of Rajnath Singh, Union Minister of Defence today, before the commencement of the Budget Session of Parliament, 2024. The Defence Minister welcomed all in the first meeting of the floor leaders of both the Houses of Parliament after the constitution of the 18th Lok Sabha. In his opening address, Union Minister for

Parliamentary Affairs, Kiren Rijiju informed that the Budget Session of Parliament will commence on Monday, the 22nd of July, 2024 and subject to exigencies of government business, the session may conclude on Monday, the 12th of August, 2024. The Session will provide 16 sittings spread over 22 days. Minister also informed that this Session will mainly be devoted to the financial business relating to the Union Budget for 2024-25 which will be

presented to Lok Sabha on Tuesday, the 23rd of July, 2024. However, essential legislative and other business will also be taken up during the session. The Economic Survey of India will be laid on the table of the Houses of Parliament on Monday, the 22nd of July, 2024. The Budget for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir for 2024 will also be presented on the 23rd of July, 2024. Tentatively 6 items of legislative business and 3 items of financial business have been

identified for being taken up during this session. The Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs further stated that the Government is always ready to discuss on the floor of the House, any issue as permitted under Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business by respective Presiding Officers. He also requested all party leaders for active cooperation and support for the smooth functioning of the two Houses of Parliament. The meeting was also attended by Union

Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Jagat Prakash Nadda, who is also Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Law & Justice and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Arjun Ram Meghwal and Minister of State in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Dr L. Murugan.

Three-layer security cover for first session of 17th Odisha Assembly, 30 platoon forces deployed

Bhubaneswar,(KCN): Elaborate security arrangements have been made for the first session of the 17th Odisha Assembly that begins on July 22. The Odisha Police has put in place a three-tier security cover in and around the Assembly. As many as 30 platoons of police forces have been deployed for the security purpose. Apart from it, bomb squads, dog squads, striking forces and SOG Jawans have also been deployed. Armed police forces have also been

deployed. The entire Assembly premises has been kept under CCTV surveillance. As per reports, all the roads en route to the Assembly will be diversified. The protesting areas in Master Canteen and Lower PMG have been kept under CCTV surveillance. As many as three barricades have been put up to bar the protestors from breaking into the Assembly premises. Apart from it, barricades have also been put in place around the Assembly. Armed

forces have been deployed at the entry points of the Assembly. Police DG Arun Sarangi himself reached the spot on Sunday and took stock of the security arrangements before the start of the Assembly session. Sarangi also held a meeting regarding the security arrangement with Bhubaneswar DCP, Police Commissioner, vigilance Director and other senior police officials. As per sources, proper arrangements have been made to ensure a smooth flow of traffic during the period.

Guru Purnima celebrated by Patanjali Yoga Samiti.

SUBARNAPUR(KCN):Today, Patanjali Yoga Samiti of Subarnapur district celebrated Guru Purnima at Mishra Palace in Udayanagar. District Yoga Samiti and In this Guru Purnima program organized in collaboration with Swachha Bharat Sangathan , the chief guest was Subarnapur Assistant Collector Mrs. Jyotirmayi Mallik, the guest of honor was Sonepur College Professor and female yoga instructor Pratima Rath, English lecturer Madan Sundar Kheti, Former College Principal Prahallad Mishra and the keynote speaker. The educationist Pradeep Kumar Purohit joined in and said that today is a day to remember and worship father, mother, guru and our nation. Retired Police Constable Mr. Ashok Hota, Retired Adarsh Teacher Rankamani Mishra and Art Culture Researcher



Natyashree Gadadhar Barik were felicitated by the guests and wished long life. District Patanjali Yoga Samiti President Gopal Negi presided over the event and journalist Manoranjan Tripathy coordinated the event in the program Patanjali Bharat Swaviman district president Manoj Kumar Panda, president of yoga samiti Satyaban Mishra gave thanks. Samiti Baidik Viswa

Shanti Jagya was organized by Baidik Viswa Shanti Jagya by Mahajan Arya, president of Veda Prachar Samiti and Pankaj Meher, president of Veda Prachar Samiti. While the lecturer Prasanna Karna couple completed the puja work, all the work was completed under the direct supervision of District Yoga Samiti Secretary Shribanta

Mishra. Social workers of Swachha Bharat Sangathan Indumati Purohit, Ganesh Mishra, Dr. Saroj Patel, Narayan Rath, Kahnu Sahu, Charan Das, Tarani Kumar Meher. All members of the Yoga Samiti including Akshaya Patra , Kunal Sahu, Durga Charan Sahu, Purna Chandra Khadagiri Major attended.

Central University of Odisha Shines at Government Achievements & Schemes Expo-2024, New Delhi



Koraput,(KCN): The Central University of Odisha (CUO) made a notable mark at the Government Achievements & Schemes Expo-2024 securing the first prize in the "Providing Excellent Higher Education" category on 21 July 2024. Organized by NNS Media Group, the expo was held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, from July 20th to 22nd, 2024, and showcased a variety of accomplishments and initiatives from across the country. The CUO delegation included Dr. Gurjeet Singh Walia (Associate

Professor & Head, Dept. of Statistics, Coordinator), Dr. Jyotiska Datta (Assistant Professor, Dept. of Mathematics, Co-Coordinator), Dr. Ravita Pathak (Assistant Professor, Dept. of Education, Member), and Dr. Elisa Mohanty (Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sociology, Member). The team engaged with ministers, representatives from educational institutions including IITs and Central Universities, media personnel, students, and the general public. Under the dynamic leadership of Prof.

Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the university's research efforts were a highlight at the expo. CUO's promotion of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) through events like Paramparik Kreed Mahotsava and the International Seminar on Santha Kavi Bhima Bhoi garnered significant interest. The 'Sakhsarata Abhiyan' conducted by CUO in different villages of Koraput district was considered as a major milestone in the event. Additionally, the Financial Support Scheme for Hostel Boarders, which

offers substantial fee waivers to students from lower socio-economic backgrounds, was well-received, prompting discussions about adopting the CUO model in other institutions. The Vice-Chancellor appreciated and congratulated the University community and all the stakeholders for their outstanding contributions towards this achievement and the development of the University. The CUO is witnessing newer heights of success through the guidance and cooperation of the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.



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Bad Newz box office Day 2: Vicky Kaushal film 'Kill' actor Raghav Juyal on linkup rumours, how it affects him



After giving actor Vicky Kaushal his biggest opener, "Bad Newz" swiftly entered its first Saturday and added a decent figure to its box office collection. The romantic-comedy began its run at the ticket counters by earning Rs 8.3 crore on Friday, July 19. On its first Saturday, July 20, the film witnessed over 16 per cent growth. As per industry tracker Sacnilk, Bad Newz earned Rs 9.75 crore (early estimates) on Saturday, bringing its total box office collection to Rs 18.05 crore within two days. The overall Hindi occupancy of the film was 26.81 per cent, with maximum footfall coming from the night shows. Bad Newz is expected to continue its upward trajectory even on Sunday to end its first weekend with an impressive total. The film will face its real test on Monday. Commenting on the film's strong start at the box office, film trade analyst Taran Adarsh wrote on X (formerly Twitter), "A strong start was on the cards thanks to the impactful trailer + hugely popular song [#TaubiTaubi], but the best part is, the strong start, coupled with positive feedback, has set the stage for a solid weekend total." As per Adarsh, the first weekend total of Bad Newz would be over Rs 30 crore. He stated, "#BadNewz has performed very well at major centres, while mass pockets saw ordinary to dull response... The strong performance at major centres is expected to drive growth on Sat and Sun... In all likelihood, #BadNewz should collect approx â,133 [+/-] in its \*opening weekend\*, which is an

excellent score." The box office performance of Bad Newz is being compared to this year's other mid-budget releases, Kareena Kapoor's Crew and Shahid Kapoor's Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya (TBMAUJ), both of which targeted the city audience. While Crew began its run at the theatres with Rs 10.28 crore and ended up earning Rs 32.60 crore over its first weekend, TBMAUJ collected Rs 7.02 crore on the first Friday and earned Rs 26.52 crore over the weekend. For now, Bad Newz is even performing better than 2024's surprise hit, horror-comedy Munjya. Munjya earned Rs 4.21 crore on its first Friday, and by the end of its first weekend, it had earned Rs 20.04 crore. Bad Newz has already collected Rs 18.05 crore within two days. The film, directed by Anand Tiwari, also stars Ammy Virk, Triptii Dimri, and Sheeba Chadha.



'Kill' actor Raghav Juyal speaks to IndiaToday.in about his experience of working on the Karan Johar and Guneet Monga production, and how he wants to be known for his work and not his personal life. Kill actor Raghav Juyal is currently garnering praise for his performance as the antagonist in the Dharma movie. The Nikhil Nagesh Bhat directorial stars Lakshya in the lead role, and is being lauded for its action-packed narrative. In an exclusive chat with India Today, the dancer-turned-actor spoke about his desire to be known for his work rather than the headlines around his personal life. Raghav is rumoured to be dating his Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan co-star Shehnaaz Gill. Before that, he was also linked with dancer Shakti Mohan, with whom he shared the stage on Dance+. During our chat, we quizzed the actor about how much this noise affects him, given he's just starting his career. Sounding rather disheartened, he replied, "Honestly, it does affect me a lot." "I have worked really hard to become an actor. I am not an overnight star. And I am not a star because of such headlines. I am being talked about because of my craft and my art. Also, I will never use someone's name to be in headlines. I want my acting, my talent, and my art to speak rather than my personal life. I have been following this for 14 years, and I would do the same forever," Raghav shared.

Akshay Kumar, Fardeen Khan's 'Khel Khel Mein' to release in September

Akshay Kumar announced the release date of his upcoming film 'Khel Khel Mein'. The movie starring Taapsee Pannu, Vaani Kapoor, Fardeen Khan, Ammy Virk, Aditya Seal and others in key roles, will release on September 6 in theatres. The date is special as it coincides with Akshay's birthday week. On April 27, the film's team shared a picture of the entire star cast on Instagram and announced the release date. The film is directed by Mudassar Aziz. Officially announcing the release date as September 6, their caption read, "Get ready for a rollercoaster ride of laughter, drama & loads of fun! Mark your calendars for September 06, 2024, when



#KhelKhelMein hits the theaters." Reportedly, the movie is a situational comedy with three couples. Akshay mentioned in an interview that he is returning to the comedy genre with several films in the pipeline. The plot centers around a group of friends gathering for dinner, during which they unexpectedly reveal secrets about each other. This film is an official adaptation of the 2016 Italian comedy thriller 'Perfect Strangers.' Meanwhile, other than 'Khel Khel Mein', Akshay Kumar also has 'Welcome To The Jungle,' slated for release during the Christmas 2024 weekend. Next, he will be seen in 'Sarfira,' directed by Sudha Kongara and set for a theatrical release on July 12.

Ayushmann Khurrana, Karan Johar team up for spy comedy: Reports

Ayushmann Khurrana is gearing up for his maiden venture with Karan Johar's Dharma Productions in 2024, following the success of 'Dream Girl 2' as per the latest reports. This upcoming project, co-produced by Karan Johar and Guneet Monga, is believed to mark an exciting new chapter in Ayushmann's cinematic journey. As per reports by Pinkvilla, the upcoming film, which is currently untitled, will be helmed by Aakash Kaushik. It promises to offer a fresh take on the spy comedy genre. According to sources, both Karan Johar and Guneet Monga have expressed great enthusiasm for the script.



They believe it strikes a perfect balance between espionage and humor, making it a compelling commercial prospect. "Karan and Guneet have been very excited about this subject as the script has shaped up well with a perfect blend of

espionage elements with comedy. The script tick marks all the boxes of a commercial film as it has scale, thrill, and action

with a lot of comedy, and the trio of Karan, Guneet, and Aakash feel that Ayushmann Khurrana fits the

character to the T," the source said. Adding, the source said, "The film will go on floor in a couple of months and the official announcement with the title is around the corner. The makers are in advanced stages of discussion with Sara Ali Khan to play the female lead." Meanwhile, on the work front, Ayushmann Khurrana was last seen in 'Dream Girl 2.' Directed by Raaj Shaandilyaa, the film featured Ayushmann in dual roles alongside a stellar cast including Ananya Pandey as the lead, Annu Kapoor, Paresh Rawal, Manjot Singh, Rajpal Yadav, and others.

# Income Tax Search in what circumstances Part 4



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(Contd from 15th July, 2024)

15. Whether search warrant is required to be served: Search warrant is required to be shown to the person being searched and his signature is obtained confirming the fact that it was shown to him. The search warrant is not required to be served on the person being searched - Subir Roy v. S.K. Chattopadhyay [1986] 158 ITR 472 (Kolkata), Southern Herbals Ltd. v. DIT (Investigation) [1994] 207 ITR 55 (Kerala).

16. Whether authorized officer can issue a blank search warrant: The High Court of Punjab and Haryana in the case of Jagmohan Mahajan v. CIT [1976] 103 ITR 579 (P&H) held that a search carried out on the basis of a blank warrant is illegal. Further in this case R.S. Narula C.J. observed-“The most serious content of the warrant of authorisation

is the name of the person whose premises, are sought to be searched. The warrant in this case was admittedly blank in that regard when it was issued under the signature of the Commissioner. The Commissioner has in the instant case acted in a more high-handed manner as held in the case of John Wilkes v. Wood [1763] 19 State Tr. 1153; 98 ER 489. I am unable to congratulate the Commissioner for his betraying the confidence reposed in him by the drastic provision of section 132 and throwing all sense of propriety and responsibility to the winds on mere suspicion or pretense.” Similar view has been expressed in the case of Manmohan Krishan Mahajan v. CIT [1977] 107 ITR 420 (P&H).

17. Whether search warrant can be issued in the name of the minor, legal heir of deceased person or a non-resident

living in India: There is no bar for issue of a search warrant in the name of minor or the legal heir of a deceased person or a non-resident living in India at the time of search provided the conditions in section 132 are met. If the Investigating Officer has reason to believe that the incriminating documents may be found in the residence of the employee of the person to be searched, he may issue warrant in the name of the said employee and can conduct search in the residence of the employee along with the search operation of the employer.

18. Rights of the person against whom the search is conducted: As per the ground rules framed for search and seizure by Union Government, the following are the rights of the person to be searched:

i. To see the warrant of authorisation duly signed and sealed by the issuing authority.

ii. To verify the identity of each member of search party.

iii. To have at least 2 respectable and independent residents of the locality as witnesses.

iv. To have personal search of all members of the party before the start of the search and after conclusion of the search.

v. To insist on a personal search of a

female by another female only with strict regard to decency.

vi. To have a copy of the Panchnama together with all the annexures.

vii. To put his own seals on the packages containing the seized assets.

viii. Women having the occupancy of an apartment to be searched, have right to withdraw before the search party enters, if according to custom, they do not appear in public.

ix. To call a medical practitioner, if he or any family member is not well.

x. To have his children permitted to go to school after the examination of their bags.

xi. To inspect the seals placed on various receptacles sealed in course of search and subsequently when re-opened by continuation of the search.

xii. To have the facilities of having meals etc. at the normal time.

xiii. To have a copy of any statement before it is used against him in an assessment or prosecution proceeding.

xiv. To have inspection of the books of account etc. seized or to take extracts therefrom in the presence of any of the

Authorised Officers or any other person empowered by him.

xv. Income Tax authorities have no power of arrest.

xvi. To object by way of filing a petition to the approval given by the CIT for Retention of Books and Documents beyond 180 days from the date of seizure.

19. In addition to above, the person raided has also the following rights:

a) Right of presence: He is entitled to be present during search - rule 112(8)

b) Right to worship: He is entitled to observance of his worship at the usual time even if a search takes place during the time of such worship.

c) Right to leave the spot of search: One is entitled to attend to his normal business or profession but this is subject to the fact that the assessee has to be present during the course of search for furnishing information or replying to questions regarding the acquisitions of the articles or the books of account found during the course of the search. After answering such questions or making his statement one can leave the spot of search. However, in some cases, the refusal to permit the assessee to leave the premises has been the subject of a major

controversy. The decision in the case of L.R. Gupta v. Union of India and others [1992] 194 ITR 32 (Delhi) is quite relevant in this context. In fact, in the case of L.R. Gupta, Delhi High Court observed that not permitting the assessee to attend the court amounts to confinement in the house or arrest of a person for which there is no provision under the Income-tax Act. SLP has been granted by the Supreme Court and reported in [1992] 194 ITR (St.) 239. In this context, the recommendations of The Chelliah Committee were as follows: “Since the Income Tax Department does not have the power to arrest and the ground rules announced on the floor of the Parliament in 1987 specifically lay down that the income tax authorities shall have no power to arrest, the general practice of the search party preventing an assessee whose premises are searched from leaving the building to attend to his work must be discontinued. After the person has made the statement required, he should be allowed to leave”.

d) Right to have his statement recorded properly: The searched

person has a right to insist on recording in his statement u/s 132(4) that a particular asset or a document, whether seized or not, was found in a particular room or almirah or a container normally used, either by him or a particular member of the family and about the ownership of the articles. If the statement is not properly recorded, he may state his qualifications at the place where he is asked to sign. If such an opportunity is not given to him by the officers at that time, he may, at the earliest, after the search, bring it to the notice of Authorising Officer and Assessing Officer so as to safeguard his position for the purpose of explaining the assets etc., in course of assessment. The raided person may also decline or object to the recording of the statement at a late hour of the night or in the early morning, on health grounds or on grounds of mental and physical exhaustion as, under such condition, he may not be able to recollect facts or furnish categorical replies. In spite of objection if a statement is recorded, he may insist on recording his objection. If a statement recorded in respect of a particular event from somebody

else is put to him, he has a right to insist for a copy of that statement before he furnishes his reply. In this connection the observations of the Supreme Court in the case of Suraj Mall Mohta & Co. v. A. V. Visvanatha Sastri & another [1954] 26 ITR 1 (SC) are relevant.

20. In this context it may be noted that the Task Force on Direct Taxes chaired by Dr. Vijay Kelkar in para 3.27 of its final report had recommended that -

a. The CBDT must issue immediate instructions to the effect that no raiding party should obtain any surrender whatsoever.

b. Where, a taxpayer desires to voluntarily make a disclosure, he should be advised to make so after the search.

c. All cases where surrender is obtained during the course of the search in violation of the Instructions of the CBDT, the leader of the raiding party be subjected to vigilance enquiry.

d. All statements recorded during the search should be video recorded.

(Contd.)

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# Regional languages should get attention in courts



It is noteworthy that while addressing the third convocation ceremony of Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University last Saturday, Chief Justice of India Justice DY Chandrachud said that local languages should be adopted for effective justice system. Recently, the Research Department of the Supreme Court conducted a survey of 81 universities and colleges and the analysis found that the general public feels hindered in understanding their rights and related schemes due to not knowing the English language. This means that in law universities, law is taught in English and many times students are not able to explain the legal process to the general public in legal aid centres. Many times it happens that common citizens who bring their cases do not understand what is being debated in the court. Justice Chandrachud further said, here I am not blaming anyone, rather my emphasis is on the fact that regional

languages should also be kept in mind in the process of studying law. Laws related to regional issues should also be taught in our universities. He said, suppose a person from a neighboring village comes to the legal aid center of your university and tells about his land related problem. But if the student does not know the meaning of Khasra and Khatauni then how will the student help that person. Therefore, regional languages should be kept in mind while studying law. Reiterating his point, the Chief Justice said that I am not saying that English should be removed from legal education, but regional languages should also be adopted along with English. Throwing light on diversity, he said, our country is full of diversity. Be it on the basis of language or region. It is known that in many countries of the world, legal education and legal proceedings are conducted in regional languages, which not only increases the access of all citizens to the legal system, but they also start aspiring to become lawyers and judges. Today it is well known that English dominates the study of law. As the documents are also in English, English prevails in the hearing also. Generally the decisions are also written in English. There

is some scope for local languages in the lower courts, but English is used in the Supreme Court, High Courts, Special Courts and Tribunals. If we talk about the provisions related to language mentioned in the Indian Constitution, then Article 348 (1) of the Indian Constitution provides that all proceedings in the Supreme Court and every High Court shall be in the English language, unless Parliament by law otherwise provides. Article 348(2) provides that the Governor of a State may, with the previous consent of the President, use the Hindi language or any other language used for the official purposes of that State in the proceedings of a High Court whose principal seat is in that State. Can authorize the use of. Further, the decision of the Central Cabinet Committee dated 21 May 1965 provided that any proposal relating to the use of a language other than English in the High Court would require the consent of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India. If we talk about those High Courts, where regional languages are used. Let us tell you that the use of Hindi in the proceedings of the Rajasthan High Court was authorized in 1950 under clause (2) of Article 348 of the Constitution. The use of

Hindi was authorized in the High Courts of Uttar Pradesh (1969), Madhya Pradesh (1971) and Bihar (1972) in consultation with the Chief Justice of India. If we look at the historical perspective of Indian courts, we will find that before the arrival of the British in India, the courts used local languages for judicial proceedings. But, after the establishment of British rule, English became the language of the courts. English was the language of the rulers and the educated elite and was used to maintain control over the people. After independence, the Constituent Assembly of India recognized the importance of regional languages and adopted a policy of promoting them. This resulted in the inclusion of regional languages as official languages of the country. Today, 22 languages have been given the status of regional languages in the Indian Constitution. However, the language of the courts remained English, which became a symbol of elitism and a barrier to access to justice for many. It is noteworthy that along with starting engineering education in regional languages in the country, efforts are being made to start medical education in

regional languages along with English. Therefore, now steps will have to be taken towards editing law studies in regional languages. In fact, all the developed countries of the world have given utmost importance to their mother tongue and local language. For this reason, mother tongue and local language were made the medium of education of our country. This also includes those countries whose mother tongue is not English. Russia, China, Japan, Germany and France instead of giving importance to English language, made their mother tongue the medium of education. But due to the continuation of English language in India, the importance of local languages started decreasing. As it is not unfair to learn English, but it is completely unfair to give it a place above the mother tongue. However, an attempt has been made to overcome this shortcoming in the new Indian education policy. In this, importance has been given to mother tongue and local language. So that Indian languages will get protection. Indian languages can be given due importance from school education to higher education. Let us tell you that a national institute, Indian Institute of Translation and Interpretation, will be established for all Indian

languages. This also includes engineering and medical studies. Keeping this in mind, engineering and medical studies were started in regional languages. It can be said that this will facilitate the students at the state level in studying medical education, since it has been observed that students coming from rural areas face difficulty in studying medical education completely in English in the initial phase. This step will not only encourage regional languages but will also make it easier to get medical education. Today it is well known that regional languages are in greater danger of extinction. How deep the threat to languages has become at present can be gauged from the fact that according to a study conducted by the United Nations in 2008, about 6780 languages are spoken in the world. Of these, there are 6432 languages which are spoken by only 1.5 crore people. There are 585 crore people who use 268 languages. In such a situation, it is really very worrying. In the current era of globalization, 90 percent of the total languages spoken across the world are on the verge of extinction. The crisis on their existence has deepened. In such a

situation, the big question is how to maintain the existence of languages? For this, there is a need to give preference to local languages. Also, there is a need to improve our mentality towards local languages. Today, a class is growing in the country and the world which takes pride in speaking the English language, this thinking has to be changed. Along with this, the need is being felt in school education today to develop such curriculum which supports multiple languages simultaneously. There is also a need to include chapters promoting the use of ancient languages in the school curriculum. Without this, it will not be possible to reduce the threat looming on the existence of regional languages. It is noteworthy that the Supreme Court of India has also taken steps to promote the use of regional languages. As the Supreme Court ruled in 2017, all high courts must use regional languages in their judgments. The Court also directed that translations of judgments should be made available in regional languages to promote better access to justice. But, we also have to understand that despite efforts to promote regional languages in the courts,

many challenges exist. If we throw light on the challenges, one of the biggest challenges is the lack of infrastructure and resources for translation and interpretation services. In fact, it becomes difficult to provide services in regional languages due to lack of trained translators and interpreters. Another challenge is the resistance of the legal community towards the use of regional languages in the courts. Some lawyers and judges consider English to be the language of the legal profession and oppose any attempts to change the status quo. This resistance may make it difficult to implement policies promoting regional languages in the courts. But to overcome all these challenges, we have to make a better action plan and strategy. So that regional languages not only get importance in the courts, but also ensure their usefulness.

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# CII Sensitizes Industries on Disruptive Marketing Strategies



**Kolkata (ABHIJIT SETH):**

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) recently organized a session on “Disruptive Marketing Strategies” at The Park Hotel in Kolkata. The event primarily targeted entrepreneurs in West Bengal, the second-largest MSME hub in India, aiming to equip them with innovative marketing approaches to enhance customer satisfaction and reduce purchase barriers. Dr. Andrew Fleming, the British Deputy High Commissioner for East & North East India, emphasized the investment potential for British stakeholders in India. He noted a 15% annual increase in UK exports, reaching £18 billion in 2022. Dr. Fleming

also highlighted the need to address food cost concerns, farmer well-being, and carbon emissions.

Mr. Subash Balar, Vice President of Marketing at ITC Limited, focused on the importance of understanding the “Need Gap” and exploring “Consumer Insights.” He introduced the concept of “Tentpole Communication” to effectively engage target audiences. Mr. Aseem Soni, CEO of Switz Group India, discussed the critical role of technology in manufacturing, servicing, and business operations. He advocated for incremental micro shifts as a form of disruption. Mr. Rahul Garg,

Founder of Moglix, explored the power of data personalization and digital marketing. He raised concerns about data linkage and the ethical implications of data usage.

Prof. Charanpreet Singh, Co-founder & Director of Praxis Business School Foundation, emphasized disruptive marketing strategies, focusing on product differentiation and strategic pricing to enhance market awareness.

Mr. Vikram Khinwasara, Co-founder of The Yellow Straw, highlighted that Indian consumers prioritize value for money and authenticity in marketing. Mr. Supriyo Sinha, Director

of Strategy & Transformation at Peerless Group, emphasized marketing driven by customer psychology.

Dr. Boria Majumdar, co-writer of Sachin Tendulkar's autobiography and Founder of RevSportz, stressed the role of disruptive marketing in driving growth within the Indian sports landscape. Mr. Tamal Ghoshal, Chairman of Shrachi Sports, discussed using sports as a communication platform, while Mr. Joy Bhattacharjya, CEO of the Prime Volleyball League, highlighted the impact of screen sports in marketing.

The session was a crucial step in empowering entrepreneurs in West Bengal with the knowledge and tools needed to navigate the rapidly evolving marketing landscape. By adopting disruptive strategies, businesses can better meet consumer demands, drive growth, and contribute to a sustainable future.



Trinamul Congress's Martyrs Day rally on July 21, Esplanade .

## Three lakhs fishes released into river Ganga by ICAR-CIFRI for conservation at Balia

**Kolkata, (KCN):** Depleted fish species of the Ganga river system were released into the Ganga river for its restoration and conservation by ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute. About 300000 (Three lakhs ) advance size fingerlings of Indian Major Carp viz. Catla, Rohu, and Mrigal fishes were ranched in the river at Hukum Chhapra, Balia, on 19th July, 2024. The event was organized under the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) project and it was briefed by Dr. Dharm

Nath Jha, Head of the Centre, ICAR-CIFRI, Prayagraj. The chief guest of the occasion, Dr Basanta Kumar Das, Director, ICAR-CIFRI, Barrackpore addressed the function and explained the projec in details. He elaborated the importance of fish for the river Ganga and duties of common man for its conservation. He also called for keeping it clean. Special guest on the occasion shri Bipin Vihari Ojha, from Fishries Dept. provided information on fishes of

river and its importance for river as well as for fishermen. Shri Ashok Kumar, SHO, Haldi Police Station assured for their assistance in restoration of fishes in the river. He urged for keeping Ganga river clean. Dr Ganesh Chandra of ICAR-CIFRI also address the audience and provided tips to save fishes of the river. The program was attended by the fishermen from nearby villages, fish traders, and local people living on the banks of Ganga. At the

end of the program, Dr. V. R. Thakur, Senior Scientist while expressing his vote of thanks, assured for successfully achieving the objectives of this project with the participation of the society. Dr. Archisman, Project Scientist along with his team were involved in procurement of the seed. Dr Rayees Bhat, Dr Sandeep Kr Mishra, Shri Susheel kr, Shri Rambhajan etc. participated in the program and addressed the gathering.

## Harsimrat K Badal appeals the centre to resolve the grievances of farmers immediately

**Chandigarh (JAG MOHAN THAKEN):**

Senior Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader and Bathinda MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal Sunday said it did not behove the NDA government to renege on the promise made to farmers by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and appealed to the centre to resolve the grievances of farmers immediately. Participating in the All-Party meeting called on the eve of the budget session, Mrs Harsimrat Badal said “it is not becoming that the Prime Minister makes a commitment to farmers and farmers still have to sit in dharna. All issues of farmers including making Minimum Support Price (MSP) a legal entity, should be resolved”.

The Bathinda MP also spoke on the increasing discrimination and even attacks on minority communities in the country. She said it was disconcerting that the Uttar Pradesh police was forcing members of the

minority community to display their name plates on vends and eateries which would hit them economically. “Similarly in Rajasthan baptized Sikh women were barred from entering the examination center for a judicial paper which is a clear violation of their fundamental right to practice their religion. A case under the National Security Act (NSA) was registered against the head of a gurdwara in Sri Ganganagar solely because the gurdwara head was speaking against someone who was calling for the destruction of gurdwaras”.

Speaking about the sharp increase in drug trafficking and drug addiction in Punjab, Mrs Badal said drones were being used to airdrop drugs from Pakistan. She said the situation had worsened due to the politico-police nexus in the State under the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) regime which was



taking a heavy toll on the people with drug overdose deaths being reported on a daily basis. Mrs Badal called for framing a comprehensive policy to curb trans-border smuggling of drugs as well as drug trafficking in Punjab. Mrs Badal also dwelt on how Punjab had been consistently robbed of its river waters and that now efforts were afoot to hand over Punjab's waters to Haryana and Delhi through the Sutlej Yamuna Link (SYL) canal. She said it was unfortunate that all national parties including the Congress, BJP and AAP had weakened Punjab's stand by

resorting to double speak on this most critical issue. “These parties oppose the construction of the SYL canal in Punjab but support the same in Haryana and Delhi”. She conveyed that Punjab would become a desert if the canal was constructed and that it would have a catastrophic effect on the farming community as well as the State's economy. Speaking about the lop-sided functioning of the central enforcement agencies, Mrs Badal said it was mystifying as to how Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal had been arrested in the Delhi liquor scam but no action was being taken against Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Mann despite the fact that the same scam had been perpetrated in Punjab. “This implies some sort of understanding with the AAP government in Punjab”, she added.

## Homage to Late Ratan Lal Parakh

**Kolkata, (KCN):** Churu

Nagarik Parishad organised condolence meeting and paid Homage to its Past President Late Ratan Lal Parakh on Saturday evening. Presiding over the meeting Dr SK Sharma former Sheriff of Calcutta appreciated the contribution of Late Parakh to Churu Nagarik Parishad. Social Activist Narayan Jain said that the virtues of Ratan bhajii are worth following by all. His sond Basant Parakh and Sanjay Parkah also paid homage and said that



in his memory his family will be happy to contribute in setting up medical facilities at Churu Nagarik

Parishad. Ram Prasad Saraf, RM Lakhota, TC Manot, Bharat Baid Jagat Baid, Sumit Seksaria, Arihant ParKh, Rajendra

Bardia, Kuldeep Manot, Aditya Parakh and others also remembered the commendable role of Late Parakh in Society.

## 34th International Pupil Colloquium to advance future of vision care

**Kolkata, (Saikat Kumar Basu):** The 34th International Pupil Colloquium July 20-22, co-hosted by LV Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) and India Vision Institute (IVI), has opened in Hyderabad bringing together top international experts and practitioners, including ophthalmologists, neurologists and optometrists, to discuss and advance the latest developments and research on the pupil to improve eye care and vision health. Dr Shrikant Bharadwaj, Scientist & Network Associate Director - Brien Holden Institute of Optometry and Vision Sciences, LVPEI and Colloquium Scientific Committee member, said “It is a pleasure to host the 34th International Pupil

Colloquium (IPC) in association with India Vision Institute, known for its work in vision care and development of the optometry and eye health sector in India. LVPEI and IVI staff have worked to put the conference together, which is being held after a three-year break owing to the COVID-19 pandemic” “The colloquium will focus on research and technology development in relation to pupils and will have participants from a range of disciplines. It will see invited lectures under five themes along with paper and poster presentations,” Dr Bharadwaj added. IVI's CEO Vinod Daniel said “We are pleased to co-host the pupil colloquium with LVPEI.

This partnership underscores IVI's commitment to fostering a collaborative environment and to furthering eye care.” “We hope to see the colloquium address both current challenges and future opportunities, with sessions being able to provide practical insights and actionable strategies for improving public eye care delivery,” he said. The program will include the prestigious Loewenfeld Lecture, to be given by Dr Greg J Siegle of the University of Pittsburgh. The Loewenfeld lectures, which have been part of the International Pupil Colloquium since 1999, are in recognition of Dr Irene Loewenfeld's contributions to the physiology of the pupil. Over three days, the

colloquium will feature keynote presentations, panel discussions, and workshops covering a range of topics, including cutting-edge research, clinical practices, and the latest technological advancements in pupil research for improvements in eye care and treatment. Attendees will have the opportunity to network with international and national participants, share insights, and explore new partnerships aimed at enhancing global eye health. The colloquium is open to professionals in eye care, including ophthalmologists, optometrists, researchers, and healthcare providers, among others.

## Bank Bachao Desh Bachao Manch Celebrates 56th Bank Nationalisation Day

**Kolkata (ABHIJIT SETH):** Jadavpur 8B, Kolkata, was alive with energy as over 500 citizens gathered for the Sankalp Sabha, organized by the Bank Bachao Desh Bachao Manch (BBDBM), to celebrate the 56th Bank Nationalisation Day and the first anniversary of Bank Bachao Desh Bachao Manch.

The event commenced with Shri Arun Roy inviting Rupak Chatterjee to recite a poignant poem addressing the turmoil in neighbouring Bangladesh. A minute's silence followed,

honouring the lives lost in the crisis. The program featured a powerful drama, “Bank Bachao Desh Bachao” scripted and directed by Rupak Chatterjee. This artistic endeavour added depth to the event's message. The assembly warmly welcomed Rahul Paul, a noted lyricist and social activist, into the BBDBM family. Eminent economist Dr. Prasenjit Bose, a steadfast supporter of the movement, delivered an impactful keynote speech alongside Shri Subrata Dasgupta, a respected social worker.

Their insights emphasized the critical nature of protecting public banks. Joint Convenors Shri Biswaranjan Ray and Shri Soumya Datta highlighted plans to combat privatization threats, aiming to expand efforts statewide and nationally. Notable speakers, including Shri Dilip Saha, Shri Nikhilesh Mitra, Shri Priya Nath Roy, and Shri Rupak Chatterjee, enriched the discourse with diverse perspectives. An appeal for financial support received an enthusiastic response,

with attendees generously donating. Activists distributed pamphlets and saplings in observance of “Aranya Saptah” earning appreciation from the local community. This gathering reinforced the community's unwavering support. Under the leadership of veteran social activist Shri KD Sarkar, the event showcased collective resolve in protecting public banks. Shri Priyabarata Chakraborty concluded the event with a vote of thanks.

# Resentment in Kandhamal: Delay in supply of ginger, turmeric seeds to farmers

**Daringbadi(KCN):**

Production of world-famous Kandhamal turmeric and ginger is at stake with farmers in the district turning their backs on organic cultivation of the much sought-after spices.

Such a situation has arisen because the farmers sometimes do not get loans for the cultivation, whereas many a time there is an inordinate delay in providing the seeds. Furthermore, the Horticulture department in Daringbadi does not take any step to provide the farmers proper training on cultivation of ginger and turmeric, it is

learnt.

While arrangements are made by the department to identify the farmers and supply them with free seeds for cultivation of ginger and turmeric, the process has suffered a long delay this year like every other year in the past. Samson Digal of Mundanaju village under Kirikuti panchayat and Amarendra Pradhan from Karipanga village of Simanbadi panchayat have alleged inordinate delay in distribution of seeds. This has spread apprehension among the cultivators regarding a successful yield.



Furthermore, the rain has played a spoilsport for the farmers who have received the delayed seeds as too much rain during plantation may affect the cultivation of ginger and turmeric. Doubting whether they will get a good harvest, some of them are selling the seeds in the market at

throwaway prices in order to earn some bucks.

While the market price of ginger is up to Rs160 per kg, the farmers are selling the ginger seeds at Rs120. Some others are taking to plantation half-heartedly after delayed arrival of the seeds.

As per sources,

harvested raw turmeric is being transported out of the state from this region at the same time when the department is supplying seeds to farmers for cultivation.

It is assumed that the farmers have already completed plantation of turmeric long before the delayed distribution of seeds. Consequently, leftover turmeric and collected from the forest is being sold to the traders, who are exporting the raw spices to Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh from here. "Awareness will be created among the farmers about proper utilisation of turmeric and ginger seeds being provided to them from

the department," said Sunil Behera, overseer of Horticulture department, in response to a query. He also warned that action will be taken against those farmers who are found to have received seeds and sold those instead of cultivating.

Regarding the delay in the distribution of seeds, he said, "After the delay of only a few days, now the seeds have been distributed for Kharif

cultivation."

It is pertinent to mention that a total of 453 quintal turmeric seeds were provided to 278 farmers in the month of May. Similarly, out of 326 quintal ginger seeds reserved to be distributed, 186 quintals has been distributed to 278 farmers in the first phase and, the distribution of 140 quintal ginger seeds to 200 farmers is underway in the second phase.

## Five timber smugglers held from Similipal Sanctuary

**Baripada(KCN):** The Forest department arrested five persons for felling valuable trees for timber in Similipal Sanctuary, and forwarded them to a court in Mayurbhanj district, Saturday.

The Forest department has seized five logs of Champa tree, two large saws and three axes from them.

The accused were identified as Rajma Tudu and Mangala Marandi from Kumudabadi area under Jashipur police station limits, Gopinath Patra and Nane Soren from Asanabani area, and Sukanta Nayak from Basantapur area in the district.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Forest Department officials



conducted a raid and arrested five persons for cutting Champa trees inside the Gudugudia range in the north division of Similipal Tiger Reserve, Friday. They have been charged under sections of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 for illegally felling trees.

Notably, activities of poachers and timber smugglers are on the rise

in Similipal. As the sanctuary continues to be encroached upon, wild animals are increasingly straying towards bordering villages and towns. Large and valuable trees like sal, piasal, arjuna, banyan, peepal, neem, harida, and bahada are being cut down and the timbers are smuggled to

neighbouring states of West Bengal and Jharkhand. Police here frequently seize vans transporting timbers to other states.

Locals demanded the Forest department to intensify patrolling and closely monitor not just the entry points but also the active areas to prevent such illegal activities.

## Ring road along river Ib remains a distant dream



**Rourkela(KCN):** The proposed ring road in the Sundargarh Municipality area remains a distant dream although there is a pressing need for the structure to tackle soil erosion along the banks of Ib River. Soil erosion along the Ib river banks is not a new phenomenon. In the last twenty years the process has only accelerated, and the river has eroded patches of land in many places. This has made the river banks dangerous for those living in the vicinity of the eroded portions and also visitors. Incumbent Sundargarh MLA Yogesh Singh had raised the demand for construction of the ring



road nearly twenty years back when he was in the Congress party.

In January 2021, the then chief minister Naveen Patnaik announced the construction of the road encircling Sundargarh town. The government move came soon after Singh joined the BJD. The ring road was supposed to be built for Rs 84 crore and the funds would have been made available from the District Mineral Foundation (DMF) pool. It is learnt that Singh had then taken some initiatives to push the proposal following the announcement. "No one knows what happened afterwards. The process slowed down and the

status of the file is not known at present," said a person versed with DMF functioning, while requesting anonymity. The announcement for the ring road had brought cheer to all. Everyone hoped that the foundation stone for the project would be laid at the earliest. Before the three-tier Gram Panchayat elections, foundation stones for two projects — one bridge-cum-barrage at Kudabaga and another barrage at Semina — were laid by Patnaik. However, the exclusion of the foundation laying ceremony for the ring road sparked discontent among the residents. Work on the barrages has

started and is going on at a steady pace at present. With the barrages coming up, the water storage capacity of the river will be enhanced extending up to Bhojpur. This will certainly help in easing the water woes of the town.

However, residents and retired soil conservation officials feel this may worsen the soil erosion on either side of the Ib River. "Once the water level increases, there is every possibility it will lead to large-scale soil erosion because of the structure of the soil. The ring road, along with concrete embankment, would have helped in keeping the soil intact," said a former official. Moreover, the road would have helped ease the traffic problems in the town to a large extent as a sizable portion of traffic could be diverted on this road. Vehicles to Rourkela would have taken this road instead of plying on the road going through the town, said the residents.

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## Upgradation of knowledge and skills of the fishers of Seohar district, Bihar through on-campus training

**Kolkata, (KCN):** When it comes to inland open water resources like rivulets, reservoirs, canals, chauras, and mauns, the Sheohardistrict in Bihar is incredibly resourceful. In the Sheohar district, there is a shortage of fish despite the abundance of aquatic resources. In keeping with the goal of improving the knowledge and abilities of the fishers of Seohar District, I C A R - C I F R I, Barrackpore, has conducted a seven-day training program on "Inland Fisheries Management" from January 3-9, 2024, with an emphasis on improving production and ensuring livelihood security. This training program was attended by 30 active fish farmers. The Institute's Director, Dr. B.K. Das, placed special emphasis on the fishermen's knowledge-based skill development regarding



multiple aspects of the inland fisheries production system and management, which will secure their sustainable livelihood. He believed that to maximize production and productivity, fishermen needed to acquire scientific information and apply it to their resource exploration. Dr. Das also gave the trainees information on the

emerging opportunities for entrepreneurship in India's inland fisheries. Untapped potential is abundant in this district for inland fisheries development, which might raise living standards. The goal of this training program was to bridge the attitude, skill, and knowledge gaps that existed between inland fishery administration and

farmers. Lectures on a wide range of topics were covered in the coursework, including how to construct and maintain ponds, the chemistry of soil and water, induced breeding, nursery and rearing pond management, transporting live fish seeds, composite fish farming, ornamental fisheries, enclosure culture, fish feed management, disease management, zero budget natural farming, inland fisheries and climate change, economic evaluation, and a general overview of the Pradhan M a n t r i MatsyaSampada Yojana, along with showcasing the CIFRI products. Field trips included visits to

the ICAR-CIFA Kalyani Fish Farms, the East Kolkata Wetlands (EKW), the ornamental fish market, and the Halisahar fish farm. Participants had access to the Institute's Recirculatory Aquaculture System (RAS), Bio-floc units, ornamental hatchery units, and feed mill in addition to receiving hands-on training on a wide range of topics targeted to specific needs, such as basic water quality parameters, the preparation of fish feed using easily available feed ingredients, the identification of fish pathogens and their respective remedial measures, etc. During the feedback session, it appeared that the trainees were generally satisfied with the newly acquired information, which would be very helpful in their future activities. Dr. B.K. Das, director of the institute, encouraged the farmers to apply what they had learned to improve their level of production integration. Dr. Aparna Roy and Dr.Dibakar Bhakta coordinated the training program, with assistance from Sujit Chowdhury, Manabendra RoyMr. Y. AliandKausik Mondal.

## Experience the best-in-class customer services at 11 new Alpha Service Centers across India

**Bhubaneswar :** Sony India is expanding its Alpha Service Network across 11 cities in India including Mumbai, Coimbatore, Jaipur, Pune, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Trivandrum, Chennai, Indore, Bhubaneshwar and Guwahati. This is expansion for Alpha Camera body and lens repairs facilities is a testament to the brand's continued dedication to customer satisfaction. Sony now has the widest service network of after sales support for Digital Imaging products with 8 service centers for lens repairs, 18 service centers for Alpha Camera Body repair, 40+ service centers which can offer basic services like CCD

Imager cleaning and firmware updates and 220+ collection centers pan India. The service centers are equipped with necessary jigs and tools to deliver best quality repair of Alpha camera body, Camera Lens, Professional Cameras and other digital imaging products like Digital Still Cameras and Camcorders. Customers can also avail instant services for basic supports like CCD Imager cleaning and getting the latest firmware update to enjoy best performance from their products. The friendly customer care staff at these service centers will help customers to register their in-warranty products on

Sony Alpha Community portal to enable them avail free of cost additional one year warranty on applicable products. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Mukesh Srivastava, Head of Digital Imaging Business at Sony India, said, "By supporting and assisting partners in local markets, Sony aims to ensure customers receive exceptional service and satisfaction along with quicker and faster turnaround at all outlets across the country. The new service centers will offer customers a seamless experience across multiple touch-points to provide a consistent brand experience that surpasses expectations."

## ATLAS OF AFFLUENCE - INDIA'S FIRST EVER WHITE PAPER ON LUXURY LAUNCHED AS A YEARLY FEATURE

**Mumbai:** Amidst leading luminaries of industries spanning across the business of luxury, the Atlas of Affluence (AOA) 2022 has been launched in Mumbai. Created by The Voice of Fashion (TVOF), a division of Reliance Brands Limited, the daily digital magazine that tracks and leads conversations on Indian

fashion, design, crafts and retail, AOA 2022, is the first such wide and deep white paper from India that dissects consumer behaviour studied through the prism of luxury. A collective reflection on what affluence means in India spiked during the two years of the pandemic. Charting the post-pandemic market and the clearly altered consumer mindset

through a specially commissioned study across six cities and markets of India, AOA 2022 has been published as a book with e x c l u s i v e l y commissioned artworks. This study uses the time graph of "pre-pandemic" and "post-pandemic" months to specify a comparative matrix. It also helps debunk long-held ideas about what affluence and luxury have meant to Indians.

## Blenders Pride Fashion Nights arrives in Bhubaneswar

**Bhubaneswar :** Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, a unique travelling experiential property, arrived in the City of Temples – Bhubaneswar – celebrating the authentic spirit of the city through fashion and style. A spirit that echoes with Pride and inspires the creators of today to become icons of tomorrow. Bhubaneswar's 'Made of Artistic Flair' edition for Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, brought together an eclectic evening that blended fashion, culture and dance, celebrating a symbolic amalgamation of homegrown artistry and the unwavering spirit of local talent.

Exemplifying the region's signature weave through a curated evening at the majestic Vivanta, Bhubaneswar, DC Square was Odia designer Sabyasachi Satpathy, whose intricately crafted ensembles drew inspiration from the multicultural city and its colourful history. In a true celebration of Odisha's distinct and masterful craftsmanship, the show was elevated with a captivating performance by the Prince Dance Group– from the small Odisha town of Berhampur – widely lauded for their artistry. The show drew to a finale with none other than actor Diana Penty, who captivated the audience in a beautiful ensemble by the designer. The "Made of Artistic Flair" edition of Blenders Pride Fashion Nights was a beautiful embodiment of the rich craft and cultural heritage of the city in a modern and contemporary setting.

Taking us on a 'Jatra' – The Journey of a Young Woman – the show encapsulated the journey of a woman from post adolescence to her nuptials, navigating the various challenges, trials and significant moments that come her way. The enigmatic journey was captured through the array of colours and textiles that Odisha Bandha/Ikkat offers.

## NSDL launches "Market ka Eklavya- Express" in 75 cities to mark 75 years of Independence

**Mumbai:** India's largest depository, National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) has launched 'Market ka Eklavya- Express', an online investment awareness program for students that will be conducted in 8 different languages including Hindi. The program would serve as a beginner's guide for investing for the youth. To mark the significance of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, an

initiative of Government of India to celebrate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of our people, culture and achievements, NSDL has launched a new initiative towards investor awareness 'Market Ka Eklavya - Express' across 75 cities, especially aimed at the college students who would very soon be entering the phase where they would start earning and naturally,

look for avenues of investment. Earlier this month, Market ka Eklavya (5-hours program) was launched by the hon'ble Finance Minister of India, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman at the silver jubilee event of NSDL. On the launch of the initiative Ms. Padmaja Chunduru, MD & CEO, NSDL said, "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is a special initiative launched by our Prime Minister to

celebrate and commemorate 75 years of India's Independence. Our program has been particularly aimed to create awareness about the financial markets to the young minds who will be the future of our country. In this Amrit Kaal, our digital education initiative focuses on building a path towards Financial Freedom for our youth, symbolizing the spirit of Atmanirbhar

Bharat." Students across India will benefit from this program as it does not restrict to just an area of the population. The program will be conducted for 1 hour and mainly educate the students on demystifying the jargons, 3I's – types of Income; Inflation and its impact, types of Investment; 3S – Start early- Power of Compounding, Spread wide, Stay long etc.

## Nuvoco successfully completes AFR Project at its Risa Cement Plant, Chhattisgarh and Nimbol Cement Plant, Rajasthan

**Bhubaneswar :** Nuvoco Vistas Corp. Ltd., India's fifth-largest cement group in terms of capacity and among the leading players in East India, successfully announced the completion of its Alternative Fuel Resource (AFR) project at Risa Cement Plant (RCP), Chhattisgarh and Nimbol Cement Plant (NCP), Rajasthan. This milestone achievement illustrates Nuvoco's commitment to reducing dependency on fossil fuels and promoting sustainable practices within the cement industry. With the use of alternative fuels, the company strives to reduce the usage of fossil fuels and minimize its environmental impact. Alternative fuels are a crucial step towards reducing carbon emissions and mitigating the adverse effects of climate change. Nuvoco has dedicatedly installed a system that is capable of utilizing agricultural waste, RDF (Refused Derived Fuel), plastic waste, municipal waste, biomass, tyre chips and other hazardous waste

sources. By incorporating these alternative fuels into its manufacturing process, Nuvoco is taking significant strides towards achieving its sustainability goals. Nuvoco has introduced AFR feeding into the Pyro-process system for enabling uniform feeding and incorporating all necessary safety interlocks throughout. This system allows us to consume alternate fuels in an efficient and effective way without impacting the environmental standards prescribed and approved by the Pollution Control Board of India. Although this project is primarily focused on environmental sustainability, it also has several other benefits for clinker production and can offer significant cost savings through its alternative fuels program. Mr. Jayakumar Krishnaswamy, Managing Director, Nuvoco stated, "As part of our PROTECT OUR PLANET agenda, we view the AFR project as an important step towards fulfilling our

commitment to sustainable cement manufacturing and reducing the environmental impacts. The successful completion of this project demonstrates our commitment to reducing carbon emissions, maximizing waste consumption, and demonstrating responsible resource management practices." Additionally, he stated, "The adoption of alternative fuels also aids in resolving issues associated with landfills and unhygienic waste accumulation. For instance, in its cement manufacturing process, Nuvoco uses plastic waste, RDF (Refused Derived Fuel), and municipal waste that is harmful to cattle and other wildlife due to its carcinogenic qualities as an alternative fuel. This along with other themes under PROTECT OUR PLANET agenda are enabling Nuvoco to build robust partnerships with several stakeholders and contribute to society at large."

## "Choose Bold. Choose Water." Royal Challenge Packaged Drinking Water promotes hydration for better celebrations.

**Bhubaneswar :** Did you know, it takes about an hour to process a standard unit of alcohol, which is generally 10 grams? \*As part of its ongoing commitment to promote responsible consumption, and drinking better, not more, Royal Challenge Packaged Drinking Water has launched its latest campaign, "Choose Bold. Choose Water", which emphasizes on the importance of staying hydrated when consuming alcohol. Through this campaign, the company aims to promote responsible drinking with a simple yet compelling narrative: Often, choosing water is the bold choice. Harking back to the Diageo motto of "Drink better, not more", Royal Challenge Packaged Drinking Water through this campaign and its social engagement is playing an active role in the prevention and reduction of harmful use



of alcohol, while also driving awareness on mindful consumption and encouraging individuals to stay hydrated during social occasions. The latest campaign film shares the importance of timely water breaks during moments of alcohol consumption to take care of one's body. Talking about this campaign, Ruchira Jaitly, Vice-President, Marketing & Portfolio head, Diageo India said, "At Diageo, we believe in drinking better, not more. A good way to do this is by ensuring hydration during drinking occasions. Royal Challenge Packaged Drinking Water wants to

drive recognition for this important and yet often ignored message with the Choose Bold, Choose Water campaign. By focusing the conversation on hydration and building the recognition for taking a break for the same, we want to foster a culture where our consumers celebrate life responsibly, and we are proud to be able to lead this conversation." As one of the prominent packaged drinking water brands, Royal Challenge aims to set a positive example for consumers and to shape behaviour by promoting responsible drinking by choosing hydration for moderation.

## Jindal Stainless signs MoU with SCTEVT, Odisha to train future-ready stainless steel professionals

**Bhubaneswar:** Odisha's State Council for Technical Education & Vocational Training (SCTEVT) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jindal Stainless to promote technical education in the field of stainless steel and its various applications. Under this MoU, stainless steel courses will be introduced in all the Polytechnic colleges in Odisha from June 2022. The MoU was signed by Vice Chairman,

SCTE&VT, Shri Reghu G (IAS) and Unit Head, Jindal Stainless Limited (JSL), Shri Deepak Agrawal. Dignitaries present at the ceremony included Chairman, SCTE&VT and Principal Secretary to Government, Skill Development and Technical Education (SDTE) and Industries Departments, Shri Hemant Sharma (IAS); Additional Secretary, SDTE, Govt of Odisha, Shri Tapan Satpathy (OAS); Resident Director, JSL, Mr SS

Upadhyay, and General Manager, Sales & Distribution, Mr Ranit Rana. Commending the development, Chairman, SCTE&VT and Principal Secretary to Government, SDTE and Industries Departments, Shri Hemant Sharma (IAS) said, "This collaboration with Jindal Stainless will enhance the learning experience for students and faculty both, as it will give them insights about and practical exposure to the stainless steel industry."

# Orcas eliminated, Unicorns guaranteed of top-two finish

**New Delhi:** Seattle Orcas, placed bottom on the points table of MLC 2024, were officially eliminated after San Francisco Unicorns registered a comprehensive win powered by Finn Allen. It ensured a top-two finish for the Unicorns and also guaranteed Texas Super Kings of a spot in the top four.

Set a target of 153, the Unicorns got home with 34 balls to spare thanks to Allen's belligerent 30-ball 77 that threw open the chase. By the end of the powerplay, the Unicorns had put on 79 with Allen himself contributing 59. In a boundary-laden powerplay phase, Allen kept upping the ante. His partner Matthew Short set the tone initially with a couple of sixes off Cameron Gannon in an 18-run over. Allen took it further when he tore into Lungi Ngidi in a 26-run over peppering the midwicket area with



boundaries. Keemo Paul, who had given away only six runs in his first over, bore the brunt next as he went for 16 as Allen brought up a 21-ball 50. The carnage eventually came to an end when Harmeet Singh had Allen caught at long on in the eighth over but the damage had already been done. The Unicorns cruised through after that. Earlier in the day, after

being put in to bat, the Orcas had got off to a horror start as they lost both their openers Ryan Rickleton and Aaron Jones for first-ball ducks in the opening over of the match. Carmi le Roux first had Rickleton edging behind and then brought the ball back in to trap Jones plumb in front leaving the Orcas shell-shocked. However, Quinton de Kock and Shehan

Jayasuriya brought the innings back on track with a 97-run stand for the third wicket. De Kock top-scored with a 33-ball 62 before pacer Brody Couch had him skying a big hit. The Unicorns were left concerned soon after as Couch was forced to walk off with an injury, unable to complete that over. Skipper Corey Anderson brought himself on and as luck

would have it, he struck with his second ball as Jayasuriya dragged on leaving the Orcas in a spot of bother once again. The innings took a turn for the worse as Heinrich Klaasen was snapped up first-ball by left-arm spinner Hassan Khan, having him caught at sweeper cover off an edge. Khan then tightened the screws with back-to-back wickets in his next over, sending back both Harmeet Singh and Keemo Paul. The innings was salvaged thanks to a 36-run stand for the eighth wicket between Shubham Ranjane and Imad Wasim as the Orcas went past 150, only for it to be blown away by the Allen-led onslaught. Brief Scores: Seattle Orcas 152/7 (Quinton de Kock 62; Hassan Khan 3-5) lost to San Francisco Unicorns 156/4 (Finn Allen 77) by 6 wickets

# Shreyanka Patil ruled out of Asia Cup with fractured finger



**New Delhi:** Shreyanka Patil, the India offspinner, has been ruled out of the remainder of the ongoing Women's Asia Cup 2024 due to a fractured finger, the Asian Cricket Council stated in a media release on Saturday (July 20). Patil, who suffered the injury during India's opening game against Pakistan, will be replaced by Tanuja Kanwer. Patil picked up the injury while attempting to take a catch in the second game of the Asia Cup. She sustained a fracture of the fourth finger of her

left hand. However, she managed to bowl till the end of Pakistan's innings, bowling 3.2 overs to finish with figures of 2-14 as Pakistan were bowled out for 108. Earlier this year, during WPL 2024, Patil had suffered a hairline fracture to the same hand and subsequently missed a few of RCB's games before making a comeback at the business end of the tournament. She returned to pick up a four-fer in the final, setting up the title win for RCB against DC. With that, Patil had secured the

Purple Cap and was also voted the Emerging Player of the Season. Kanwer, Patil's replacement, also had a good WPL 2024 as she finished as Gujarat Giants' leading wicket-taker with 10 scalps in eight games at 7.13. This is 26-year-old left-arm spinner's maiden India call-up, but she was already named amongst the travelling reserves for the Asia Cup. Kanwer had also made the cut in the India A squad for the upcoming multi-format tour of Australia, starting August 7.

# India is my second home: Manolo Marquez wants success for millions of fans



**New Delhi:** The All India Football Federation announced on Saturday, 20 July that Manolo Marquez will be taking over the Indian football team. After the appointment, Marquez said that he wanted success for millions of Indian fans. The All India Football Federation put an end to all speculations about who was going to take over as the next Indian football team head coach. On Saturday, 20 July, the AIFF named FC Goa manager Manolo Marquez as the boss of the Indian team. The regulatory body, which was lambasted by the previous manager Igor Stimac announced the

decision via an official press release. Marquez, who is well versed with Indian football found success with Hyderabad FC in the Indian Super League. After that, he was appointed as the head coach of FC Goa where he played a flamboyant style of football. Speaking via an official press release, Marquez called India his second home and said that he has always found a connect with Indian people and culture. "It's an honour for me to be the National Football Team coach of India, a country I consider my second home. India and its people are something I feel attached to and I

feel a part of since I first came to this beautiful country. I want to do my best to bring success to the millions of fans we have. I am very grateful to FC Goa for allowing us the flexibility to help the national team during the coming season while I am still the club's head coach. I'm grateful to the AIFF for this opportunity and we hope to do great things for football," Marquez said via the press release. Aged 55, Manolo Marquez has extensive knowledge and experience of Indian football and coaching national team players, especially youngsters. Many national team players in the last few years were called up from his Hyderabad FC team. Marquez has been coaching in India since 2020. He has coached two ISL clubs – his first stint was with Hyderabad FC (2020-23), before he switched over to FC Goa (2023-present).

**New Delhi:** Led by Vishmi Gunaratne's third T20I half-century, Sri Lanka cruised to a comfortable seven-wicket win over Bangladesh in Dambulla. Sri Lanka chased down the 112-run target with 17 balls to spare. Bangladesh were pegged back early in the contest with four wickets falling in the powerplay. From thereon, they were always playing catch-up. A reasonable revival in the middle overs and the late flourish with the bat proved too little in the end. Sri Lanka, on the other hand, despite losing their skipper in that period, had made a fairly steady start to what proved to be a modest target. Even as Bangladesh got going with a boundary off the first ball - with Dilare Akter hitting a full pitched delivery over the umpire's head - Sri Lanka were led by Udeshika Prabodhani and Inoshi Priyadharshini's double strikes, to leave Bangladesh reeling early,



with their top order back in the dugout. Ishma Tanjim and Rubya Haider were dismissed for ducks. Following a slow start, Nigar Sultana looked to counter attack early on after the field restrictions were lifted. In the eighth over, she picked a couple of boundaries off Achini Kulasuriya. Chamari Athapaththu cleaned up Shorifa Khatun in the 11th over which pulled the momentum back in Sri Lanka's favour, and

slowed their progress for the rest of the phase. Sultana and Shorna Akter went on the offensive in the death overs. The latter took down Kavisha Dilhari in the 18th over, cracking three successive boundaries to propel Bangladesh past the 100-run mark. Nigar also joined in the offence in the last over of the innings, drilling Prabodhani through the long on and long off region for a couple of boundaries.

Following a slow start, Chamari Athapaththu slogswept Sultana Khatun for a six to end the second over. A couple of overs later, she even pulled Nahida Akter for a boundary to give early signs of the threat Bangladesh were up against in defending their total. However, the bowler had the last laugh as the Sri Lankan captain departed in the last over of the powerplay, holing out in the deep. Despite striking the big

blow in the powerplay, the Bangladesh bowlers couldn't impose enough pressure on the Sri Lankans. Vishmi Gunaratne and Harshitha Samarawickrama controlled the chase and paced it calculatively. The duo added 54 runs for the second wicket before the former was cleaned up by Nahida soon after she registered her third T20I half-century. She was especially severe against Sultana Khatun, who was clubbed for a couple of boundaries in the eighth over and then hit out of the park in the 11th. With victory in sight, Samarawickrama cut loose in the 17th over. Shorna Akter was first swept for a boundary and then a couple of outside edges helped the batter find as many more fours. Bangladesh did manage to dismiss her for 33 eventually but that was merely a consolation as six balls later Dilhari lofted Marufa Akter for a four over extra cover to take the side over the line.

# Bhaichung Bhutia to resign from technical panel over AIFF's coach hiring process

**New Delhi:** Bhaichung Bhutia has decided to resign from the AIFF technical committee, alleging that the panel was bypassed in appointing the new national men's team head coach. Bhutia claims the process did not follow the usual protocol. Legendary footballer Bhaichung Bhutia announced on Saturday that he is resigning from the All India Football Federation's (AIFF) technical committee, alleging that the committee was

"bypassed" in appointing the new national men's team head coach. The AIFF executive committee named Spaniard Manolo Marquez, currently in charge of Indian Super League side FC Goa, as the new head coach. Marquez will replace Croatian Igor Stimac, who was dismissed on June 17 after India failed to qualify for the third round of the 2026 World Cup qualifiers. Bhutia, a co-opted member of the executive committee as a former

player, attended Saturday's meeting and asserted that the technical committee typically recommends the head coach of the national team. The legendary IM Vijayan heads the current technical committee. "I have been chairman of the AIFF technical committee in the past (2013 to 2017) and involved in coach appointments like in case of Stephen Constantine. It is the job of the technical committee to shortlist the candidates



who have applied and recommend the suitable person to become coach. But this time, there was not even a single technical committee meeting to appoint successor of Stimac," Bhutia told PTI.

meeting of technical committee to discuss how many candidates have applied, who were to be shortlisted, nothing of this sort happened this time. The process was followed in the past but not this time.

"If you are going to bypass the technical committee in the head coach appointment, why are we for. I said in the executive committee meeting that since the technical committee was not involved, there was no value of technical committee, then why are we for. So, I said I am resigning from technical committee membership." Bhutia stated that a special committee, led by AIFF vice president N.A. Haris, was responsible for finding a successor to Stimac. "I

completely opposed the constitution of the special committee. There is a technical committee already in place and how come you formed a special committee to discuss the appointment of the coach?" "The process itself is wrong. The coaches are hired, fired and given extension by executive committee without having any discussion with the technical committee. The president proposes one or two names and the executive committee agrees to

one." The AIFF technical committee includes members such as Shabir Ali, Climax Lawrence, Victor Amalraj, and Santosh Singh. According to the AIFF, committee head IM Vijayan participated in the meeting via video conference. AIFF acting Secretary General M Satyanarayan confirmed that Vijayan was consulted during the coach appointment process. "There should not be any controversy here.