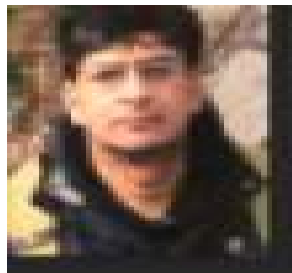


last tenure taken over control of Sikh shrines including the Nanded based Sri Hazur Sahib shrine and the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee besides breaking the Shiromani Committee to form a separate gurdwara committee for Haryana. MZs Badal also called for reducing the power granted to the police in the new criminal laws stating this could lead to a new kind of Emergency like situation if not curbed. She also pointed out that Khadoor Sahib MP Amritpal Singh had not been allowed to take oath of office.

A forgotten meteriologist

Saikat Kumar Basu



Kolkata and gangetic West Bengal are going to experience another cyclonic hit called Remal. In recent years Kolkata has witnessed many devastating cyclonic hits like Amphan, Yash, Ayela, Bulbul, Fani etc. But do you know the term 'cyclone' was coined by a British man residing in Calcutta?. He was

Henry Piddington. He was born in England and had interest in sailing. He took a training and became Commander in Marine Service in East India and China. During 1840s, he settled in Calcutta .He had experienced many storms while sailing through sea and in Calcutta ,he pursued a career in Science mainly focusing in Science of Weather. He was particularly interested in storm wave or storm surge and wrote the detailed account of storm waves and their effects. During those days,



British Government had a plan to build a port on the bank of Matla River. But Piddington was totally against it and warned the government that the river

would be exposed to heavy cyclonic hazards. But everybody ignored him and he became "madman " to the general public. In 1864,it

was inaugurated and The port was named as Port Canning after the then Governor-General Lord Canning. But after three years of it's inauguration, the port was struck by a cyclonic hit and it was destroyed. He wrote a book "a horn - book for the Law of storm for the Indian and Chinese Seas." in 1884.

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Quotation of the Day

A good day is a
good day. A bad
day is a good
story.

- Glennon Melton

Samir Mitra told about the Practice of Theater in Education in India

Arindam Bhattacharya

The practice of theater in education began in India at the hands of theater personality Shyamananda Jalan, the founder and director of Padatik in Kolkata. He was flanked by Dr. Israfil Shaheen, a graduate of the National School of Drama, New Delhi, currently an internationally renowned drama personality of Bangladesh, Seema Adhikari (NSD) and Secretary of Infantry, Dr. Jayashree Mitra. Padatik's theater personality, folk culture researcher and artist Samir Mitra was the assistant. He said that the practice of theater in education entered various colleges and universities of West Bengal including Kolkata by the hands of these theater personalities. The main objective of Theater in Education was to make inattentive students focus on their studies through theater games, dance - songs, theater mime and also well-established in life through writing drama manuscripts and acting professionally. For this, special classes of theater practice are held in schools and colleges where experienced and prolific theater personalities are employed as trainers. In 1994, the first Theater in Education practice was started at

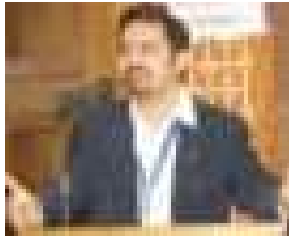
Presidency College, Kolkata. After that, it spread to famous schools and colleges in Kolkata and even to different states of India. Later, the National School of Drama in New Delhi expanded Theater in Education. Abdul Latif Khatana and Swarn Rawat of NSD were in charge. NSD first show of Theater in Education in the basement of the Kala Mandir in Kolkata, which became a new pattern in acting. Using his experience in theater in education, Samir Mitra admitted him to an English medium school in Asansol. At the same time, he found Rabindra Bharti University drama examiner Moinul Haque. Samir Mitra created an example of the children and their mothers of the notorious red light area of Asansol with this theater in education. The play 'Rupovati' written by Dr Jayashree Mitra was staged on 14th April 1999 at Disha Janakalyan Kendra in Asansol.The CARE International SHRAM SHAKTI Project identified Samir Mitra as a pioneer. This is the first work in the world about sex workers and their children. Samir Mitra created an example of how society can be changed through cultural practices. Through this work,

the book ' Nisiddha Pallir Kalam' was published in the form of poetry, where sex workers and their children speak out. The boys and girls who came out of this red light area are sitting in prestigious government positions nowadays. It can be said that the only non-formal education is theater in education which can gain science and general knowledge from literature and remove prejudices. Samir Mitra said that in theater in education, costumes are used as symbols. Sometimes it can be full of splendor while sometimes we find the use of music. Sometimes the actors themselves do it. Acting can be done in any field. Light is also not used all the time. Drama sets are used as symbols. That's how training is done. Later, seminars and workshops on Theater in Education were started. Samir Mitra gave training on Theater in Education in the red light area of Lachipur, Asansol. Dr. Om Prakash Bharti(SNA, New Delhi) gave a surprise visit to the red light area of Lachipur, Asansol and he fully enjoyed the non formal education. After that, Samir Mitra spoke at a seminar and workshop on Theater in Education at Gobardanga Rangabumi in North Twenty Four Parganas district.

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THE INTROSPECTIVE OCCUPATIONAL INTROVERSION OF MAINAK DASGUPTA

Dr. Rudrarup Gupta



The rewarding "Occupational Benchmark" should have its professional merriment at all times and most notably, this most contemplative perceptual solace has invariably stimulated to Master Dasgupta not only to refine his real emblematic "Human Brilliance" but he has truly entrenched the needful attributes of leadership both institutional and multicultural metamorphosis in a resplendent occupational dimension already. Most notably, he has unquestionably awakened our forthcoming generation through enabling some of the magnificent qualitative measures indeed.

a. Occupational Compassion: Master Dasgupta is truly compassionate in nature in evaluating the all-round multifarious developmental paradigm of us from the perspective of finest psycho-analysis and virtuous cognitive reflections. It shall be really instrumental in prioritizing their collective engaging maturities in the end.
b. Inestimable Empathy: He is not only empathetic from his best socio cultural frame of mind but his rejuvenated emphatic morality has driven the desirable socio-prospective core foe reinforcing the dynamic occupational resolutions indeed.
c. Vigorous Foresight: Master Mainak Dasgupta is undoubtedly a zestful performer to detect problems and prevent for multifaceted solutions in implementing his

acquired foresight indeed. It is going to be exceptionally consequential to empower the best "Human Resource" to accomplish all the purposeful assignments for amicable occupational gestures at all times.

d. Adjustable Circumspection: He is having an exclusive adjustable core right from his operation to organizational administration. That is how; he firmly regulates one of the very promising leadership approaches to bring out revolutionary professional refinements for an impressive consequential success in style.

e. Impactful Dynamism: It is indeed very pivotal for the worthy progression of culture at all. That is why; he has been truly incepted in taking all the unyielding decisions for imposing all the undeniable spectrums of lives to focus upon right from the very first day.

f. Indispensible Positivity: This concept of "Positivity" navigates the consequent result and it keeps both of mind frames and its live informational reflections at the same point of time in maintaining the absolute functional positivity indeed.

g. Master Dasgupta conceptually preserves these positive attitudinal arbitrations in performing all the given allocations of tasks along with his resistant team ships in the end.

h. Utilitarian Equality: He is very upright and particular in continuing the equality which signifies the identical privileges and preferences to his benevolent followers for extracting the best performance for ensuring their incalculable organizational betterments.

i. Perceivable Human Value: Mainak



Dasgupta is already eventually determined to co-operate this philosophic society to instigate some of the most diligent resources not only to work hard for the pre-anticipated destiny but it is one of his distinguishable cosmic qualities to exhibit his antagonistic attainments of a team in a very conforming manner.

j. Educational Grace: It is definitely spirited and highly influential not only for the self-discovery but it is one of the supportive traits of a victorious performer like Respected Mainak Dasgupta who is the strengthen societal leader to come out along with his exemplary occupational abilities to have a look at this regimented "Industrious Maturations" indeed.

k. Cognitive Flexibility: Master Dasgupta is substantially flexible not only to be an unblemished leader to synchronize the global reflective operations based upon his integral alliance with the promising followers to fabricate the emphatic organizational victory which is truly pre-perceived in terms of

large magnitude of business, manifested goodwill and global acceptance respectively. The Befitting Occupational Consortiums: Master Mainak Dasgupta is one of the promising "Directors"(Marketing) in Tagore School of Rural Development and Agriculture Management which signifies his worthy academic leadership for promulgating the high-end educational exert influence of all-round learning.

On the other hand, he is the compelling "Mentor" of "Unstop" where he is exploring his core advocacy training to formularize the untold foundation of life for his consequential learners at all.

In other words, he is escalating the ownership of "Maa Bagala Enterprise" where he has been embarking the ingenious adoptability of commerce quite successfully.

In fine, Master Dasgupta has incepted his "Multi-Dimensional" "Financial Consultancy Firm" namely "MDG

Financial Services" which relatively comprises with multifaceted tailored loans and various insurance solutions and that is firmly expected to have the alluring core-structure of amenity for rational public forum from now onwards. The prime objectives are the following:

1. Societal Reliability: Master Dasgupta is such leader who has been continuously trying to make the entire society reliable through his absolutely unique thoughts based upon his extensive market analysis and research. Because he is desirous to introduce a hazard free social cameo along with our most impactful sustainable future where every individual will be completely fearless and they will be able to invest their valuable will for "Experiential Learning".

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Kanguva Countdown Begins: 100 Days
To Go For Suriya's Massive Film

Studio Green's much-awaited 'Kanguva', starring Suriya, is one of the biggest releases eagerly awaited by the audience. The teaser has already given a glimpse of its thrilling world, leaving excitement continuously rising. As the makers recently announced the release date as October 10, 2024, they



have now started the countdown for the film's release with 100 days remaining.

Taking to their social media, the makers of 'Kanguva' shared an intriguing video giving a glimpse of its enthralling world and starting the countdown of 100 days to the film's release. They further captioned it - Kanguva is touted as one of the most expensive films of this year. With an estimated budget of over 350 Cr., it's bigger than the likes of Pushpa, Singham and several other big films.

Moreover, the film has been shot across 7 different countries on various continents of India. The makers had a very specific look in mind as this is a very unique film showing the prehistoric period. The makers hired experts from Hollywood for the technical departments like action and cinematography. The film has one of the biggest war sequences featuring over 10,000 people.

Studio Green has signed up with top distribution houses to release the film on a massive scale across the globe on October 10, 2024.

Exclusive: Imran Khan says 'Ranbir Kapoor
and I never bought into ugly reports'

Actor Imran Khan recently opened up about his relationship with colleague and Bollywood star Ranbir Kapoor. The two had made their debut around the same time. On work front, Imran was last seen in 'Katti Batti'

Colleagues Imran Khan and Ranbir Kapoor were considered two of the most sought-after actors after their debut in 2008 and 2007, respectively. Constant comparisons between contemporaries were not unusual and both Imran and Ranbir were not strangers to this. In

an exclusive chat with IndiaToday.in, Imran recalled his conversations with Ranbir during the time and said while various reports always pitted them against each other, they never bought into the 'ugliness' of it all.

Imran Khan said, "It's unfortunate. And it always leaves a very unpleasant aftertaste because that's never how I viewed it. From my conversations with Ranbir back then, I remember he never bought into that sort of thing, either. My recollection of him is

Junaid Khan says he auditioned for Aamir
Khan's role in 'Laal Singh Chaddha'

Junaid Khan recently revealed that he had auditioned for his father Aamir Khan's role in 'Laal Singh Chaddha'. Junaid was last seen in 'Maharaj'.

Aamir Khan's son and actor Junaid Khan, who recently made his acting debut, shared that he auditioned for his father's role in 'Laal Singh Chaddha'. Speaking about it during a recent interview, Junaid shared things that did not materialise for several reasons.

During an interview with ETimes, Junaid revealed,

"I had actually auditioned for Laal Singh Chaddha, which Papa has talked about publicly, but it didn't work out. Papa (Aamir Khan) was very keen that I do the film."

Aamir Khan's 'Laal Singh Chaddha' also starred Kareena Kapoor, Mona Singh and Naga Chaitanya. Helmed by Advait Chandan, it was the official Hindi remake of Tom Hanks' iconic 1994 film 'Forrest Gump'. The film did not perform well and tanked at the domestic box office.



Earlier, Aamir Khan, during a media interaction, went down the memory lane and revealed that his son Junaid Khan did a test for his film 'Laal Singh Chaddha'. Aamir mentioned when Junaid came back from Los Angeles (after studying theatre), he was prepping for the film and wanted Advait Chandan to do a test before the film's shoot started in full swing.

Meanwhile, work-wise, Aamir's son Junaid Khan recently made his debut

with the Netflix film 'Maharaj'. It also starred Jaideep Ahlawat and Shalini Pandey in key roles.

Maharaj, based on Saurabh Shah's book and true events, unfolds in the 1800s Bombay. It follows Karsandas Mulji (played by Khan), a courageous journalist and dedicated social reformer. The story focuses on his confrontation with a high priest, or 'maharaj' (portrayed by Jaideep Ahlawat), accused of sexually exploiting women devotees.

'Roya Jab Tu' song: 'Mr and Mrs Mahi's'
soft ballad will move you to tears

A new song from Mr and Mrs Mahi is out, called Roya. A soft moving ballad, it has been composed, written and sung by the versatile Vishal Mishra. As one can gleam from the music video, the track appears in the movie when Janhvi Kapoor and Rajkumar Rao's relationship is experiencing some issues.

Speaking about the song and what truly makes it

special, Vishal Mishra said, "'Roya Jab Tu' is a comforting presence for the void in our hearts. It's that soulful companion that stays with you and heals your sorrows."

Mr and Mrs Mahi is being touted as a romantic drama, where cricket clashes with romance.

Filmmaker Karan Johar, who is bankrolling the film, had previously spoken about the movie

and said, "Some films are more than just stories. They are so much more than celluloid love. They talk to the viewer about dreams and how often people closest to us can come in the way of our dreams. Mr and Mrs Mahi is exceptionally close to our hearts."

Helmed by Sharan Sharma, Mr and Mrs Mahi will release in cinemas on May 31.

Varun Tej, Manushi Chhillar-Starrer Air
Force Action Film Makers Drop Big Update

The suspense will soon be over as the title for India's biggest Air Force action film will be unveiled tomorrow. The Hindi-Telugu film, also stars Manushi Chhillar as a radar officer. VT 13, inspired by true events, will take us through the biggest and the most deadly attacks witnessed by India and the victory of our Indian Air Force over their enemies by demonstrating strong courage to protect their country. The highly anticipated film is produced by Sony Pictures International Productions and Sandeep Mudda from Renaissance Pictures, co-produced by Nandakumar Abbineni and God Bless Entertainment and is written by Shakti Pratap Singh Hada, Aamir Khan and Siddharth Raj Kumar.

Shah Rukh Khan's Jawan Becomes First Film To
Cross USD 16 Million At Box Office In UAE

It's almost a month since Shah Rukh Khan's action-entertainer 'Jawan' has been released but its craze among the audience doesn't seem to settle down at any cost. One after the other, the film is creating new records at the Box Office not just in India but also across the world. Having set its strong feet in different parts of the world, 'Jawan' has now made a distinctive mark in the UAE market as well, as the film has emerged as the #1 Indian film in the Middle East with its phenomenal collection figures.

Talking about the same, Nelson D'Souza, Vice President International Distribution, said, 'Jawan' has been received



exceptionally well in international markets and continues to perform exceptionally well, becoming the first Indian film to cross USD 16 Million in the Middle East and emerging as the #1 Indian Film while raking in an outstanding 44.43 million in overseas till date.

There is nothing quite like this we have seen before and we are now looking forward to even more exciting times ahead with Dunki! - Nelson D'Souza, Vice President, International Distribution 'Jawan' is spreading its magic in the UAE market. The film has become the

first film to cross the whopping collection of USD 16 Million and has made it the #1 Indian film in the Middle East. Well, among many, this is indeed yet another example of its success and the unprecedented love that the film is receiving from the audience. Well, as we see, Jawan is constantly on the rise, it would be interesting to see how the film will create more records in the future.

'Jawan' is a Red Chillies Entertainment presentation directed by Atlee, produced by Gauri Khan, and co-produced by Gaurav Verma. The film was released worldwide in theaters on September 7th, 2023, in Hindi, Tamil, and Telugu.

Moving towards energy efficiency, the coming times will be challenging

- There has been talk about energy efficiency in the last few years, but there is still a great need for awareness. The emerging energy crisis, dwindling fossil fuel resources and climate change concerns along with high oil prices have drawn global attention towards the development of renewable, alternative, eco-friendly and carbon neutral fuels to meet the growing energy demands.

Amit Bajinath Garg



Recently, in the G-7 summit held in Apulia, Italy, once again the energy sector was discussed in detail. This shows the increasing importance of the energy sector in the world. It has been said in the conference that the G-7, a group of the seven most prosperous countries in the world, will reduce dependence on fossil fuels and will move rapidly towards adopting changing sources of energy. This was said in the draft statement issued by the group at the end of the conference. The draft states that they will gradually reduce dependence on fossil fuels in a systematic manner. They will make serious efforts together in this decade to achieve the target of zero carbon emissions by 2050. It has been said in this document that by 2035, the process of reducing coal-based power generation will begin and concrete steps will be taken in this direction.

It is worth noting that

in the month of April, the finance ministers of the G-7 countries agreed on this proposal. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was invited as a special guest in the conference, said that India's approach in the field of energy is based on four principles - availability, access, affordability and acceptability. We are making every effort to fulfil our commitment to achieve the goal of net zero by 2070. Addressing the global leaders, Modi said that we should together try to make the coming time a green era. He said that India is the first country to fulfil all the commitments taken under COP before time. Underlining the importance of the energy sector, he also said that we should together make every effort to make the coming time a green era.

Why is the energy sector being discussed so seriously again and again? Why is this issue being raised every time on global forums? Actually, the world is facing crises in the energy sector. Everyone has understood that the coming time will be very challenging if this sector

is not given serious attention now. The emerging energy crisis, dwindling fossil fuel resources and climate change concerns along with high oil prices have drawn global attention towards the development of renewable, alternative, eco-friendly and carbon neutral fuels to meet the growing energy demands. Most energy crises have been caused by local shortages, wars and market manipulation. Some have argued that government actions such as tax hikes, nationalisation of energy companies and regulation of the sector have exacerbated the crisis.

As for India, there are several challenges in tackling its energy crisis. Firstly, everyone has limited energy resources. India has limited energy resources such as coal, oil and gas and is dependent on imports to meet its growing energy demands. The estimated value of petroleum imports for FY23 is estimated at around US\$210 billion. This includes import value of US\$163 billion for crude oil and US\$17.6 billion and US\$14 billion for LNG and LPG respectively. Crude oil

imports have increased by 53 per cent compared to the previous financial year. At the same time, coal reserves are weak and there are significant environmental concerns associated with their extraction and use. As a result, India is looking for alternative sources of energy, such as solar, wind and hydropower.

There is currently inadequate investment in the country's energy sector. The country's energy sector needs massive investment to improve its infrastructure and expand its energy capacity, but the government and the private sector are not able to invest enough in the energy sector. The country's low per capita income and high poverty rate also make it difficult for people to afford clean energy sources. At the same time, there are also political and regulatory barriers in this sector. The country's energy sector is highly regulated and there are significant obstacles to reform. Lack of coordination among agencies is a major component in this. It is worth noting that India is one of the world's

largest greenhouse gas emitters and its energy sector is a major contributor to these emissions. At the same time, climate change is also affecting the country's energy infrastructure, as the frequency of seasonal events is increasing.

According to a study, the use of LED bulbs and tube lights in the country has reduced the electricity consumed for lighting by about 75 percent. There have also been many studies on electricity consumption in buildings, which show that about 30 percent electricity consumption can be reduced by the use of energy efficient equipment, that is, there is a possibility of saving 1.20 lakh gigawatt electricity in buildings. Studies show that electricity can be saved on a large scale in domestic and residential buildings by implementing energy efficiency standards. If energy efficiency standards are implemented in buildings, an additional 30 percent electricity can be saved. According to a report, the industry sector in the country consumes the most electricity, about 42 percent. The domestic sector is second, consuming 24 percent

electricity. Commercial buildings consume eight percent of electricity. The building sector accounts for 32 per cent of total consumption, but the implementation of energy efficiency standards in buildings has been the lowest.

Actually, the country needs rapid reforms in the energy sector. First of all, to reduce dependence on imports, attention will have to be paid to improving the quality of domestic coal. This can be achieved by investing in technology to increase the calorific value of coal and reduce the amount of ash. At the same time, renewable energy will have to be encouraged. The country has immense potential for renewable energy sources such as solar, wind and hydropower. The government should encourage the development of renewable energy projects through incentives and subsidies. Carbon pricing can help encourage the use of renewable energy. At the same time, investment will have to be made in the development of energy infrastructure to ensure efficient transmission and distribution of energy.

This can be achieved through upgrading existing infrastructure and building new power plants, pipelines and transmission lines.

Many potential solutions to the global energy crisis already exist, but they are not being widely used. The best solution is to eliminate the world's dependence on non-renewable resources and improve overall conservation efforts. Much of the industrial age was based on fossil fuels and well-known technology uses other forms of renewable energy like steam, solar and wind. Replace yellow bulbs with CFLs and LEDs. They consume less energy and last longer. If millions of people in the world use LEDs and CFLs for residential and commercial purposes, the energy demand will be reduced and the crisis can be avoided. People who generate electricity in various ways should be allowed to put it into the grid and get credit for their energy.

Also, financial assistance should be provided for solar panels to encourage the public to check out renewable energy options. Appliances with higher

star rating should be purchased, this will save electricity. The list of electrical appliances used in homes; buildings include more than a hundred appliances. It has to be ensured that all energy appliances used in buildings are within the ambit of efficiency standards and they should be implemented compulsorily and not voluntarily. At the same time, there should be a ban on the sale of appliances without ratings. Experts say that in the last few years people have become more aware about energy efficiency, but there is still a need to be more aware. We have to take care of small things. In this way, we can save electricity with small efforts and all of us have to adopt such efforts.

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Travel Tips during Monsoon

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Monsoons are the most awaited season to explore destinations while enjoying the refreshing rains. The monsoons are a welcome relief from the blazing sun when the rain settles down all the pollution and dust around bringing out clean green surroundings. Travelling during monsoon is one of the most adventurous and fun experiences you can have when dark clouds shower drops of bliss on earthlings. Monsoon season is one of the best times of year for travellers to explore a rainforest, a beachside town or a hilly city which offers ecstasy, beauty, and divine delight.

As a traveller, you must be careful while wandering around during

monsoon due to extreme weather conditions. The wet season can make travel more complicated. If you're planning a trip during this rainy season, the constant temperature shifts can take a toll on your skin and leave it irritated and oily. The high humidity can affect skin health negatively. Like any trip to a faraway destination, preparation is key. The following practical tips explain how to travel during the rainy season:

1--- Use Waterproof Sunscreen

Despite the rain and cloud cover during monsoon season, UV rays can still harm our skin, even on overcast days. Sun is barely visible in this season, so people tend to skip the sunscreen thinking their skin will not get damaged as the weather is cloudy and rainy. However, UV radiation can be higher during cloudy days because the clouds can reflect and scatter the UV rays,

increasing their intensity. The weather is humid and the thick formulation of sunscreens can make your skin oily, sticky, and sweat all day.

So it would be a good idea to pick something that's gel-based lightweight and does not end up clogging your pores. For the monsoon season, one must opt for water-resistant sunscreen. A single application will not protect your skin the entire day. Sunscreen must be reapplied every three hours for the best result and strictly to reapply after prolonged sun exposure, heavy sweating, swimming, or heavy exercising.

2--Keep it Minimal

Applying makeup can be challenging during humid weather during travelling as they might have a chance of melting in the rain. In the monsoon season, less is always more. So, you may want to consider pausing the usage of heavy moisturisers and facial oils for skin preps. Embrace a minimalistic

approach to your makeup routine. Opt for a natural, dewy look with gel-based moisturisers and lightweight serums enriched with hyaluronic products that enhance your features rather than masking them. For your base, you can also substitute a foundation with a BB or CC cream to even out your complexion followed up with a hydrating concealer to cover up any blemishes

3 - A n t i f u n g a l Treatment -----

A jump in a puddle in the rain might satisfy your inner child but this could cause a host of fungal infections to you. High levels of humidity in the air allow bacteria and infections to multiply with ease which leads to problems like itching, swelling, and a foul smell. The air is saturated with moisture during the rainy season that makes it an ideal breeding season for bacteria, viruses and fungi. In humans, fungal

infections happen when an attacking fungus takes over a part of your body, and your immune system is not capable enough to ward it off.

Lotion based moisturizers are better than cream based ones in this season. Pure coconut oil provides instant relief. In its unheated form, coconut oil works as a potent antifungal agent. Applying it over the skin makes it a good, safe topical medicine. Neem oil is considered a natural antifungal. Neem is easily available and works as one of the best treatments for fungal infections. Washing the infected area with neem water helps in treating fungal infections. To make neem water, boil neem leaves in water for a few minutes and let it cool. It can be used to massage the feet and can be applied to the toes. Lightly dab the neem oil onto the area using a cotton swab or cotton ball, and allow it to soak in for up to 30 minutes. Wash off the oil with warm water.

Dry and crush some neem leaves. Add this powder to sandalwood powder and make it a paste with rose water. Now apply this paste to the area where you have the infection. in feet and nails

4--- Waterproof Shoes

Whether you've got caught in a downpour or you've been forced to walk through an unavoidable puddle, Waterproof boots are rightfully beloved for their ability to shield your feet from the discomfort of damp conditions.

So Waterproof shoes are essential for maintaining comfort and dryness during the rainy season travelling. Choosing the right pair of waterproof shoes can be a daunting task for travellers. It's critical to try shoes before you buy them whenever possible to ensure the upper fits the way you like. Preferably buy sneakers, that are comfortable to walk in and are skid-free.

Invest in a pair of popular brand waterproof, windproof and breathable socks that live up to their name.

Not only will they keep your feet safe from dirty water and slippery paths, but they also make for a great statement piece for your outfits!

5--- Hydration

Dehydration is a common complaint during travelling in hot and humid weather.

The increased humidity during the monsoon can increase your sweat rate, which can cause dehydration. It can make you sweat incessantly, losing more water. Dehydration strips the cells of water and vital minerals and hence a person feels tired, lethargic and dizzy. It's essential to drink water regularly, regardless of your thirst level, especially during the rainy season when you might not feel as

thirsty due to cooler temperatures.

Water makes up 70% of our body mass and is one of the most vital nutrients. On average, an adult needs 2-3 litres of water daily to stay well-hydrated. During monsoon, your drinking water may get contaminated and hence packaged mineral water is best during monsoon because it is loaded with essential minerals and nutrients. You must try tender coconut water, lime water, kokum squash, buttermilk, soups and fruits-vegetables with high water content like watermelon, cantaloupe, cucumber etc. to keep the body hydrated.

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The Minister of State for Defence, Shri Sanjay Seth flagged in triumphant expedition team of NCC Girl and Boy cadets to Mt Kang Yatse-II (Ladakh) at a ceremony held, in New Delhi

NTPC Bongaigaon Launches Theme Song "Aajir Jiyori" by Hurricane Girls to Celebrate Girl Empowerment Mission

New Delhi, (KCN): NTPC Bongaigaon proudly launched the theme song "Aajir Jiyori" (meaning Today's Girl in Assamese and Aaj Ki Betiyan in Hindi) by Hurricane Girls, the first all-female band from Northeast India, to highlight the achievements of the Girl Empowerment Mission (GEM) by NTPC during its inaugural ceremony. The song, lasting two and a half minutes each, encapsulates the spirit and accomplishments of GEM, blending both Hindi and Assamese languages. The song "Aajir Jiyori" was released by Ukil Muchahary, Executive Member, BTR, Water Resources, Food and Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Co-operation, Welfare of SCs, in the



presence of Shri Akhilesh Singh, Head of Project, NTPC Bongaigaon, and Smt. Sangeeta Singh, President, Bardwi Shikla Ladies Club. The concept of the song was envisioned by Shri Onkar Nath, AGM (HR), NTPC Bongaigaon, and curated by the Corporate Communication Cell of the power station with assistance from Shri Souvik Sen, Sr. Manager

(E M D), NTPC Bongaigaon. Shri Ukil Muchahary stated, "The song 'Aajir Jiyori' is not just a melody; it is a powerful anthem that resonates with the dreams, aspirations, and achievements of our girls. Through its lyrics and music, it beautifully encapsulates the spirit of the Girl Empowerment Mission, which has been a beacon of hope and a platform for young girls to discover and showcase their talents."

"Aajir Jiyori" celebrates the myriad talents of young girls that have been nurtured and recognized by NTPC through the GEM initiative. The Girl Empowerment Mission aims to provide girls with a platform to showcase their abilities, gain confidence, and realize their full potential. The song's heartfelt lyrics and uplifting melody, composed by Ms. Mamoni Kalita, reflect the joy, dreams, and aspirations of girls empowered by GEM. The music production, also by Mamoni Kalita, features contributions from talented members of the Hurricane Girls: Ms. Progya on drums, Ms. Barnali on piano, Ms. Chinmoyee on guitar, and Ms. Mamoni Kalita on vocals. The track was

mixed and mastered at Studio Playhub by Mamoni Kalita. The launch event not only showcased the song but also included testimonials from GEM participants, highlighting their journeys and achievements. These stories underscored the positive impact of NTPC's initiatives on the lives of young girls in the region. Shri Akhilesh Singh emphasized, "The Girl Empowerment Mission is about providing young girls with the tools and opportunities to excel. 'Aajir Jiyori' is a testament to their resilience and determination." Smt. Sangeeta Singh added, "The song beautifully captures the spirit and essence of GEM. NTPC will continue to support and inspire these young minds."

MSP for Jute announced for crop year 2024-25 by Govt. of India

Kolkata, (PARTHA ROY): Government of India has announced Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Jute for Crop year 2024-25 at rate of ₹ 5335 per quintal for TD3 (Middle Grade) which acts reference to determine MSP for various Grades and Varieties of jute all over India. Jute Corporation of India (JCI) Chairman Shri A. K. Jolly announced JCI will procure jute of various Grades and Varieties at Minimum Support Price (MSP) through JCI Purchase Centres across India. JCI was established in 1971. JCI's primary mandate is to provide MSP support to Jute farmer's whenever the market price of jute falls below the MSP fixed by Government of India preventing distress sale by farmers. JCI has procured more than 13.15 lakh quintals of raw jute for ₹616.70



crores in crop year 2023-2024 which is highest purchase level in a year over the period of the last 20 years. All payments to farmers are made directly to farmer's bank account generally within 3 working days. JCI has expanded its scope of operations and involved in training farmer's to empower jute farmer's with knowledge & skills to improve quality of raw jute and to increase yield of jute production. JCI is distributing quality seeds, seed sowing machines, various eco-friendly chemicals needed to determine quality of jute by the farmers. JCI is executing "Jute-ICARE" funded by National Jute Board

and assisted by agro-research institutes - ICAR-CRIJAF and ICAR- NINFET. The "Jute-ICARE" scheme is in its 10th phase in its tenth year providing benefits to excess of 4.3 lakhs farmers. Jute-ICARE scheme has introduced Geospatial Crop Surveillance & Monitoring system to cover jute fields across India to accurately ascertain the cultivated land and estimate jute production. Jute Commissioner of India Shri Moloy Chandan Chakraborty indicated export of jute and jute products have suffered due to Russia-Ukraine war and current war in Gaza in Middle-East.

Crime Branch Delhi Police team has got a big success, the team arrested the rapist and proclaimed offender who was absconding since 2023 in attempt to murder

New Delhi (KCN): Crime Branch Delhi Police team has got a big success. The team arrested the rapist and proclaimed offender who was absconding since 2023. A team of Crime Branch arrested an accused person named Kamal Singh alias Pahadi resident Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi age 26 years, who was wanted in two separate cases of rape and attempt to murder. The accused person has also been involved in two murder cases earlier. Delhi Police Crime Branch team has achieved a big success by arresting the proclaimed



offender, the accused was declared a "proclaimed offender" in a case of rape and was also wanted in another case of attempted murder, the accused was absconding since

the case was registered i.e. 2023. The minor victim girl was kidnapped by two persons and raped at an empty place. Place. When she was returning home the other two

persons took her to the place of the present accused and those three persons also raped the victim girl. After registration of the above case 04 accused were arrested except the present accused and he was absconding since then. During the hearing of the case the accused has been declared proclaimed offender by the order of the Id. The complainant Shri Prem Singh was present at his house situated at Sauda Colony, Ghevra Delhi along with his family members and all the family members were sleeping in different

rooms. The wife of the complainant was sleeping on the floor near the main gate. Suddenly two persons including the present accused came on a bike and the present accused fired two rounds at the main gate of the complainant and the wife of the complainant got injured due to bullet injuries. After registration of the case both the accused were identified as Faizan alias Nanhe alias Kalu and Kamal alias Pahadi. Earlier after the firing Faizan was arrested by the police. Now the present accused has been arrested.

Female Politicians Always Given Prominence By Congress: Raja Warring

Chandigarh (JAG MOHAN THAKEN), July 3: Amarinder Singh Raja Warring, President of the Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee (PPCC) and Member of Parliament from Ludhiana, has claimed – "The Congress Party has always ensured equal representation for women politicians and leaders, acknowledging their pivotal role throughout history." He recalled special programs by Congress and his own experience as the president of the Indian Youth Congress, particularly the 'Aadhi Aabadi Poora Haq' campaign, which promoted women's equality. He noted – "Congress was the party that gave Punjab its first female Chief Minister, as well as India's

first woman Prime Minister and President. We have always remained advocates of woman empowerment and will continue to do so in the future as well." Amarinder Singh Raja Warring underscored the importance of electing an able and hardworking candidate like Surinder Kaur in the Jalandhar West by-elections to ensure the constituency's growth and development. He assured that she would represent the people of Jalandhar West with dedication in the Vidhan Sabha. Raja Warring, during the office inauguration at Ward No. 47, had conversations with the media and expressed deep

concern over the current state of Jalandhar West ahead of the upcoming by-elections. Commenting on the selection of Surinder Kaur ji as the candidate for Jalandhar West by Punjab Congress, Raja Warring said – "Considering the myriad issues faced by Jalandhar West, Punjab Congress and the High Command decided to field Surinder Kaur Ji as our candidate. She was chosen for her prior experience working for the people of Jalandhar and her deep understanding of societal concerns." The PPCC chief highlighted that women possess the compassion necessary to address intricate problems, making



Surinder Kaur Ji the best candidate for the development of Jalandhar West. The PPCC chief criticized the state government for neglecting Jalandhar West following the defection of their MLA to the BJP. He remarked on the chaotic state of politics, pointing out how frequent party-switching

by opportunistic politicians has led to these by-elections, with the defector now contesting for the same seat under a different party banner. "Jalandhar West has been left unattended, with significant issues emerging in the constituency due to the absence of a dedicated MLA. The area is particularly afflicted by the

drug menace, which is the most severe in all of Jalandhar. Despite promises from the AAP government to eradicate this issue, the situation has worsened. Additionally, the 'Satta Market' in Jalandhar West is prevalent, causing many young people to waste their earnings on gambling activities. The AAP government has failed to control this illegal market, allowing it to thrive. Crime rates in the area are the highest in all of Jalandhar, with daily incidents going unaddressed." mentioned the PPCC Chief. Warring emphasized the need for these issues to be raised in the Vidhan Sabha to ensure the concerns of the residents are heard and

appropriate action is taken. The Punjab Pradesh Mahila Congress President Gursharan Kaur Randhawa also urged the residents of Jalandhar West to vote for Congress in the upcoming by-elections on the 10th of July to ensure such issues do not persist and to facilitate real progress and betterment in the area. The Punjab Pradesh Mahila Congress, led by President Gursharan Kaur Randhawa and Dr. Jasleen Kaur Sethi, National Coordinator of the All-India Mahila Congress, organized a massive protest against the administration of Jalandhar and the state government. The protest was in response to the severe

contamination of drinking water in the Jalandhar West region, resulting from the mixing of sewage water with drinking water following the first monsoon showers over the past few days. The protesting leaders alleged, "The region has also experienced severe water logging after the initial rains of the season, with major areas of Jalandhar West submerged under knee-deep water due to improper drainage systems. This situation is of significant concern as it leads to the breeding of mosquitoes and other health issues such as typhoid, which are prevalent during the monsoon season."

Odisha: Joda flyover cracks spark concern

Joda(KCN): The appearance of cracks on the newly-built flyover passing through this town in Keonjhar district has sparked concern among the residents. Regular commuters are now questioning the quality of its construction. The flyover was opened for public use March 11, 2024. Hence the appearance of cracks in less than four months of its inauguration has created serious apprehensions in the minds of the commuters.

It's not just the cracks that are bothering the users. At various places concrete slabs have

become loose and at other places iron rods are protruding out putting the lives of the commuters at risk. Someone can seriously get injured due to the rods, they opined.

After initial reports of the damages surfaced, Odisha Bridge Construction Ltd (OBBCL), the main agency entrusted with the responsibility of building the flyover acknowledged the issues and stopped movement of heavy vehicles and started repairing the bridge. Residents are now worried as to whether they should use

the flyover or not. They have blamed the shoddy work of the agency for the present state of affairs.

Locals said the Joda flyover is deemed as the longest in Odisha. The state government had sanctioned `250 crore for construction of the flyover which is 2.9km in length.

Narasingh Mohanta, general manager of OBBCL had claimed after the flyover's inauguration that it can endure the movements of heavy to very heavy vehicles. However, now it seems those claims were false. Mohanta had also asserted that



with proper maintenance, the flyover will last more than 100 years. He had also claimed that using of rubber bearings in place of iron ones will increase the durability of the bridge. Now it

seems that the tall claims have fallen flat. Such is the condition of the flyover that it shakes violently when a couple of heavy vehicles pass over it at the same time. Pictures of the shaking bridge have gone viral

on several social media platforms. However, more importantly, residents of this town remain panic-stricken when they use the bridge.

Residents alleged that the previous state

government inaugurated the flyover hastily without conducting proper examination as both the Lok Sabha and the Assembly elections were on the anvil. They wanted to take credit for construction of the bridge. Now however, safety concerns have cropped up in a major way due to the wear and tear of the bridge.

When contacted, Bhagirathi Panda, a human resources official of 'Chevrox Constructions Private Ltd' which had received the contract from OBBCL for construction said the flyover has a capacity to take a maximum load of

200 tonne at any particular time. However, the movements of heavy vehicles have not been streamlined. Hence there are many occasions when the bridge has to bear weight exceeding its capacity. Panda said that this is the main reason why the 'wearing coat' (upper layer) is peeling off. Unless the weight is streamlined, the flyover will suffer excessive wear and tear, he added. Panda informed that the flyover has been closed for commuters as a fresh layer of 'wearing coat' is being laid. He also added that the service roads leading to the flyover will be concretised.

Blood bank-ruptcy

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The state is presently facing an acute shortage of blood, with blood banks at 10 hospitals, including the SCB Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack, running completely dry, Tuesday.

As per information accessed by Orissa POST, apart from SCB, the SDH Baliguda in Kandhamal; NALCO Hospital, Damanjodi; DHH, Nuapada; SDH, Athamallik; Apollo Hospitals, Bhubaneswar; DHH Baripada; SDH, Dharmagarh; AMRI Hospitals, Bhubaneswar and NALCO Hospital, Angul had exhausted stock of the life-saving fluid by Tuesday morning. Also, baring a few, many of the remaining 50 blood banks were having single digit stock that may prove insufficient in case of exigencies.

For example, DHH Khurda has just one unit of blood, while SDH Rairakhol (4), CHC Jajpur Road (3), DHH Paralakhemundi (3), SDH Gunupur (6), SDH

Rairangpur (3), SDH Kantabanji (2), SDH, Champua (2), DHH Boudh (8), DHH, Puri (8), DHH Sonepur (3), DHH Keonjhar (6), CRCBC Cuttack (8), SDH Titilagarh (3), DHH, Jajpur (4) and DHH, Kendrapara (6) as stock. Sources said with a total of 2,326 units, the 60 blood banks in the state are having just 10 per cent of their regular storage at present.

Top sources in the Health department said the situation looks precarious in the backdrop of the fact that the state requires at least 40,000 units of blood for various healthcare facilities every month (4-5 lakh units per year) for regular and scheduled transfusions. Hospitals in Cuttack city alone need around 4,000 units of blood every month, they said. "Due to the present shortfall, we are also facing difficulties in administering blood to thalassemia (state has 17,000 thalassemia cases) and sickle cell patients who are solely dependent on blood banks for their

regular requirements," sources added.

While authorities attributed the long election season and grueling summer months for the present scarcity, organizations engaged in collection of blood alleged that the problem has been persisting since long in the absence of any policy framework.

Swaroop Das, Assistant Director, State Blood Transfusion Council (SBTC), the apex body for operation of blood banks in Odisha, told Orissa POST that the present 'deficit' was on account of the 'lean' collection months. "Blood collection took a beating during the three-four election months as donation camps were few. Moreover, during summer season people are often averse to donate due to heat conditions. Also, most of the schools and colleges (students constitute a majority of blood donors) were closed due to summer vacation," he said.

Spokesperson of a

voluntary outfit, which organises blood donation camps across the state, claimed that successive governments' failure in streamlining the 'voluntary act' of blood donation through a defined policy and lack of incentives to donors were playing the dampener in the process.

He said situation has come to such a passé that patients at several hospitals are being fleeced by middlemen while arranging donors in exchange of getting transfusions. It is worth mentioning here that while organisations like Rotary Club, Lion's Club and other voluntary/social groups are contributors to blood banks, the majority regular stock used to be supplied by volunteers of Odisha Mo Parivar. Meanwhile, despite several attempts, Health and Family Welfare Minister Mukesh Mahaling could not be contacted for his response over phone.

Angul boy Swapnil featured in 'India Book of Records'

Talcher(KCN): When children of his age are busy playing with toys, four-year-old Swapnil Baral is engrossed in the intricate details of martial arts. It is this passion of his which has helped him find a place in the 'India Book of Records'.

A resident of Nandira colony in this town, Swapnil has brought laurels to not only his native place, but to the entire state by his achievements. His taekwondo skills have made him the cynosure of all eyes.

Swapnil, son of Sushil Kumar Baral, an engineer working at Ananta Colliery, is currently studying at the MCL Kalinga DAV Public School. Other than his studies, he rigorously trains in martial arts at the Talcher Taekwondo Academy under the watchful eyes and




guidance of Pramod Kumar Pradhan. The latter is a coach and also the secretary of the Angul District Taekwondo Association.

Swapnil has showcased his talent in a number of district and state-level competitions. He has won quite a few medals including gold. Recently, while participating in a state-level competition, Swapnil became the youngest taekwondo exponent in Odisha to win

a gold medal. Prior to that, he had won two more gold medals at a district-level tournament. This remarkable achievement of winning three gold medals at such a tender age has earned him a place in the 'India Book of Records'.

The organisation has honoured him with a certificate and a medal. Swapnil's parents are no doubt, very pleased with

his achievements. They hope that Swapnil continues to pursue his passion of taekwondo along with his studies. "We hope that he brings glory to the state as well as the country in the future," they said in unison. Pradhan also termed Swapnil 'very talented'. He stated that despite his young age, Swapnil is a quick learner which enables him to pick up the difficult moves easily.



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Ather Energy announces its new family-oriented scooter, ‘Ather Rizta’

Bhubaneswar: Ather Energy, one of India’s leading electric vehicle manufacturers, announced on Friday the upcoming launch of its new family-oriented electric scooter, named "Rizta." Breaking away from their sporty and youthful design ethos, seen in the 450 Series, the Rizta aims to cater specifically to the needs of families. Rizta has been spotted testing in Bengaluru a couple of months ago. In a previous tweet by Tarun Mehta, co-founder & CEO of Ather Energy

in November, he highlighted that Ather Energy will be launching a larger, family-friendly scooter that’s comfortable, safe, spacious, and affordable. The excitement has soared now that Tarun has dropped a video teaser in his latest tweet, unveiling the family scooter name, Rizta. In his post, Mehta revealed the Rizta has been in development since 2019, with Ather's teams reportedly incorporating "groundbreaking integrations" that promise



to elevate the ride experience for families. The scooter will be unveiled at the Ather Community Day Celebration 2024.

According to the announcement, the company aims to begin deliveries of the scooter in the next six months.

In the tweet, Tarun Mehta said: “With Rizta, we will be taking a big leap in comfort and safety. Our teams have been working

on this for a while (this one has been on and off the table since 2019!) and have pulled off some amazing integrations that are industry-first and will make your ride experience way better. Rizta will also continue to maintain the same quality and reliability that Ather’s other products are known for. We will be unveiling ‘Ather Rizta’ at ACDC 24 - Ather Community Day Celebration 2024. You will hear about it soon!” Talking about Rizta in a tweet, Swapnil Jain, Co-founder & CTO of Ather Energy said, “When we

started Ather the team believed, you need to be your own customer first. Most of us were below 25 years of age building the first made in india EV and were crazy about vehicle dynamics. Every single choice from mid mount motor, to aluminium cast chassis to dual disc brakes, were all focused on building the best handling vehicles. That was the Ather 450X for you. It did exactly what we intended. It is the best handling scooter and it was built for us. We are now all 30+ and have family. So we set out

again to build for us. Introducing Ather Rizta. A family vehicle built with the same passion, but this time towards comfort and safety! Because now Family comes first!” As the electric scooter industry witnesses a surge in demand, Ather's strategic move s h o w c a s e s responsiveness to diverse consumer needs, as they extend their expertise in electric scooters to meet the demands of families.

Doctors at HCG Panda Cancer Hospital successfully treated 33-year-old suffering from a rare case of Salivary Gland Cancer

Bhubaneswar / Cuttack :Doctors at HCG Panda Cancer Hospital, Cuttack, treated 33-year-old Reema (name changed), hailing from Western Odisha, from Parotid Gland Carcinoma, a rare form of cancer that occurs in the salivary glands situated right below the ear lobes. The cancerous gland was resected by conducting an advanced form of Total Parotidectomy Surgery on the patient while preserving her facial nerves, which are responsible for facial expressions. This incredible feat was achieved by Dr Manjunath NML, Senior consultant Surgical Oncologist and his team at HCG Panda Cancer Hospital Cuttack.

Reema suffered from unexplained excruciating pain continuously on the face and earlobes for a period of 8 months. In order to get relief from the pain, she visited neurological specialists and physicians from multiple hospital where she was misdiagnosed for other neurological diseases and was treated with analgesics, as they failed to diagnose her actual condition. She consulted the doctors at HCG Panda Cancer Hospital, who discovered a vague swelling near the earlobes and with suspicion of a tumour. Imaging of the parotid gland was conducted to check for any malignancy and it was discovered that she had a parotid lobe tumour in the

junction between the superficial lobe and the deep lobe, right behind the mandible or the lower jaw bone. Nerve sparing total parotidectomy was conducted using advanced form of equipments such as surgical loupes, nerves monitoring devices and Vessel Sealer, which helped surgeons achieve an absolute haemostasis or minimal blood loss during the surgery. This four- and half-hour surgical procedure was conducted by preserving the facial nerves that passes through the superficial lobe and deep lobe and any implication on the facial nerves would lead to disfigurement of the face, paralysis on one side of the face, lack of expressing emotions,

inability to close the eyes and move the eyebrows. Elaborating the complexities of the surgery, Dr Manjunath NML said, “This is a unique and a rare case among young women, where we usually witness just one or two cases per year. This was one challenging case, as the cancer tumours were adjacent to the facial nerve and we had to carefully dissect them without causing any hindrance or impact to the nerve. With the advanced facilities at HCG Panda Cancer Hospital Cuttack, we were able to resect the tumour successfully and witness a big smile on the patients face.” Post her successful surgery, while thanking her doctors, Reema

said, “For the past eight months, the events that occurred to me because of this condition are unexplainable. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Dr Manjunath and the entire team for the timely help in relieving the pain I was enduring and helping me recover back from this deadly tumour. Alsoi was worried about my facial expressions when doctors explained me about the tumor in relation to facial nerve and need for its removal if required. Thanks again to the entire team for helping me to get rid of this bad tumor with my smile intact" (with a big smile on her face).

ROYAL ENFIELD LAUNCHES THE MOST AWAITED ADVENTURE TOURER - THE ALL NEW HIMALAYAN

Bhubaneswar(KCN) : The perfect balance between capability and usability, Royal Enfield today launched its adventure tourer that is built for all roads, and for no roads, the all-new Himalayan at the brand’s biggest motorcycling festival, Motoverse 2023. Unveiled for the world at EICMA 2023 earlier this month, the all-new Himalayan is now available for bookings in retails in India starting today, and will be available across Europe starting March 2024. The motorcycle will be available at a starting price of £5,750 in the UK and • 5900 across Europe. In India, the Himalayan will be

available at a special introductory price of INR 2,69,000 till December 31, 2023. The all new Himalayan is launched with a robust lineup comprising 3 distinct variants - Base, Pass and Summit and a palette of 5 colors inspired by the elements of the Himalayas- Kaza Brown (base variant), Slate series comprising Poppy Blue & Himalayan Salt (Pass-mid variant) and Hanle Black & Kamet White (Summit- top variant). The Asia-Pacific region and Americas will soon experience the Himalayan's adventure-ready prowess, solidifying Royal Enfield's commitment to global riders. Speaking at the launch

of the motorcycle, Royal Enfield CEO, B Govindarajan said, “Embarking on the creation of the new Himalayan, we immersed ourselves in the riding experiences of our community, engaging with globetrotters, explorers, and athletes. Informed by these insights and our own journey in the Himalayas, we retained the crucial elements of its DNA and worked on the areas for evolution in the new and evolved Himalayan which is absolutely purpose-built for the Himalayas. The results are fantastic and we can see that with the immense love shown by consumers and experts from across the world.

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Ashok Leyland reaches yet another milestone, showcases ‘CNG engine H series’ at EXCON

Chennai,: Ashok Leyland, the flagship Company of the Hinduja Group and India’s leading commercial vehicle manufacturer today showcased ‘CNG engine H series’ at the ongoing EXCON 2022, organized by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). Based on strong leverage of Auto BSVI engine development, the CNG engine H series (4 and 6 Cyl) is designed for off highway / CEV clients, and this product will be the first of its kind in the

CEV / mining and off highway segment. The H series CNG engine has a number of features, including ECU-controlled gas leak detection; improved cold start capability; enhanced lower end torque and flat torque from 1200rpm to 2000rpm; gear-based torque control for better fuel economy; durable engine valves and valve seats for CNG operation; proven, durable engine for CEV application; turbocharged engine

provides higher torque, fuel efficiency, better drivability, and transient response; maintenance-free engine. The CNG engine H series also fulfils CEV V standards without SCR or DPF, and features proven multipoint sequential gas injection for dependable performance; a 500 hours oil drain interval; and the maximum power in the sector. Sharing his views, Mr. Dheeraj Hinduja, Executive Chairman, Ashok Leyland said,

“Ashok Leyland's expertise in engineering has paved the way for the company to establish itself as a key player in the CNG engine sector, and we aspire to continue to do so by expanding our portfolio of CNG Engines and technology solutions. Ashok Leyland aims to make India's CNG engine sector self-reliant, and to be one of the leaders in the "Make in India" narrative.” Present at the event Dr N Saravanan, CTO, Ashok Leyland said,

“Ashok Leyland has a track record of catering to customer needs with world class products that generate higher profitability. With the increasing need for better fuel efficiency and use of alternate fuels, we have a solid pipeline of such technologies. We aspire to lead the market in this segment, as the need for engines with alternative fuels grows”.

AIC-GIM Foundation, Climate Collective and the Taj Hospitality Brand collaborate on a Global Single Use Plastics Challenge

Panaji: The consumption of Single Use Plastics (SUP's) in the food and beverage industry grew dramatically during the Covid-19 outbreak and is now expanding at a 2.5-fold rate. With the aim of reducing single use plastic from the F&B industry in Goa, Atal Incubation Center Foundation at Goa Institute of Management (AIC-GIM) in partnership with Climate Collective Foundation and IHCL's Taj hospitality brand is bringing the Single-Use Plastics (SUP) Challenge. The SUP challenge is inviting innovations to reduce single use plastic from the F&B

sector. The selected solutions will get the opportunity to test their ideas in Goa with the Taj hotel network of Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL). “As a company, we want to put a strong emphasis on sustainability as a way of life for everyone, which thus culminates in the adoption of a variety of sustainable business methods. We are happy to collaborate with AIC-GIM Foundation and Climate Collective Foundation for the Global SUP challenge which will reduce the usage of Single Use Plastics across our properties in Goa” said Mr. Vincent Ramos,

Area Director, Indian Hotels Company Limited. The SUP Challenge will assess the volume of single-use plastics waste reduced through piloting and scaling ventures’ innovations along with environmental impact avoided, such as waste diverted from landfills, incineration or avoided entirely. Additionally, the challenge will guide startups to fine-tune their business cases for F&B industry and insights derived from their pilots will contribute to a study around understanding the environmental impacts of alternatives to single-use plastic packaging.

Symphony, in partnership with AEEE, invests in the ‘SAHARA Programme’

Bhubaneswar : Symphony Ltd., in partnership with Alliance for an Energy Efficient Economy (AEEE), initiated the first-of-its-kind pilot programme “SAHARA”, an initiative for Supporting Affordable Heat Action for Resilient Academic Institutions in India by deploying Evaporative Air Coolers. It is envisioned to enable a pathway to achieve Thermal Comfort for a Billion Lives (TCBL). This initiative aims to mainstream energy efficient, affordable and sustainable cooling solutions in India’s academic Institutions to bring a paradigm shift at the ecosystem level and enable TCBL. With around four trillion-

person cooling degree days, India is characterised by tropical and sub-tropical climatic conditions coupled with a lack of access to cooling, rising temperatures and ever-evolving socio-economic trends such as rapid population growth and urbanisation, which will not only amplify the climate change-induced heat stress but would also fuel the demand for space cooling. SAHARA programme would act as a catalyst for disseminating knowledge about the thermal comfort situation in India’s academic institutions. It could bring about systemic changes on multiple fronts in the long term.

Shakib undecided on India tour participation

Dhaka: Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan is unsure if he'll be part of the upcoming tour of India. Bangladesh are scheduled to play two Tests and three T20Is against India from September 19 to October 12 following their tour of Pakistan in August, where they are slated to play a two-match Test series.

The 37-year-old Shakib, who left Dhaka for USA on Monday (July 1) to play for the Los Angeles Knight Riders in the upcoming Major League Cricket, said that he was not thinking too far ahead and until now has planned only up to the tour of Pakistan.

"I don't have many plans. There are two T20 tournaments in front of me one is MLC and the other one is the Global T20 League in Canada and let me see where I stand after playing these two tournaments because I need to understand

[how I feel]," Shakib told reporters at the Airport on Tuesday before departing for the USA.

"There is international cricket and there is a series against Pakistan and I am planning till that point of time and not planning beyond that. Now I don't have time to plan for three four years and so planning for three to six months is better and later will think about my next plan and so till now I am planning till the Pakistan series," he added.

Shakib also revealed that pace bowler Taskin Ahmed had apologised to his teammates for missing the game against India. Cricbuzz reported that Taskin had missed the team bus and reached late at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua for the teams' Super-8 clash of the just-concluded T20 World Cup.

"The team bus starts at a certain point and

there is a rule for cricketers that team bus does not stop for anyone and if anyone misses it in that case he comes in the next car. The manager's car or a taxi is there and the support of transport was difficult in the West Indies. When Taskin arrived it was five to 10 minutes before the toss and certainly it was difficult to pick him at that point in the team and it was difficult for him as well," Shakib said.

"Taskin apologized to the team for that afterwards and everyone in the team took it normally because a man can mistake and anyone can commit unintentional mistake and he accepted it and the thing ended at that point of time," he said.

Nazmul not happy with Bangladesh approach against Afghanistan

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Cricket Board president Nazmul Hasan was critical of the

team's approach in the Super 8 game against Afghanistan for their failure to try and force qualification to the semifinals.

Bangladesh were required to score 115 in 12.1 over to advance to the last-four on better Net Run-Rate but the opportunity went in vain as well as they pulled the plug on chasing qualification and

eventually lost the game to Afghanistan to help them secure their spot in a World Cup semi-final for the first time in their cricketing history.

"I think we should have tried till the 12 over but what I have seen is that we defended when we were expected to hit while we hit when we were expected to defend and so what can I say," Nazmul told reporters

following a meeting to review the team's World Cup performance.

"We are happy that we have reached the Super-8, but it is not acceptable that they did not try after losing three wickets [against Afghanistan].

"I heard that the captain said that we didn't try after three wickets went down and I think that's not acceptable. I have to find

out the reason and could have answered you more appropriately if I have received the report of the head coach and manager and talked with the skipper but I am yet to receive the letter as well as talk with the captain," he added.

However, Nazmul backed his across-format leader Najmul Hossain Shanto, who came under scrutiny for his performance in the event. The BCB chief also said he was impressed with the performance of the some of the younger players but was left disappointed with the overall performance of the seniors.

"I think we appointed Najmul as captain on the basis of his performance because he did not drop from the sky but now if he cannot play what can I say," Nazmul said. "I was feeling that the youngsters would struggle and the seniors would do well but see the

juniors played well but that was not the case with seniors," he added.

Nazmul added that the board was looking to give a fitting farewell to the senior campaigners Tamim Iqbal, Mushfiquir Rahim, Shakib and Mahmudullah in 'a proper manner' as they were nearing the end of their careers.

While Tamim and Mushfiquir have already retired from T20Is it is not the case with Shakib and Mahmudullah and many feel that the time is right to begin plans for the next T20 World Cup, scheduled in India and Sri Lanka in 2026.

"We have full confidence in them [seniors] but there will be a time when they end their journey and I want that both parties should sit together and make sure that it ends well considering they have given so much to Bangladesh cricket," he concluded.



Euro 2024: Demiral brace powers Turkey into quarters with 2-1 win over Austria



New Delhi: Turkey's Merih Demiral shone with a goal in each half and goalkeeper Mert Gunok made a crucial stoppage-time save, securing a thrilling 2-1 victory over Austria on Tuesday to advance to the Euro 2024 quarter-finals. The man-of-the-match, Demiral, scored just 57 seconds in and added a powerful header just before the hour mark. This set up a quarter-final clash on Saturday in Berlin against the Netherlands, who

defeated Romania 3-0 earlier the same day. Austria's Michael Gregoritsch reduced the deficit midway through the second half, but their hopes of equalizing were dashed in the final seconds when Christoph Baumgartner's header was brilliantly saved by Gunok. Celebrations erupted across several German cities as Turkish fans took to the streets, honking car horns, waving flags, and chanting in anticipation of a potential repeat of their Euro 2008 semi-final run.

For Austria, considered dark horses of the tournament, it was a bitter exit, as they are still waiting for their first knockout match win in a major tournament since 1954. Turkey grabbed the lead in a frenetic start when Demiral capitalised on a goalmouth scramble following a corner, scoring the fastest goal in Euros knockout stage history. Despite ceding possession to Austria, who had defeated them 6-1 in a friendly in March, Turkey pressed high and

aimed to catch their opponents on the break, disrupting Austria's typical playing style. Even without their suspended captain Hakan Calhanoglu, Turkey managed to keep Austria at bay in the first half, with Ralf Rangnick's team failing to register a shot on target. Austria intensified their efforts after the break, and captain Marko Arnautovic should have equalized six minutes into the second half, but Gunok blocked his one-on-one attempt. Instead, Turkey extended their lead with Demiral's second goal, a powerful header from another corner delivered by the impressive teenager Arda Guler in the 59th minute. In pouring rain, Austria pulled one back through substitute Gregoritsch in the 66th minute and amassed 20 attempts on goal as they sought an equaliser.

South Africa's David Miller rubbishes rumours of T20I retirement: 'The best is yet to come'

New Delhi: South Africa's veteran batter David Miller rubbished rumours that he had retired from T20 Internationals after the World Cup final heartbreak against India in Barbados. Miller took to social media on Tuesday, July 2 to confirm he would be available to play for the Proteas in the shortest format of the game. David Miller acknowledged that several news reports claimed that the 35-year-old announced his retirement from T20Is after the T20 World Cup final on Saturday. Miller, 35, was heartbroken and gutted after the big final as he was not able to finish the game in South Africa's chase of 177. "Contrary to reports, I have not retired from T20 international cricket. I will continue to be available for the Proteas. The best is yet



to come," Miller wrote in his Instagram story. David Miller was dismissed in the first delivery of the final over when South Africa needed 16 runs from 6 deliveries. Having earned a reputation for closing crunch games and remaining calm under pressure, the Proteas backed on

Miller to take them home. However, Miller was dismissed when he tried to hit the first delivery of the final over bowled by Hardik Pandya for a six. Miller hit a full-toss towards the long-off boundary, but Suryakumar Yadav stopped the ball from going over the boundary with a heart-stopping

catch. The wicket of David Miller ended South Africa's hopes as Hardik choked the Proteas, conceding just 8 runs in the final over. Miller hit 21 off 17, but it was not enough for South Africa to avoid a heartbreak in their first-ever final in a men's World Cup.

Indian team set to return home from Barbados following hurricane-induced delay

New Delhi: The Indian team, stranded in Bridgetown, Barbados since the World Cup triumph on June 29, is set to depart the Caribbean island on Tuesday night. As previously reported by Cricbuzz, they will fly directly to New Delhi, where they are expected to meet with the Prime Minister. Members of the squad, support staff, and their families have been stranded on the island for the past two days due to flight cancellations caused by Hurricane Beryl, which hit this part of the world on Monday with high intensity. As a precautionary measure, the entire island was shut

down for two days, forcing the players to remain confined to their hotel. The BCCI managers have been attempting to arrange a private jet/charter flight to transport the players home, but they have faced obstacles due to the closure of the airport. As of the time of filing this report (Tuesday morning local time), Grantley Adams International Airport (GAIA) remains closed. However, it is anticipated to reopen later today, with air traffic expected to resume. Local media reported that the airport has remained unaffected 'during the passage of

Hurricane Beryl.' While teams at the Grantley Adams International Airport were assessing damages to the facility in the wake of Hurricane Beryl immediately following the all-clear given by Minister of Home Affairs Wilfred Abrahams on Monday afternoon, the initial report is that damages were at a minimum. "We just need to make sure that when we do our assessment, everything is clean and safe so that we can welcome our passengers because, as you can appreciate, after the all-clear is given by the officials, which it has, then our team needs to come in and do their



assessment so that everyone else can have their operations run as smoothly as possible," an airport official told Barbados Today.

Balaji yet to accept TN role
The Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) has confirmed to Cricbuzz that Lakshminarayanan Balaji

has been appointed as the coach of the state side for the upcoming domestic season. However, there remains uncertainty regarding whether he will

accept the role. As of now, he is still contracted to the TNCA. Balaji refused to speak on his future plans, but sources indicate that the former Indian pacer has received an offer from elsewhere. Balaji served as the assistant coach of Tamil Nadu last season under Sulakshan Kulkarni, who resigned after the team's semifinal exit from the Ranji Trophy. Recently, Balaji was in the US as a television expert for the World Cup. Meanwhile, BCCI secretary Jay Shah told journalists in Barbados that India team's new head coach and the rest of the support staff will

take over from the Sri Lanka series scheduled later in this month. India's tour of Zimbabwe is being overseen by the NCA staff headed by VVS Laxman. **SA players leave Barbados**
The members of the South Africa side, who lost to India in the final, managed to leave the shores of Barbados before Hurricane Beryl hit the island. In fact only three players - Keshav Maharaj, Ottneil Baartman and Lungi Ngidi - were to return home after the final and the rest have left Barbados to take part in the Major League Cricket (MLC) or Lanka Premier League (LPL).