



## PM Modi chairs key BJP meet of CMs, Dy CMs

**New Delhi(KCN):** The second and last day of a key BJP meeting under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is underway at the BJP Headquarters here

Sunday. The meeting is being attended by the Chief Ministers and Deputy Chief Ministers of BJP-ruled states with a focus on ensuring that the benefits of numerous

welfare schemes fully reach the beneficiaries. The party's National President and Union Minister J.P. Nadda, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence

Minister Rajnath Singh and General Secretary BL Santhosh are also attending the meeting. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the meeting in

detail. Saturday, the Prime Minister gave a brief speech. Later, he posted on X, "Met @BJP4India Chief Ministers and Deputy Chief Ministers. Our

Party is working tirelessly to further good governance and fulfil the aspirations of the people." The Saturday meeting lasted for more than three and a half

hours. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma gave his presentation on a special recruitment campaign for jobs. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath

gave his presentation on two schemes and goals of his government — digitization of gram sachivalaya and making UP a 'one trillion dollar economy'.

## Hirakud Dam authorities release water, Odisha govt asks collectors to be on high alert

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** With the Hirakud Dam authorities releasing the season's first flood water in the river Mahanadi, the Odisha government Sunday asked collectors of seven downstream districts to be on high alert and tell people not to go near the riverbank, officials said.

After customary puja, the dam authorities opened sluice gate number seven followed by others. A total of 20 gates will be opened in three phases — 7 gates at 9.30am, another 7 at 12.30pm and the remaining 6 gates at 2.30pm, to flush out excess water amid

heavy rainfall in the upper catchment areas and the inflow of water into the reservoir. The water level of Hirakud stood at 616.93 ft against its full reservoir capacity of 630 feet, at 6am. While the inflow of water into the reservoir was 3,16,000 cusec, the outflow was 40,126 cusec.

The state government in a release said that due to the opening of 20 gates, the Khairmal discharge would be around 4.50 lakh cusecs by 8 am on July 29 and the Mundali discharge will be around 5 lakh cusecs by 11am July 30. "Collectors of Sambalpur, Sonepur, Nayagarh, Puri, Cuttack,

Jagatsinghpur and Kendrapada have been asked to alert the people downstream not to enter to the Mahanadi riverside. Animals will also not be allowed to gaze close to the river. Collectors are also requested to remain alert and monitor the situation," it said. The District Emergency Operation Centre will also be manned by senior officers so that no untoward incident happens, the Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) said in a letter to collectors.

The last time India won shooting medals at the Olympics was in 2012 London edition where rapid-fire pistol shooter Vijay Kumar and 10m air rifle marksman Gagan Narang clinched silver and bronze respectively.

Narang is the chef de mission of the Paris contingent right now. The 22-year-old Bhaker, who hails from Jhajjar in Haryana, fought hard to get the bronze with a score of 221.7 here. Korea's Kim Yeji claimed the silver with a

total of 241.3 while her compatriot Jin Ye Oh bagged the gold with a Games record of 243.2. Bhaker was competing in her second Olympics after drawing a blank in the previous edition. "After Tokyo I was very disappointed and it took

## Delhi Police registers FIR, forms teams to probe coaching centre flooding incident

**New Delhi(KCN):** The Delhi Police has registered an FIR and formed multiple teams to probe the Rajinder Nagar coaching centre flooding incident which killed three IAS aspirants, officials said Sunday.

The police have arrested the owner and the coordinator of the Rau's IAS Study Circle and booked them for culpable homicide and other charges.

"Multiple teams have been formed to investigate the entire incident. We have asked the Delhi Fire Services to provide us with a report about the building and the basement which was being used as a library but mentioned as 'store room,'" a senior police officer said.

The officer further said the basement was eight feet below the ground



level and more than 18 students were present in it on Saturday evening when it got flooded after heavy rains. According to sources in the police department, the gate of the basement was closed, but due to the high pressure of rainwater, it got damaged and water gushed in.

"We are checking CCTV footage from the area to ascertain the sequence of the events. After scanning the CCTV footage, we will identify the people who were standing close to

constructing buildings) and 35 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and launched an investigation."

So far, two people — coaching centre owner Abhishek Gupta and coordinator Deshpal Singh — have been arrested, he said.

The FIR, registered on the statement of Sub-Inspector Dharmender Kumar Sharma, stated the owner of the coaching centre, who was present there at the time of the incident, failed to produce the documents required to run a library in the basement.

The owner also accepted that there was no drainage system in the basement, it said.

"After receiving a PCR call about flooding in the basement, Assistant Sub Inspector (ASI) Birender was rushed to the spot," the FIR stated.

## NBS Rajput appointed principal secretary to Odisha Governor



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The Odisha government has appointed IAS officer NBS Rajput as the principal secretary to Governor Raghubar Das.

The 1999-batch IAS officer has been assigned this role following his return from central deputation, according to a notification by the state's General Administration and Public Grievances Department Sunday.

Saswat Mishra, the current principal secretary to the Governor, has been posted as principal secretary of the finance department.

Mishra will also retain his additional responsibilities as principal secretary of the energy department and chairman of the Odisha Subordinate Staff Selection Commission (OSSSC), the notification added.

## Job Mela by ICC

### The Job Mela has fulfilled the dreams of the youth - Governor

#### Bhubaneswar(KCN):

The Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Job Mela 2024 has begun with much excitement and enthusiasm at the Grand Lumbini Convention. Inaugurating the mela organized under the supervision of ICC Skill and Education Committee member Sikata Das. His Excellency the Governor Raghubar Das inaugurated the mela and said that this job mela has empowered young women as catalyst for job seekers. It provides benefits for national development. Job mela have become a powerful means of realizing the dreams of the youth. Now, India is able to move forward with the fastest growing financial system, from skills to startups. Skill



development is increasing in Odisha. Young women have become skilled. Odisha has a large sea coast. It can be further improved. With job mela there will be the training of young in handicrafts must be needed. This can create many jobs. Similarly Odisha has the largest port in Paradip. I will appeal to the state government to improve it. With this, he thanked the ICC and

wished the aspirants the best for getting the job. Presided over by ICC Odisha State Council Chairman J B Pany, Vice Chairman Rajeev S Sahu, ICC Skill Education Committee Advisor Badri N Patnaik, SNM Group Managing Director Prabodh Mohanty and ICC Regional Director J P Pal were present. An appreciative crowd was noticed on the first day of

the opening. In which more than 1 thousand applicants participated. The program consisted of three key technical sessions aimed at enhancing the employability skills of the candidates. The first session "Introduction to Job Interviewing" taught job candidates valuable tips and techniques to showcase their personality. The second session

### Minister of State, Coal & Mines visits MCL



#### Sambalpur (KCN):

Shri Satish Chandra Dubey, Hon'ble Minister of State for Coal & Mines, on his visit to Mahanadi Coalfields Limited commended MCL for its remarkable growth in

coal production and despatch during a review meeting at the company headquarters in Sambalpur. A total of 4 MoU were signed between MCL and Govt. of Odisha for 'Digital

Classroom projects', in his august presence. Under its CSR initiative, MCL will fund Rs 17.06 Crores for 500 smart classrooms in government schools in Sambalpur, Jharsuguda, and Sundargarh districts, and 30 Science STEM Solutions in Jharsuguda district schools.

MoS Shri Dubey was welcomed by Shri Uday A Kaole, CMD, MCL

accompanied by the Functional Directors - Shri Keshav Rao, D(P), CVO Shri PK Patel, Shri JK Borah, D(T/Op) and Shri AS Bapat, Director (T/P&P) at MCL HQs yesterday evening. On arrival at MCL HQs, the minister was given a ceremonial guard of honour. He then chaired a review meeting of MCL's performance wherein he appreciated Team MCL for their consistent performance in coal production and overall growth. He advised all to put more efforts in CSR towards sports and also to develop a model village.

Hon'ble Minister also planted saplings in the corporate office under the "Ek Ped Maa ke Naam" campaign, promoting a greener tomorrow. Shri Dubey also visited Lakhnupur area of MCL and inspected the infrastructure.

### General Meeting of All Bengal Principals Council was held at Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women.



#### Kolkata (Arindam Bhattacharya)

- Dakshineswar Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women is one of the few colleges that come up in the forefront of girls' colleges in North Twenty-four Parganas district in the entire state. Already they are

recognized as 'A plus' in NAAC assessment. College principal Dr. Soma Ghosh told a press conference that more than 600 girl students have been employed from this college in the district. Not only the traditional education, but also the implementation of

multiple non-traditional courses and self-directed projects and their results are evident. Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women's success is crowned by the sincere co-ordination of 88 teachers and academic staff. In addition to such

### New Director General for GSI

Kolkata, (KCN): Shri Asit Saha has taken over as the new Director General of Geological Survey of India (GSI). Shri Saha brings with him a wealth of experience and a visionary approach to steer GSI towards greater achievements in the field of geosciences.

With a distinguished career spanning three decades, Shri Saha has been instrumental in numerous groundbreaking projects and initiatives that have significantly contributed to the geo-scientific landscape of India. His leadership is expected to further elevate the GSI's mission of mineral exploration, research, and development, and fortify its position as a leading geo-scientific organization on the global stage.

Shri Saha emphasised upon the importance of an outcome-oriented approach for all GSI activities. He stressed that while the primary focus would be on

mineral exploration and related programs, all missions of GSI are holistically connected and equally important. He highlighted the need for bold initiatives in mineral exploration, efficiency in drilling operations, and robust laboratory mechanisms to ensure the reliability of geo-scientific data.

In his address to the GSI employees, Shri Saha also called for a united effort where every mission should work in tandem. He underscored the significance of synergy between different missions, particularly those with critical geophysical components, and the necessity for regular, structured interactions between various streams to enhance overall efficiency and productivity. He articulated his vision for strengthening GSI's academic presence through



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## Vicky Kaushal's film eyes Rs 50 crore

Vicky Kaushal's film 'Bad Newz' is now aiming for the Rs 50 crore-mark. The film also stars Ammy Virk and Triptii Dimri.

Vicky Kaushal, Triptii Dimri and Ammy Virk's 'Bad Newz' has remained steady at the box office. After a decent run in the first week, the film is now heading towards the Rs 50 crore-mark.

'Bad Newz' earned Rs 8.50 crore at the box office on its opening day. It ended the first week by collecting Rs 42.85 crore. As per a Sacnilk report, the film minted Rs 2.15 crore as it entered the second week. The total collection of the movie now stands at Rs 45 crore. It saw an overall occupancy of 17.74



percent in the Hindi belt.

'Bad Newz' opened to mixed reviews.

IndiaToday.in rated the

film with 2 stars out of 5. An excerpt from our review can be read: "Bad Newz' resembles an Instagram filter that loses its sheen after first use. The surface is shimmery and looks glossy, but there is no material to sink your teeth into. The writing is shallow and flat. The punches never land. The film even tries satire and parody, but the gags are so weak that they lose air before taking off. Some of the lines feel like leftovers from a prime-time TV laughter challenge audition."

Previously titled 'Mere Meboob Mere Sanam', 'Bad Newz' saw Vicky, Triptii and Ammy team up for the first time. The film is backed by Karan Johar's Dharma Productions.

Directed by Anand Tiwari, the film also stars Neha Dhupia. It released on July 19.

## Dilip Kumar's Bandra bungalow-turned-apartment sold for Rs 155 crore



A triplex in the building where Dilip Kumar's Bandra bungalow stood has been sold for Rs 155 crore. It has been bought by Apco Infratech Private Limited. A 9,527.21 sq ft triplex in Bandra has been sold for Rs 155 crore by Blackrock to Apco Infratech Private Limited.

The triplex is a part of the luxury apartment which earlier housed Dilip Kumar's bungalow. The bungalow was turned into an apartment last year, in 2023.

A triplex in the building

where Dilip Kumar's Bandra bungalow stood, measuring 9,527.21 sq ft, has been sold for Rs 155 crore. It has been sold by Blackrock, while Apco Infratech Private Limited made the purchase. According to the real estate portal SquareFeatIndia.com, the triplex is spread over three floors - 9th, 10th and 11th. The per sq ft rate comes close to Rs 1.62 lakh. The stamp duty paid for the registration of the apartment is Rs 9.30 crore. It was last year that Dilip Kumar's family reached

an agreement with realty developer Ashar Group to develop a luxury residential project on the Pali Hill plot, which was previously the location of the legendary actor's bungalow. In addition to the residential project, a museum dedicated to Dilip Kumar's life and significant milestones was also to be established.

The museum, showcasing Dilip Kumar's legacy, will be located on the ground floor of the tower, featuring a separate entrance for easy access. Tabu reminisces about her early film career and her experiences with Shekhar Kapur during the promotion of her new film 'Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha'. She recounted how he made her sign 'Prem', only to leave the project later.

She shares how Kapur

convinced her to sign 'Prem', only to leave the project midway. Tabu is all set for her upcoming film, 'Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha'. Directed by Neeraj Pandey, the actor will share the screen, once again, with Ajay Devgn. During the promotion of the film, Tabu went down the memory lane and recounted her professional journey with Shekhar Kapur. She spoke about 'Dushman', a film that she had signed when she had just given her 10th board exams and which was later shelved. She also talked about how Kapur convinced her to sign 'Prem' but later left and ran away from the film.

In an interview with India Today's sister channel, Lallantop, Tabu shared that she has known Shekhar Kapur since she was a child. She met him during her visits to Shabana Azmi's house.

"When I was appearing for my 10th exam, Shekhar uncle saw me. (At) That time, they were

making 'Dushman'... He cast me for 'Dushman' with Sunny (Deol). I had not even given my 10th exam, but he was very sure he wanted me," she recounted.

She continued, "So, I came back after giving my 10th exam, and he locked me for the film. I didn't want to do it at that time, but he convinced me. Then for many years, changes happened and it was not made. I even joined college. I was in college

for two years. He saw me again and said, 'Prem. You are my heroine in Prem.'

They had tested several girls for the role. I had said that I regretted saying yes to 'Dushman' and I didn't want to act. I want to study abroad."

She further shared, "Shekhar Kapur convinced me to sign 'Prem'. I signed, photoshoot was done, I said 'only this one film I'll do'. Shekhar convinced me and said bus ek yeh film karle (just do this one film) for me. Then, wherever you want to go for higher studies, I'll send you. Then, Shekhar left the film and ran away. He left, leaving me alone, and it went on for 5-6 years, during which I really regretted saying yes to it."

## The Nun 2 Trailer Teases Returns Of 'The Conjuring' Universe



There's good news for Bollywood lovers who have been waiting for a long time to get an update on Amitabh Bachchan, Deepika Padukone, Kamal Haasan and Prabhas-starrer 'Project K'. According to Variety, The hugely-anticipated Indian big-budget sci-fi film will unveil exclusive footage in the presence of talent at the San Diego Comic-Con (SDCC). Kicking off the SDCC celebration, Vyjayanthi Movies will offer fans a look at the film as part of an opening night party on July 19.

On July 20, the film's

team will host a panel titled "This is Project K: First Glimpse of India's Mytho-Sci-fi Epic" with Deepika, Prabhas and Haasan during which the film's full title, teaser trailer and release date will be revealed, Variety reported. Interestingly, the stars will also feature in a performance on SDCC's largest stage. "This exclusive event will transport guests into India's most ambitious cinematic universe yet with their captivating storytelling, futuristic setting, and 'Spice Punk' aesthetic inspired by the film," the producers said in a statement.

Director Ashwin also

expressed excitement. He said, "We are thrilled to present 'Project K's debut at San Diego Comic-Con. India's storytelling tradition has ancient roots, with its epics serving as the origins for many civilizations worldwide. A world as big as this needs a platform as big to introduce it to the people. Comic-Con felt like the perfect place, where the honesty and enthusiasm needed for 'Project K' will be found."

The makers of 'The Nun' are all set to come up with the film's sequel. On Thursday, they unveiled the film's trailer and it has definitely left fans excited. The sequel, which is headlined by Taissa Farmiga, is set to be out on September 8. As per Variety, the film begins in 1956 after a priest is viciously murdered in France. According to the film's official logline, 'The Nun 2' follows Sister Irene (Farmiga) as she once again comes face to face with the demonic Valak. Farmiga returns alongside Bonnie Aarons and Jonas Bloquet who will reprise their roles as Valak and Maurice "Frenchie," respectively. "The Nun 2" will introduce new additions to the "Conjuring" universe, including Katelyn Rose Downey as Sophie, Anna Popplewell as Marcella and Storm Reid as an

unknown new character.

The USD 2 billion

franchise began in 2013, with the original "The Conjuring" film, starring Patrick Wilson and Taissa Farmiga's older sister, Vera Farmiga. The original film was inspired by

paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren's nonfiction book, "The Amityville Horror."

"The Conjuring's" first

spinoff, "The Nun" in

2018. Since "The Nun,"

the "Conjuring" universe

has released "The Curse of La Llorona,"

"Annabelle Comes Home," and "The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It."

Directed by "The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It's" Michael Chaves, "The Nun 2" was written by

"M 3 G A N" screenwriter Akela Cooper and "Fear the Walking Dead" screenwriters Ian

Goldberg and Richard

Naing.

# Re-Introduction of block assessment in Search cases



Adv. Narayan Jain & CA Dilip Loyalka

The system of block assessment cases of search u/s 132 and requisition under section 132A has been reintroduced. Earlier the Block assessment provisions inserted in sections 158B to 158BI were introduced by the Finance Act, 1995 and were applicable in respect of search initiated u/s 132 or books of account, documents etc, were requisitioned u/s 132A upto 31st May, 2003. Thereafter assessment in search cases was done as per sections 153A to 153D from 1st June 2003 in respect of search initiated u/s 132 or requisition of books of account, other documents etc. u/s 132A on or before 31st March 2021. From 1st April 2021 it was provided that assessment in search cases will be done u/s 147/148. However the Finance Bill 2024 has now proposed that assessment in cases of search initiated on or after 1st September 2024 and requisition of books, other documents or any asset on or after 1st September 2024 will be done as per Block Assessment provisions substituted

w.e.f. 1st September 2024 and contained in new Sections 158B to 158BI. The proposed provisions are analysed in this article.

1. Vide Finance Act, 2021 the provisions of section 153A and section 153C were amended to provide that the said provision shall only apply to search and seizure proceedings under section 132 or requisition under section 132A of the Act initiated on or before 31.03.2021. The separate regime for search assessments was abolished and such assessments were subsumed into the reassessment provisions. Further, sections 147, 148, 149, 151 and 151A of the Act were also amended to provide that in case of search, survey or requisition initiated or conducted on or after the 1st April, 2021, it shall be deemed that the Assessing Officer (AO) has information which suggests that the income chargeable to tax has escaped assessment in the case of the assessee for the three assessment years immediately preceding the assessment year relevant to the previous year in which

the search is initiated or requisition is made or any material is seized or requisitioned. Further, if the AO has information which suggests that the income escaping assessment, represented in the form of asset, amounts to or is likely to amount to fifty lakh rupees or more, notice under section 148 could be issued if 10 years have not elapsed from the end of the relevant assessment year.

2. As stated by the Finance Minister, it has been gathered from the field formations that there are multiple problems that are arising under the present scheme of search assessment under section 148. The absence of any legal requirement for consolidated assessments in search cases has led to a situation where every year only the time-barring year is opened in the case of these searched assessee. This results in staggered search assessments for the same search and consequently, the searched assessee may be engaged in the search assessment process for almost up to ten years. This is time-consuming process which escalates the litigation cost for the taxpayer as well as for the department. For the duration of such period, legal position on an issue may undergo change, leading to different additions in different years, on the same issue. Moreover, since such a long duration is involved, there is a possibility of change of opinion with respect to the

line of enquiry. Further, due to such staggered assessments, coordinated investigation is not feasible in search cases.

3. It has been proposed to introduce the scheme of block assessment for cases in which search u/s 132 or requisition u/s 132A has been initiated or made on or after 1st September 2024.

4. It has been proposed to amend the provisions of Chapter XIV-B, to provide the following for assessment of search cases:

(i) Where on or after 1st September, 2024, a search is initiated u/s 132, or books of account, other documents or any assets are requisitioned u/s 132A, in the case of any person, the Assessing Officer shall proceed to assess or reassess the total income of such person in accordance with the provisions of new Chapter XIV-B.

(ii) 'Block period'

shall consist of previous years relevant to 6 assessment years preceding the previous year in which the search was initiated u/s 132 or any requisition was made u/s 132A and shall include the period starting from the 1st April of the previous year in which search was initiated or requisition was made and ending on the date of the execution of the last of the authorisations for such search or date of such requisition.

(iii) Regular assessments for the block period shall abate. There will be one consolidated assessment for the block period. Till block assessment is complete, no further assessment/reassessment proceeding shall take place in respect of the period covered in the block.

(iv) Assessing Officer shall assess the 'total income' of assessee, including undisclosed income which shall include any money, bullion, jewellery or other valuable article or thing or any expenditure or any income based on any entry in the books of account or other documents or transactions, where such money, bullion, jewellery, valuable article, thing, entry in books of account or other document or transaction represents wholly or partly income or property which has not been or would not have been disclosed for the purposes of this Act, or any expense, deduction or allowance claimed under this Act which is found to be incorrect.

(v) The undisclosed income falling within the block period, forming part of the total income, shall be computed in accordance with the provisions of this Act, on the basis of evidence found as a result of search or survey in consequence of such search or requisition of books of account or other documents and such other materials or information as are either available with the Assessing Officer or

come to his notice by any means during the course of proceedings under the said Chapter.

(vi) Assessment in respect of any other person: Assessment in respect of any other person shall be governed by the provisions of section 158BD, which provides that where the Assessing Officer is satisfied that any undisclosed income assessed or reassessed for the block period.

(vii) Penalty on the undisclosed income of the block period as determined by Assessing officer shall be levied at 50 per cent of the tax payable on such income. No such penalty shall be levied if assessee offers undisclosed income in the return furnished in pursuance of search and pays the tax along with the return.

(viii) Time-limit: Time-limit for completion of block assessment of the searched assessee shall be 12 months from the end of the month in which the last of the authorisations for search under section 132, or requisition under section 132A, was executed or made. Time-limit for completion of block assessment of any other person shall be 12 months from the end of the month in which the notice under section 158BC in pursuance of section 158BD, was issued to such other person. However, an exclusion of nearly six months shall be available in respect of

presently, no surcharge is proposed for income chargeable to tax for the block period.

(ix) No interest under the provisions of section 234A, 234B or 234C or penalty under the provisions of section 270A shall be levied or imposed upon the assessee in respect of the undisclosed income assessed or reassessed for the block period.

(x) Time-limit: Time-limit for completion of block assessment of the searched assessee shall be 12 months from the end of the month in which the last of the authorisations for search under section 132, or requisition under section 132A, was executed or made. Time-limit for completion of block assessment of any other person shall be 12 months from the end of the month in which the notice under section 158BC in pursuance of section 158BD, was issued to such other person. However, an exclusion of nearly six months shall be available in respect of

period from date of search to the date of handing over of seized material to the Assessing Officer of the other person.

(xi) Where any evidence found as a result of search or requisition relates to any international transaction or specified domestic transaction referred to in section 92CA, pertaining to the period beginning from the 1st April of the previous year in which last of the authorisations was executed and ending with the date on which last of the authorisations was executed, such evidence shall not be considered for the purposes of determining the total income of the block period and such income shall be considered in the assessment made under the other provisions of this Act.

(xii) Previous approval: The notice u/s 158BC(1)(a) requiring the searched assessee to furnish his return of income for the block period, as well as the order of assessment for the block period shall be issued or passed, as the case may be, with the previous approval of the Addl. Director or the Additional Director or the Joint Director. The amendments will take effect from the 1st September, 2024.

(Adv. Jain and CA Loyalka are authors of the book 'How to Handle Income Tax Problems')

## Champions of Olympic Movement in India

Vivek Shukla

Games. Ashwini Kumar was heading the security team of Montreal (1976), Moscow (1980), Los Angeles (1984), Barcelona (1992), Atlanta (1996) and Sydney (2000) games. Until the 1972 Munich Olympics, everything was going according to plan until tragedy struck the Munich Olympics when Palestinian terrorists invaded the Olympic Village and killed two members of the Israeli team. Nine other Israelis were held hostage as the terrorists bargained for the release of 200 Palestinian prisoners in Israel. That gory tragedy brought the Games to a halt.

Post Munich, there was a demand from various quarters to organise both summer and winter Olympic Games without any untoward incident. That was the time when the International Olympic Conference (IOC) requested him to look after the security aspects of the games. IOC knew that Ashwini Kumar knows policing

more than most of the people. Hockey buff and Imperial Police (IP) officer (now Indian Police Service), Ashwini Kumar once told me "In subsequent Olympics after Munich, increased security measures in the Olympic Villages and competition venues protected

dr. Karni Singh is undoubtedly St. Stephen's College's



athletes. It is also true that increased security also diminished the festive and open atmosphere that is at the heart of Olympics. But then you have no choice after the Munich massacre and as the number of terror outfits are swelling thick and fast across the world." And if we talk about Delhi Brotherhood Society (DBS), it has

been doing great service in developing sports culture in India through its St. Stephen's College in Delhi and now St. Stephen's Cambridge school in Sonipat in Haryana. Their college has produced a host of great Olympic players.

According to Brother Solomon George of the Delhi Brotherhood Society (DBS), which established St. Stephen's College, "We have always been committed to community service and encouraging emerging athletes. This college has produced hordes of players who have represented India in Olympic

most renowned Olympian. He participated in shooting competitions at the 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972, and 1980 Olympics. Renowned sports administrator and a product of St. Stephen's college, Randhir Singh also participated in five Olympics from 1968 to 1984. Mansher Singh, an exceptional shooter,

competed in the 2004 and 2008 Olympics. Both Randhir Singh and Mansher Singh studied at St. Stephen's College and honed their shooting skills there. Mansher "Joey" Singh specializes in double trap and trap. At the 2008 Olympic Games, he finished in first place in the trap qualification. He also came first at the 2004 Olympic Games. In addition, he has medals from the Asian Games and the Commonwealth Games. In the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Victoria, British Columbia, he won a gold medal in the trap event.

Says Brother Solomon George, "We strive to ensure our students excel not only in academics but also in sports and other activities, becoming ideal citizens. We provide them with every possible facility. It is with this vision that St. Stephen's Cambridge School, recently established on the



When the nation was rejoicing the bronze medal performance of Manu Bhakar last Sunday, the Brother's House in the capital was also celebrating the victory of Manu Bhakar. Those who live there were all the more happy that Jaspal Rana, the coach of Manu is related to them. Actually, Rana was an alumnus of St. Stephen's college was established by Delhi Brotherhood Society more than 140 years ago. Indeed, it is a champion of Olympic movement in India along with top cop late Ashwani Kumar. Well, the thinking cop Ashwini Kumar, who also served as the second Director General of BSF, had monitored the security aspects of Olympic games after the 1972 Munich

Delhi-Sonipat border, is offering modern facilities for various sports, aiming to produce future Olympians for India." Meanwhile, during the Rome Games, Ranjit Bhatia, a mathematics professor at St. Stephen's College, competed in the 4x400-meter relay race, and Sandeep Sejwal participated in the 100 and 200-meter breaststroke swimming events. Neha Aggarwal, a table tennis player and former student of St. Stephen's College participated in the 2008 Beijing Olympics. And in this Paris Olympics, Jaspal Rana, another alumnus of St. Stephen's College, is taking part as a coach of young shooter Manu Bhakar. Manu Bhakar scripted history, shooting an Olympic Bronze medal in Paris last Sunday. The 22-year-old from Haryana became the first Indian female shooter to win a

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# Successful Completion of a 3-Day Training Programme on Reservation Policies at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata

**Kolkata, (KCN):** A three-day training programme was conducted by the Labour & IR Division of Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP), Kolkata from July 24 to July 26, 2024. The programme was inaugurated by the Chairperson, SMP, Kolkata, Shri Rathendra Raman in presence of Mr. Biswajit Banerjee, Deputy Director of ISTM, New Delhi, Shri J. Ghosh Dastidar, Senior Personnel Officer, SMP, Kolkata & other senior officials



from the port.

In his inaugural speech Shri Raman remarked, "The programme is meant to

address the crucial knowledge gap in the implementation of the Government of India's reservation policies.

It's good to see the participants responded very positively to the training." Shri Raman

added, "This programme is expected to enhance participants' understanding and skills in maintaining reservation rosters as per official guidelines, ensuring more effective implementation of these essential policies".

The training saw the participation of 27 individuals representing all divisions of Kolkata Dock System and Haldia Dock Complex. The programme aimed to cover various constitutional provisions and their applicability for reservations in services

concerning SC/ST/OBC and PWD categories. It included discussions on the roles and functions of Liaison Officers, reservation rules for both direct recruitment and promotion, maintenance of rosters, judgments of the High Court/Supreme Court, and provisions of the Disability Act, 2016.

Shri Sandeep Mukherjee, Director of ISTM, New Delhi, an esteemed faculty member and renowned author on the subject, played a key role in conducting sessions on July 25 and 26, 2024.

## North East DCP visited Silampur police station.



**New Delhi(KCN):** On Friday, North East DCP IPS Dr. Joy Tirkey visited Seelampur police station. He listened to the problems of the staff and discussed about cases/complaints and also boosted the morale of the staff working day and night in Kanwar arrangement.

## Aam Aadmi Party has been allotted a place for the party office.

**New Delhi(KCN):** Aam Aadmi Party has got a new place, the central government has allotted a new place for the party office. The new address of the national office of Aam Aadmi Party will now be Bungalow No. 1 Ravi Shankar Shukla Lane. All the activities of the party will be conducted from here. The central government has allotted a new office to the AAP party after the order of the Delhi High Court.



**New Delhi(KCN):** On Sunday, Lok Janshakti R Party has started campaigning for Delhi Assembly elections to be held next year. Programs were organized in many assemblies in Chandni Chowk Lok Sabha constituency. Delhi State President Shankar Mishra was given a warm welcome by party workers and officials in the programs of Shalimar Bagh Assembly and Adarsh ??Nagar Assembly. All the party officials including Delhi State Vice President Shivendra Mishra, Delhi State Vice President Shatrunjay Sharma, Delhi State General Secretary Kamal Thakur, Delhi State Secretary Brajesh Jha, Adarsh ??Nagar District President Anil Yadav, Shalimar Bagh Assembly President Dev Paswan, Ankit Paswan, Rahul Paswan, Dilip Paswan, Poonam Devi and hundreds of other workers were present at the Haiderpur Chhath Ghat in Shalimar Bagh.

## Lok Janshakti (R) Party has started campaigning for Delhi Assembly elections.



## MP Iqra Chaudhary Visits World Peace Harmony Chairman Haji Shakeel Saifi.

**New Delhi(KCN):** Samajwadi Party leader Iqra Chaudhary, who won the famous Kairana Lok Sabha seat of Uttar Pradesh in the recently held Lok Sabha elections, has become an MP for the first time. After winning, she remained in the news in the entire state and the country. Iqra Chaudhary, who won from Kairana, is constantly seen in action for better development in her area. Whether it is in the Parliament or raising her voice for her problems. MP Iqra Chaudhary reached the residence of the messiah of the poor, World Peace Harmony Chairman Haji Shakeel Saifi, where she enquired about the health of Haji Shakeel Saifi, who was ill for some days. On the occasion, the entire family of Haji Shakeel Saifi gave a warm welcome to MP Iqra Chaudhary. Haji Faiz Saifi, Haji Rizwan Saifi, Haji Hamza Saifi and their entire families were present on the occasion



## DDC Member Kaiser Ganei highlights severe water crisis in Khimber & adjacent areas



**Srinagar, (Aasif Malik):** DDC Member Kaiser Ganei today raised serious concerns over the alarming water scarcity affecting several areas including Khimber, Phak, Harwan, Syedpora, and Danihamma.

In a statement issued today, Ganei highlighted the critical situation facing local farmers and residents, as paddy fields and orchards are on the verge of a failed crop due to the ongoing drought conditions.

"This water crisis is not just an inconvenience; it is a severe threat to the livelihoods of our local farmers and the well-being of our people," said Ganei.

"The administration must act swiftly to address this perilous situation and prevent further suffering."

Ganei emphasized the

urgent need for immediate relief measures to support the affected areas. He proposed that the District Administration of Srinagar, under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bilal Mohiuddin, should consider diverting water lines from Ganderbal as a temporary solution. This measure would help alleviate the water shortage and ensure that the basic needs of the locals are met until the region receives sufficient rainfall.

"The people of these areas are in desperate need of support," Ganei

continued. "By taking decisive action, we can mitigate the impact of this crisis and safeguard the livelihoods of our farmers."

He said that the water scarcity in Khimber and its neighboring areas has raised alarm among residents, who are yearning for action from the administration to prioritize this issue.

"The proposed diversion of water lines from Ganderbal will be a necessary step to provide immediate relief and prevent further damage to crops and orchards," he added.

## Malwa Canal will be constructed at cost of Rs 2300 Crore: CM Punjab

**Chandigarh (JAG MOHAN THAKEN):** The decision of Punjab government to construct 150 kilometres long 'Malwa Canal' at cost of Rs 2300 in the state will help in irrigating around two lakh acres of land thereby ushering an era of unprecedented progress and prosperity in the state especially in Malwa region.

The Chief Minister further said that the state government will spend around Rs 2300 crore on this prestigious project that will cater to irrigation needs of nearly two lakh acres of fertile land of the state. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that he had conceived the project much before assuming the charge of Chief Minister of the state.

The Chief Minister, while addressing the gathering after inspecting ongoing work of Malwa canal, said that it is on record that none of the previous governments of the state had paid heed towards this necessity of the state. He said that due to this gross negligence of the successive state governments the over exploitation of the groundwater took place



those who had always sought votes on the name of panth had never bothered to take such step. He said that the Akali leaders were more interested in supplying water to their farms rather than executing such projects that could have transformed the destiny of the common man. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that due to

such anti-people stances these leaders were outrightly rejected by the voters and a whopping mandate was given to the incumbent government. The Chief Minister quipped that Lok Sabha MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal was shedding crocodile tears over the issue of demanding Royalty for

the waters of the state. He reminded the Lok Sabha MP that since 1970s her family was at the helm of affairs of the state for a majority period but they never raised this issue anywhere. Mann said that now when the people of state have sent them to political oblivion Badal family is raising these issues adding that the wise people of state

know the real face of this family and they will never spare them for their sins. The Malwa Canal, the ongoing work of which was checked by the Chief Minister during his visit in the district, is proposed to off take from Harike Headworks and runs along the left side of the Rajasthan Feeder Canal from its Headwork to near

village Warring Khera partly in the existing land of Rajasthan government acquired for construction of Rajasthan Feeder. It will provide additional water resources to the left side of the Rajasthan Feeder Canal, which cannot be supplied effectively by Sirhind Feeder Canal. The Proposed discharge of this 149.53-kilometre-long canal is 2000 cusecs and will be constructed at a cost of Rs 2300 crore. This move assumes significance as during the Kharif season, due to high demand Ferozepur Feeder is not able to cater to the entire demand of Punjab state and as a result supply in Sirhind Feeder is affected. The situation becomes so severe that Punjab has to run its canals on rotation. There are 302 lift pumps operating in between RD 7100 to 430080 of SF, which irrigate the area on the left side of the Rajasthan Feeder which was originally irrigated

# Rampant loot of minor minerals in Mayurbhanj

**Baripada(KCN):** Illegal mining and smuggling of minor minerals have assumed an alarming proportion in Mayurbhanj district.

According to sources, rampant blasting is going on for extraction of stones on the Similipal foothills and adjoining areas in complete violation of environmental norms. Similarly, a huge amount of sand is illegally extracted from the quarries and smuggled outside.

The illegal mining and smuggling of minor minerals have resulted in loss of precious revenue to the state exchequer. Moreover, the state government is also losing revenue in crores as 157 quarries are lying closed or under suspension over various reasons.

The district

administration is well aware but yet to take strong measures to check the illegal mining and transportation of minerals. Moreover, inadequate manpower is a deterrent for the administration to launch crackdowns.

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has intervened on illegal mining and smuggling of sand, stones and murram but the administration is allegedly not doing enough to check such theft.

The state government has handed over the management of minor minerals from the Revenue department to the Minor Minerals department.

The district has 203 quarries under the jurisdiction of 26 tehsils. Meanwhile, a total of 161 quarries including 77 sand quarries, 86 stone quarries



and one murram quarry have been transferred to the jurisdiction of Minor Minerals department except 42 quarries which have cases pending at the NGT. A total of 133 quarries are lying closed in the district, which include 64 sand quarries and 69 stone quarries. As per official sources, 70 (40 sand quarries, 29 stone quarries and one murram quarry) are in operation and minerals are being transported through e-pass.

to various leaseholders. However, 24 including two stone quarries and 22 sand quarries are yet to become operational as the leaseholders are yet to submit necessary documents and sign agreement with the concerned tehsils. The rest 46 including 17 sand quarries, 27 stone quarries, 27 stone quarries and one murram quarry are in operation and minerals are being transported through e-pass.

Similarly, two of the quarries scheduled for auction are Gopabandhu Nagar and the Budhabalanga sand quarries Betanoti-1. However, the NGT has issued a stay order on Betanoti quarry due to an error found in the district survey report.

NGT issued the order following allegations that the district administration auctioned the quarry without conducting any fresh survey and on the basis of an old survey report.

quarries has adversely affected the environment and triggered panic among the people in the surrounding areas. Tremors are felt and houses develop cracks due to powerful blasting in the stone quarries while smoke and dust from the process are polluting the environment.

Environmental pollution and consumption of food covered with such dust has led to spread of respiratory and various other diseases. Moreover, the leaseholders and illegal miners are extracting stones beyond the permissible limits by greasing the palms of tehsil, revenue and police

officials. The risky pools get filled with rainwater during the rainy season and often become a death trap for the livestock as well as humans in the adjoining villages. Prices of minor minerals have also shot up.

When contacted, Udaya Bhanu Sahu, an officer in the Minor Minerals department blamed the absence of adequate personnel for the surge in illegal mining and smuggling. "While five officials have been engaged at the tehsil level to manage minor minerals, what can we do with the skeletal manpower at our disposal," he questioned.

## Landslide cuts off 18 Odisha villages, IMD says more rain in store

**Bhubaneswar/Malkangiri(KCN):** People of 18 villages in Odisha's Malkangiri district were cut off from the rest of the state due to a major landslide following heavy rains due to a well-marked low-pressure, officials said.

The landslide happened near Tumba Padar village at Bayapadar ghat road at Nakamamudi gram panchayat under Korukonda block of Malkangiri district on Saturday noon.

Amid heavy rain, incidents of landslides have been reported from Malkangiri, and Koraput's Lamapat and Nandapur areas, affecting vehicular movement.

The Special Relief Commissioner's (SRC) office has confirmed a landslide in Malkangiri. It stated that the SRC Satyabrata Sahu held discussions with the Malkangiri collector and road clearance work is on. Traffic movement will be restored shortly, it added.



Meanwhile, the IMD in a bulletin said that Odisha may continue to experience heavy rain till July 31 under the influence of a well-marked low-pressure area over Gangetic West Bengal and adjoining north Odisha.

The system is likely to move west northwestwards in the next 24 hours, the bulletin said.

The weather office said that heavy rainfall (7 to 11cm) may occur at one or two places in Malkangiri, Koraput, Nabarangpur, Bolangir, Nuapada, Sonepur, Jharsuguda, Sundargarh,

Sambalpur, Keonjhar, Angul, Deogarh, Boudh and Kalahandi districts till Sunday morning. The IMD has also warned of squally weather with gusty surface wind speed reaching 40 to 50 kmph over the Bay of Bengal Sunday.

Fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea as it is likely to remain rough.

The IMD forecast heavy rain in Bargarh, Jharsuguda, Sundargarh, Nuapada, and Nabarangpur July 28.

"There is a warning for heavy rain at one or two

places in Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj and Balasore during the subsequent 24 hours (July 29). Heavy rain is also likely at one or two places in Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Balasore, Bhadrak and Jajpur districts on July 31," the IMD said.

For August 1, the IMD said that heavy rainfall may occur at one or two places in

Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Sundargarh, Angul, Dhenkanal, Cuttack, Kendrapara, Deogarh, Malkangiri, Koraput, and Rayagada.

## Tension, blockade over woman's death in Keonjhar road accident

**Barbil(KCN):** In a tragic incident, a woman was killed after being run over by a speeding truck on NH-520 at Kendudihi Chowk under Rugudi police limits in Keonjhar district, Thursday night. The deceased woman was identified as Phulabati Rana, 48.

According to sources, the incident took place at around 9:30pm Thursday when the driver of a speeding truck lost control of the vehicle and ran over Phulabati. Another truck plying behind the accident-causing vehicle also ran over Phulabati leading to her death on the spot. Tension ensued following the incident as angry locals kept the body of the deceased



and staged a road blockade on NH520 demanding compensation for the next of kin of the deceased and a government job for one member of the bereaved family. Irate locals also called for the immediate removal of illegally parked heavy vehicles from the highway. On being informed, Rugudi police reached

the spot and tried to pacify the protesters. However, they failed to convince them to remove the blockade. Later Barbil tehsildar DSS Joshi reached the spot to placate the angry locals but to no avail. The road blockade continued for 16 hours from Thursday 9:30pm till 3:30pm, Friday. Finally, after a lot of



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## Parenting session at The Heritage School, Kolkata emphasizes on developing Intellectual mindset of students

**Kolkata(KCN):** The Heritage School, Kolkata, organized Parenting session for classes VI to XII which was addressed by Shri Siddharth Jain, renowned philosopher and a life coach from Vedanta Academy. Shri Jain spoke on the topic 'Raising Resilient Children' and during his address he stressed on the act that the parents should encourage the children to enhance their intellectual mindset for the betterment of their future.

"It is intellect not intelligence that matters and the intellectual mindset of the children starts developing from the age of 8 years," said Shri Jain during his address at the



Parenting session. Moreover parents should lead their children by setting their own examples. "Parents don't get aware of their child's intellectual growth. They try to dictate and this makes the child more rebellious," Shri Jain. Also he advised the parents about the negative influence of mobile phones in today's digital world.

### 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 touchpoints 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 exclusive 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.

### 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) 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.

### NeelachalIspat Nigam&Tata Steel Foundation Dedicate New Anganwadi Building to the Residents of Kulapita



**Kalinganagar, (KCN):**

With an objective to provide better education infrastructure to the community, NeelachalIspat Nigam Limited (NINL) and Tata Steel Foundation (TSF) dedicated a 'New Anganwadi Building' to the residents of Kulapita village in Salijanga Panchayat under Danagadi block of Jajpur district on Friday.

The new building was inaugurated by Sudhir Mehta, MD & CEO, NeelachalIspat Nigam in the presence of NandiniprabhaLenka, Child Development Project Officer (CDPO), Jajpur, Bijaylaxmi Das, Sarpanch, Salijanga Panchayat, Lanka Budiuli, Ward Member, Kulapita, Allen Joseph, Head, TSF, community members of the region and officials of TSF.

The new Anganwadi

building funded by NeelachalIspat Nigam Limited will cater to the educational needs of the 24 children from 145 scheduled tribal families from the nearby region who regularly come to the centre. Earlier, the children used to face a lot of difficulties in attending the classes during the rainy season as the old building had a temporary asbestos roof. Apart from the construction of new Anganwadi building, Public Health team of TSF is also involved in monitoring the health of 29 children belonging to three villages under Salijanga panchayat namely, Bhubanadahai, ChotaKulapita, and BadaKulapita. With this initiative, Tata Steel Foundation focuses on combating malnutrition through community-based nutrition programmes and awareness campaigns. It aims to improve dietary practices among children and mothers, ensuring better nutritional outcomes.

### realme launches the Stylish realmenarzo 60 Series 5G and the revolutionary realme Buds Wireless 3

**Bhubaneswar(KCN) :** realme, the Most Reliable Smartphone Service Provider in India, unveiled its latest offerings today, the realmenarzo 60 Series 5G and realme Buds Wireless 3.

realmenarzo 60 5G which will be priced at INR 23999, 12GB + 256GB priced at INR 26999 and 12GB + 1TB priced at INR 29999. realmenarzo 60 5G also showcases a Premium Vegan Leather and Martian Horizon design. The device offers a remarkable 90Hz Super AMOLED Display with 20,000-level auto brightness adjustment. The 64MP Street Photography Camera, equipped with 2X in-sensor zoom, DIS Snapshot, and 20X digital zoom, capturing stunning images with ease. Powered by the Dimensity 6020 5G Chipset, the realmenarzo 60 5G gives you a worthwhile experience. The narzo 60 5G comes in two stunning colors: Mars Orange, Cosmic Black and two storage variants: The 8GB + 128GB is priced at INR 17999 and the 8GB + 256GB is priced at INR 19999.

Buyers can avail bank offers of INR 1500 on the realmenarzo 60 Pro 5G with 6 months No Cost EMI and 18 month warranty on pre-booking starting from 6th July 1 PM on Amazon.in. and realme.com. Users can also avail bank offers of INR 1500 on the realmenarzo 60 Pro 5G with 6 months No Cost EMI on first sale on Amazon.in and

realme.com. For realmenarzo 60 5G, buyers can avail a coupon of INR 1000\* and No Cost EMI for up to 6 months and 18 month warranty on pre-booking starting from 6th July 1 PM on realme.com and Amazon.in. Users can also avail coupons worth INR 1000 and No Cost EMI for up to 6 months on first sale on Amazon.in and realme.com.

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### 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,

Upadhyay, and General Manager, Sales & Distribution, Mr Ranit Rana.

Commending the development, Chairman, SCTEVT and Principal Secretary to Government, SDTE and Industries Departments, Shri Hemant Sharma (IAS); Additional Secretary, SDTE, Govt of Odisha, Shri Tapan Satpathy (OAS); Resident Director, JSL, Mr SS



## Paris Olympics, Hockey: Steely India begin campaign with 3-2 win over New Zealand

**Paris:** Goals from Mandeep Singh, Vivek Sagar Prasad and Harmanpreet Singh helped India beat New Zealand 3-2 in a thriller in Paris on Monday. India clinched a crucial win in what is expected to be a tough Pool B campaign. Veteran goalkeeper PR Sreejesh was in top form once again.

India men's hockey team began their campaign in the Paris Olympics with a sensational come-from-behind win. Harmanpreet Singh's men overcame a 0-1 deficit in the first quarter to win their Pool B opener 3-2 at the Yves-du-Manoir Stadium 2 in the French capital on Saturday, July 27. India looked wobbly in the first quarter, but they bounced back with goals from



Mandeep Singh and Vivek Sagar Prasad in the second and third quarters of a pulsating match.

A late penalty stroke goal from captain Harmanpreet Singh helped India complete an incredible comeback against New Zealand, who will rue the umpteen missed opportunities to

put pressure on their opposition. Goalkeeper PR Sreejesh, who announced he would retire after the Paris Games, put on a sensational show as New Zealand were denied as many as 7 penalty corners. It was a crucial win for India in the opening match of Pool B as they

have tougher tests in the upcoming days. India have been drawn alongside Australia, Belgium, Argentina, and Ireland in their Pool. India moved to the second spot in their pool after the opening-day win. India fell behind 0-1 as early as the 8th minute. Graig Fulton's men had more possession

## Olympics: Preeti Pawar storms into boxing pre-quarters beating Vo Thi Kim Anh

**Paris :** India's Preeti Pawar advanced to the pre-quarters of the women's 54kg boxing event after beating Vietnam's Vo Thi Kim Anh 5:0 on Saturday. India's Preeti Pawar stormed her way into the pre-quarterfinal of the women's 54kg category in boxing at the Paris Olympics 2024. On Saturday, July 27, the 20-year-old defeated Vietnam's Vo Thi Kim Anh 5:0 (Win on Points) in the Round of 32 at North Paris Arena. The Bhiwani, Haryana-born athlete will next be up

against Colombian second seed Yeni Arias in the next round.

Making her debut in the Olympics, Preeti showed nerves of steel to secure victory in her maiden appearance. With the triumph, Preeti kept alive her dreams of becoming only the third Indian female boxer to win an Olympic medal after Mary Kom and Lovlina Borgohain. Having already won a bronze medal in the Asian Games, Preeti has the experience of playing at the world's biggest stages.

Back in 2023, Preeti secured her berth in the Paris Olympics during the Asian Games 2023. She took a ticket for the showpiece event after making her way through to the semis, beating Kazakhstan's Zhaina Shekerbekova 4-1 in the quarterfinals.



Preeti did not make the most auspicious start to her match against her Vietnamese opponent. She conceded the first round and looked in all sorts of trouble. Vo won the first round 3-2 after a split decision. But the second round saw her up and ante and attack her

opponent with jabs and punches. This time around, she got the unanimous decision in her favour. Preeti has a challenge ahead of her in the next round as Arias can be a strong opponent, having won the gold medal in the Pan American Games and silver in the World Championships. Preeti forms the part of the Indian boxing contingent along with Nikhat Zareen (women's 50kg), Lovlina (women's 75kg), Nishant Dev (men's 71kg), Jaasmine Lamboria (women's 57kg) and Amit Panghal (men's 51kg).

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## BCB confident of hosting Women's World Cup despite political unrest

**Dhaka:** Bangladesh Cricket Board said that they are confident of hosting the upcoming ICC Women's Twenty20 World Cup as per schedule as they feel there is no reason to worry despite the political unrest in the country.

Cricbuzz earlier reported that International Cricket Council is monitoring the situation in Bangladesh, where government had to impose emergency last week that is yet to be lifted, to control the affair of the state following killings and protests on the streets. During the global ICC event slated from October 3 to 20, 10 teams are scheduled to play 23 matches, over 18 days, at two venues in Bangladesh, the Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium in Dhaka and the Sylhet International Cricket Stadium in Sylhet. "As of today all I know is that we are hosting the upcoming ICC Women's T20 World Cup as per plan and we are working accordingly keeping that in mind," BCB chief executive officer Nizamuddin Chowdhury told Cricbuzz on Saturday, brushing aside all kinds of



speculation regarding the matter for the time being.

The BCB president Nazmul Hasan and chief executive returned to Dhaka on Friday (July 26) after attending the ICC meeting in Colombo.

Shafiu Alam Chowdhury Nadeel, BCB women's wing chairman and currently a member of the parliament from the ruling party, said that they are not pushing any panic button as they have enough time in their hand to organize the tournament successfully.

"We are hopeful that everything will be fine in the coming days," Shafiu told this website when his attention was drawn regarding the issue. "The Australians and England team visited here in difficult times earlier when the political situation was quite violent or say when there was corona," he said.

"The situation is not like that and the condition is improving with passing days and we are hopeful about hosting the tournament and we are taking the preparation as per our planning," he said.

## Dottin reverses international retirement ahead of T20 World Cup

**New Delhi:** Deandra Dottin has reversed her international retirement and will be available to play for West Indies again. Cricket West Indies confirmed the 33-year-old's decision that comes ahead of the T20 World Cup, scheduled to be played in Bangladesh later this year. Dottin, one of the most decorated players in West Indies history, holds the record for the fastest ton in women's T20Is. Having hit five centuries in international cricket, Dottin surprisingly

announced her retirement a couple of years ago citing reservations with the team environment. She will now be a part of the West Indies camp in August 2024 and will also lead Trinbago Knight Riders in the Women's CPL prior to the T20 World Cup. "Representing West Indies in international cricket has always been a matter of great pride and passion for me," Dottin wrote in a letter to CWI. "After a period of reflection and thoughtful dialogue with various parties within Cricket West Indies, Dottin surprisingly

## Lakshya Sen beats Kevin Cordon to mark dominating Olympics debut

**Paris :** India's Lakshya Sen beat Kevin Cordon 21-9, 22-20 in a Group L match of badminton men's singles. The youngster looked on top of his game on his Olympics debut and mostly dictated terms to his opposition. It took Lakshya only 42



minutes to come up trumps against the Guatemalan. Lakshya also took his head-to-head count against Cordon to 2-0, having also faced him in the 2021 World Championship, where the former won 21-13, 21-8.

The opening game turned out to be a one-sided affair. Lakshya seized the initiative by taking a 9-1 lead. He churned out some stunning smashes and Cordon had no answer to the challenges posed by the Indian shuttler.

**New Delhi:** At the conclusion of the record 617-run Test series against England, Yashasvi Jaiswal was a player under stress. He saw what others had missed in that series, that he had failed to cash in on the last two opportunities he had got in Indian colours before the team for the 2024 T20 World Cup was to be announced. Scores of 37 and 57 were decent performances by all accounts, but for him those were merely good starts that weren't converted into big scores. As the latest poster-boy of Rajasthan Royals kept harping "sirf runs banane hai" during IPL 2024, the franchise freed him up to a fair extent from his sponsorships. Whether he was free of that pressure in his mind is for him to reveal, but with the

bat, he was a changed player. Scratches, desperate and short of runs - far from the one whose free-flowing bat swing had demolished attacks across formats in the year leading up to that tournament. The team's early success notwithstanding, Jaiswal took seven innings before he could eventually find his groove. He was part of a race for a spot with many contenders but no real opening. Four months later, the situation is drastically different. Opportunities have opened up and he, along with Shubman Gill, have got the first shot to claim those vacant spots.

Only a day before India's first T20I against Sri Lanka, the newly-appointed captain Suryakumar Yadav asserted that under the new leadership, 'only the

engine has changed, the rest of the bogeys are still the same.' It was a similar message that he had passed on to his teammates who had done well in the shortest format in recent years, of how the coaching staff will come and go, but they have to continue the practises that have yielded them positive results over all these years.

It was an interesting assessment for multiple reasons. Firstly, a new captain and a new coach were at the helm and even by initial impressions, there seem to be some notable changes. To begin with, the practice of playing four frontline bowlers along with the part-time and all-round options in the XI, a strategy used by Gautam Gambhir during his successful stints with Lucknow Super Giants

and Kolkata Knight Riders, is now what his predecessors at India used. Adding to that is another past trend of Gambhir - the compulsive need to keep the left-right combination running through the top eight. Another question is how do the bogeys remain the same when three veteran

players, who have been the face of India's T20I cricket for so long, have bid adieu?

The first two bogeys on that train have already been changed, with Jaiswal and Gill slotting in for Rohit and Kohli. And the explosive power they displayed on Saturday night in the powerplay is the exact reason why Jaiswal would've felt that he had an opportunity to push his case in the Indian XI when realistically the chances were negligible. The southpaw made his intentions clear off the first ball itself in Pallekele when he pulled Dilshan Madhushanka for a boundary. At the other end, Gill, who had intended to bring more 'intent' to his game, was cruising along in his own, unique style. A mild punch caressed through backward point, a lazy loft over mid off, a nonchalant whip over mid on, a harmless rolling of the wrist through square leg and a couple of opening the face of the bat - all earning him boundaries. He took the bait offered to him with length deliveries outside off with the backward point vacant, teasing him to slash. He countered those effectively with controlled punches. When the bowlers changed the line and brought it closer to his body, his timing and placement continued to be his ally. He was eventually undone with a slower ball which he mistimed, but by then he had submitted his concept