

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'.

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 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

focused on "Improving Resumes and Cover Letters", which provided candidates with strategies for creating attractive resumes and cover letters. The final session was "Technical Interview Preparation", which focused candidates on how to prepare for and succeed in technical interviews. These sessions were conducted by eminent faculty from University of Utah, XIM University and Infosys, which imparted more knowledge and practical knowledge to the candidates. ICC job mela 2024 will be held for two days, promising more opportunities and participation for job candidates in various fields.

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

peer-reviewed publications and the elevation of the training institute to a National Institute of Geoscience. Besides, he stressed on the programmes of GSI in close consonance with the priorities of the Centre. In alignment with the Government of India's initiative to establish a Critical Mineral Mission, Expressing his admiration for the young and energetic officers of GSI, Shri Saha urged Supervisory Officers, Deputy Director Generals, and Additional Director Generals to lead by example, showing the way and working alongside their teams. Shri Saha is confident that with the available resources, both human and instrumental, GSI is well-positioned to make a significant impact on the nation's economy and society at large. He looks forward to achieving great milestones together with the dedicated team at GSI.

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 Lakhanpur 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

success, this college, which has been developed for a long time on a small scale, has already presented itself as the manager of the 32nd Annual General Meeting of the All Bengal Principals Council. Under their management, hundreds of college principals participated on July 28 and reviewed discussions on various issues of the colleges. State Finance Minister Chandra Bhattacharya, MLA Ashok Dev, MP Sougata Roy, MLA Madan Mitra, President of the organization Dr. Purnachandra Maity, Principal of Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women Dr. Soma Ghosh were present.

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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
Mehboob 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
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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 be to
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.

Prabhas, Deepika Padukone's Project K To Create History, To Be First Indian Film To Debut At San Diego Comic-Con



There's good news for
Bollywood lovers who
have been waiting for a
long 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."

Tabu regretted doing 'Prem' as Shekhar Kapur 'ran away' after convincing her

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
'Dushmani', 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 'Dushmani'... He
cast me for 'Dushmani'
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 'Dushmani' and I didn't
want to act. I want to
study abroad." She further
shared, "Shekhar Kapur
convinced me to sign
'Prem'. I signed, photo-
shoot 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

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 "Annabelle"
premiered in 2014. Soon
after, "The Conjuring 2"
was released in 2016,
"Annabelle: Creation" in
2017 and then the second

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 reopened in the case of the 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, co-ordinated 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 belongs to or pertains to or relates to any person, other than the person with respect to whom search was made or whose books of account or other documents or any assets were requisitioned, then, any money, bullion, jewellery or other valuable article or thing, or assets, or expenditure, or books of account, other documents, or any information contained therein, seized or requisitioned shall be handed over to the Assessing Officer having jurisdiction over such other person and that Assessing Officer shall proceed u/s 158BC against such other person and the provisions of the said Chapter shall apply accordingly. (vii) Tax shall be charged at 60 per cent for the block period, as per section 113. Proviso to section 113 provides that tax chargeable under this section shall be increased by a surcharge, if any, which may be levied by any Central Act. However,

presently, no surcharge is proposed for income chargeable to tax for the block period. (viii) 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. (ix) 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. (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 pending 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 Additional Commissioner or the Additional Director or the Joint Commissioner 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



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.

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



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 (DBA), 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.

games. If it has been producing accomplished players, credit must be given to all those who work both as Christian priests and social workers. They are all associated with DBS." Dr. Karni Singh is undoubtedly St. Stephen's College's

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

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 marathon. At the 2000 Sydney Olympics, St. Stephen's College's Piyush Kumar 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

medal at the Games after she clinched the third position in the women's 10m air pistol final at the Chateauroux Shooting Centre in the French capital. Three years after a series of heartbreaks in Tokyo, one of India's most celebrated and talented shooters fulfilled her dreams, bringing glory to the nation. She was training under the watchful eyes of Jaspal Rana, himself a celebrated Shooter. Rana honed his skill as a shooting player during his days in St. Stephen's College. Let us hope that both DBS and Ashwani Kumar continue to inspire the future generation of Olympic players in India. "I only hope that DBS continues to provide world class facilities to students of their educational intuitions. I hope that Like St. Stephen's College, St. Stephan's Cambridge school in Sonipat in Haryana would also produce many Olympic players," concludes noted sports writer and Commentator Ghaus Mohammad.

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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.

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



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 arrange.

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.



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



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.

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 Danihama.

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 development and progress in the state.

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Saturday said that state is on the threshold of creating a new history as for the first time in the history of state a new canal 'Malwa Canal' is being dug to cater to the irrigational needs of the southern Punjab. 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

resulting in maximum blocks turning into dark zones. CM Mann further said that this around 150-kilometre-long new canal will usher a new 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 irrigational 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. He said that in reality this is his dream project which is aimed giving a major impetus to the overall development and progress of the state in general and that of Malwa region in particular. Taking a jibe over the previous rulers, the Chief Minister said that



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 helms 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 Khara 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 Khariff 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

by the Sirhind Canal system (Abohar Branch Upper and Bathinda branch) being fed from Ropar Head Works. However Instead of improving supply of water at tail portion of Sirhind Canal system, the then government took the decision to supply water to this area from Sirhind Feeder through Lift pumps. Thus, there is a shortage of water for the canal system of Abohar and Fazilka. As a long-term measure to improve irrigation facility in the area, the present government has taken the decision to construct another canal namely Malwa Canal parallel to Twin Canals- Rajasthan Feeder and Sirhind Feeder. Thus, more water will be available for Abohar Area from Sirhind Feeder. After construction of this canal the both the areas of Muktsar, Giddebaha, Bathinda, Ziraas well as areas of Abohar, Ferozpur and Fazilak will get their rightful share of water.

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 murrum 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 murrum 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 murrum quarry) have been leased out in the district

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 and one murrum 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.

On the other hand, smuggling of minerals has been on the rise with a sharp rise in demand. The illegal miners are not even sparing quarries which have been closed down and smuggling lakhs of cubic metre (CUM) of sand and stone outside the district to Balasore, Bhadrak and even neighbouring Jharkhand and West Bengal for a premium.

Similarly, illegal blasting of explosives in stone

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 Lamataput 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, Sonapur, 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

effort by the district administration, two mining companies assured special parking spaces for trucks and also agreed to provide jobs to one family member of the deceased woman. Due to the road blockade, transport of minerals was completely halted and road communication was severely affected.



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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.

The parents had various queries which were answered by Shri Siddharth Jain giving emphasis on the fact that it is the duty of the parents to help in the enhancement of the intellectual mindset of the children. "You should make them think and question. You should help them to analyze. Marks are not important, it is the way you prepare your child for life which matters

the most," said Shri Jain during his address. The session was also contributed by a few parents who helped other parents to know how to be successful in raising their children and in what ways the parents should tackle

the difficulties they face during this journey. "At The Heritage School, we frequently conduct such sessions where parents share their views and experts are also invited as speakers. It is very important to make the parents aware of the ways by which parents can raise their child for facing the future challenges in their lives. That is where the real education comes in to prepare the child for life," said Ms. Seema Sapru, Principal, The Heritage School, Kolkata.

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. Truly encapsulating the spirit of 'Made of Pride', the designer made use of Odisha weave, which is sustainable, hand-woven, organic and a homegrown initiative of design, painstakingly woven by the weavers of Odisha. The upbeat set was a composition designed to narrate the spirit of Bhubaneswar along with the flair of the designer. The evening was attended by the city's A-listers & influencers. The fashion walk truly left the guests mesmerized and engaged.

Through this unique showcase of Pride encompassing diverse talent across creative fields, Blenders Pride Fashion Nights 2022, encourages everyone, especially youth at large to celebrate & take pride in their authentic and individual journeys. The evening spotlighted individuals who take Pride in their choices, are comfortable in their skin and, most importantly, embrace their authentic selves – truly living a life that is 'Made of Pride'.

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 Nandiniprabha Lenka, 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, Bhubanadahi, Chota Kulapita, and Bada Kulapita. 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.

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, Bhubaneswar 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 exclusively 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.

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.

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&T 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.

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

