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Odisha CM asks BMC to prepare Rs 200 crore plan to mitigate urban flooding in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Thursday asked the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) to prepare a Rs 200 crore action plan to mitigate urban flooding in the state capital.

The chief minister issued the direction to the BMC while chairing a state-level Natural Calamity Committee meeting here.

"Flood-like situation is reported in urban areas such as Bhubaneswar after light to moderate rainfall. To tackle urban flooding, the BMC has been asked to prepare a Rs 200 crore proposal and submit it to the government for approval," Majhi told reporters after the meeting.

Many low-lying areas in Bhubaneswar were inundated recently after heavy rain, which also caused traffic snarl on roads.



The state government has decided to create 10 new units of the Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force (ODRAF) from the present 20 to strengthen disaster management, he said. Five regional fire hubs in different parts of the state will be set up to tackle disasters, the CM said. The state government has taken steps to strengthen the fire service wing at an estimated cost of Rs 394 crore from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF). It was decided at the meeting

to make provision for another Rs 200 crore fund in this regard. Majhi directed the Water Resources Department to take steps on a war-footing for immediate repair of the weak riverbanks and embankments in the state. The Urban Development Department has been directed to clear the drains in the urban areas so that the floodwaters can smoothly get discharged through drains during heavy rainfall.

In addition to this, a long-term action plan will be prepared with technical support from IIT Delhi to mitigate flooding in Cuttack, Bhubaneswar and other urban areas, he said. The CM directed the officials concerned to operationalise 24/7 control rooms in district headquarters and other offices during monsoon.

He asked the health department to stock enough anti-snake venom in all health centres as more instances of snakebites are reported during monsoon.

The CM said that people can get advanced information about calamities through the Satark mobile application. In view of possible flooding in the state, Majhi asked the Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) to coordinate with all the departments to reduce the impact.

Couple dead, three injured as car rams into stationary truck in Odisha

Jajpur(KCN): A man and his wife were killed, while three others were critically injured, after the car they were travelling in rammed into a stationary truck on NH-16 in Odisha's Jajpur district Thursday, police said.

The incident happened in the early hours near a petrol pump on the outskirts of Panikoli Bazar within the limits of Panikoli police station when the car was on its way to Balasore from Cuttack, the police said. Police suspect the car's driver possibly lost control of the vehicle and hit the stationary truck from behind.

The deceased, identified as Binod Behari Jena and his wife Sumitra Jena, were residents of the Soro area in the Balasore district. Immediately after the accident, locals and fire department officials reached the spot to rescue all five occupants of the car, including the driver. A police team also reached the accident spot to join the rescue operation.

'All official work to be done in Odia': CM Majhi bats for promotion of language, heritage

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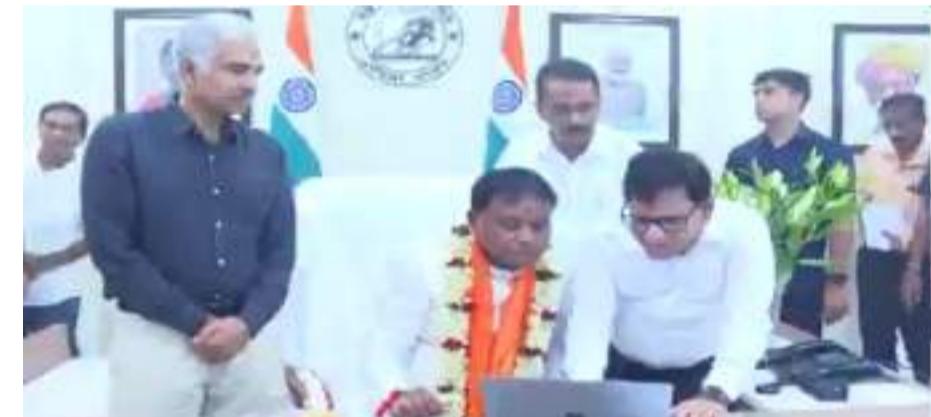
All official work of the Odisha government will be conducted in the Odia language, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi announced Thursday. The Chief Minister, who had been functioning from the state guest house since being sworn in June 12, moved to the CMO at Lok Seva Bhawan Thursday, where he received a warm welcome from his Cabinet Ministers, state Chief Secretary Manoj Ahuja and other senior officials.

Majhi entered his

language.

The Odisha Sahitya Akademi, Odisha Sangeet Natak Akademi and Lalit Kala Akademi will be restructured and steps will be taken to augment their working capabilities, he said. "The Odissi Research Centre will be made effective and quality research on Odia asmita will be encouraged. Efforts will be made to promote reading habits among the people by expanding the library movement," he said. A translation academy will be established for

Majhi added. He called upon the people to give suggestions as to what else needed to be done for Odia asmita. They can submit their proposals to the government in the coming days, he added. The Chief Minister made several announcements for the promotion and propagation of the Odia language, art, culture, and heritage in the state. Majhi said that the Odia Anuban (Translation) Academy and Odia Asmita (Pride) Bhawan will be established in the



chamber and, amid the chanting of Vedic hymns by priests, occupied the Chief Minister's chair in the presence of Deputy Chief Ministers Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo and Pravati Parida, along with several other ministers.

Speaking to reporters, Majhi said, "Apart from tangible development, emphasis will be laid on cultural development. Importance will also be given to the promotion and preservation of Odia 'asmita' (pride)."

Majhi said he has issued instructions to the officers to ensure that all files put forth before him are in Odia language.

He said all government work would be done in the Odia language. If needed, the Odisha Official Language Act will be amended.

The chief minister announced that a language commission will be set up for the promotion of the Odia

the promotion of the Odia language and literature while a mechanism will be put in place for the use of technology for the development of the Odia language, Majhi said.

Odisha Language Bhawan and Odia Asmita Bhawan will also be set up, he said.

To promote the art and culture of each district, Sanskruti Bhawan will be set up in all districts of Odisha, he said.

Special consideration will be made for the appointment of Odia teachers in high schools across the state. The work for the establishment of Paika Academy and Memorial at Barunei will be accelerated.

The state government is committed to giving importance to the development of the various heritage sites of the state. All work will be done with the cooperation and promotion of the public,

state and that a Language Commission will be set up for the preservation and promotion of the Odia language.

He stated that the Sahitya Academy, Art Academy, Sangeet Academy, Odisha Lalit Kala Academy, and Odia Language Institute will be reconstituted and expanded. Local art and culture will be encouraged by establishing cultural bhawans in each district.

Majhi said the library movement will be strengthened in the state, and efforts will be made to conserve, preserve, and develop heritage sites in Odisha.

He also mentioned that the appointment of Odia language teachers in high schools across the state will be considered, and research will be undertaken for the promotion, preservation, and propagation of Odia pride and self-respect.

Traffic comes to standstill as India's victory parade starts in Mumbai

Mumbai(KCN): The victory parade of the T20 World Cup-winning Indian team commenced after a two-hour delay as complete crowd chaos along the stretch of South Mumbai brought the traffic to a halt after Rohit Sharma and his men touched down a little after 5pm here Thursday.

As per the itinerary shared by the officials here, the two-hour open bus parade started from the National Centre for Performing Arts (NCPA) in Nariman Point till the Wankhede Stadium started a little

after 7:30pm in the evening as the Maximum City's stretch along the Marine Drive was drowned in an 'Ocean of Humanity'. The Indian team left could only fly from New Delhi around 3:42 pm after a breakfast meeting with the Indian PM Narendra Modi, having returned from Barbados in the wee hours of morning.

The Wankhede Stadium here was thrown open to fans, who filled up the stands within minutes to celebrate the Indian cricket team's title triumph last Saturday.

Meanwhile, here at the iconic Wankhede

After arriving in the city, Rohit Sharma's team and its support staff made their way to the southern tip of the city which houses the Wankhede Stadium. But not before their aircraft — a Vistara flight — got the famous 'Water Salute' after arriving here at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport's Terminal 2. The players walked out of the airport with a sea of fans and media waiting for them for last several hours.

Stadium which witnessed India's last ODI World Cup triumph in 2011, the stands got filled to the brim by passionate fans as

5:00pm. As the gates closed amid intermittent rain, extreme humidity and chaos of several thousand people arriving in the vicinity, those fortunate ones who were able to find their places inside Wankhede remained fixated to their seats even if there was scarcity of food and water. As the fans ran in all directions to take their places in the stands amid a heavy burst of rain, several pairs of footwear got left behind in the rush while debris of all kind was also thrown around along the way. While the wait extended,



thousand others waited outside the gates which were closed around

Hathras stampede: Six 'sevadars' arrested, UP Police says Baba to be grilled if required

Hathras: The Uttar Pradesh police Thursday said they have arrested six 'sevadars', including two women, of the organizing committee in connection with the Hathras stampede that killed 121 people.

The only accused named in the FIR is at large while preacher Surajpal, who is also known as Narayan Sakar Hari and Bhole Baba, will be questioned if required during the

investigation, a senior officer said.

"All six persons who have been arrested worked as 'sevadars' (volunteers) at the 'satsang,'" Inspector General of Police (Aligarh Range) Shalabh Mathur told reporters here.

"A reward of Rs 1 lakh will be announced soon and non-bailable warrant (NBW) will also be issued against key accused Devprakash Madhukar," Mathur said.

The preacher, Surajpal,

was not mentioned as an accused in the FIR lodged at the local Sikandra Rau police station Tuesday after the stampede at Phulrai village that left 121 people dead in its wake. Those arrested have been identified by the police as Ram Ladaite (50), Upendra Singh Yadav (62), Megh Singh (61), Mukesh Kumar (38), and women Manju Yadav (30) and Manju Devi (40).

Ram Ladaite is a native of Mainpuri district



while Upendra Singh Yadav is from Mainpuri and the rest are local residents of Hathras. All six were arrested Thursday by the officials of Hathras Kotwali and Sikandra Rau police stations, the police said. IG Mathur said, "When information regarding the arrestees was obtained through detailed enquiry, these people told during inquiry that they are members of the organizing committee and work as 'sevadars'." "The organisers and

members gathered crowd and collected donations in the 'satsang' committee for cooperation," the officer added. The FIR was lodged July 2 under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Sections 105 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder), 110 (attempt to commit culpable homicide), 126 (wrongful restraint), 223 (disobedience to order duly promulgated by the public servant) and 238 (causing disappearance of evidence).

SOLO SONG COMPETITION AMONG PARENTS AT DAV, KALINGA NAGAR

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): 'Music is the language of the spirit. It opens the secret of life bringing peace, abolishing strife.' It rarefies the burden and relaxes the mind by elevating the spirit to a different world of rhythm and melody. Going in line with this, DAV Public School, Kalinga Nagar organised a solo song competition among the parents in its premises today. More than one sixty parents registered their names and took part in this competition organised to mark the 28th foundation day of the school to be celebrated on 6th of this month. Addressing the formal meeting to mark the occasion, Principal Sri Balaram Mahapatra applauded the positive



response of the parents and said, 'This unique initiative will not only give the parents a platform to showcase their hidden talent but also will supplement to the steps taken by the school from time to time in creating an atmosphere of confidence and fostering a cordial relationship with the parents community'. The campus

reverberated with a beautiful rendering of popular devotional and classical songs in Odia as well as Hindi language. The panel of jury consisting of the music teachers of DAV Public School, Unit-VIII, DAV Public School Chandrasekharpur and DAV Public School, Pokhariput highly appreciated the parents for

their musical renditions.

The winners will be felicitated on the school foundation day. The programme was smoothly co-ordinated by the music department headed by music teacher Mr Rajakishore Gochhayat with the whole-hearted co-operation of all the staff members.

DC Srinagar Visits Imambaras at Zadibal and Rainwari to Ensure Muharram Preparations



SRINAGAR (KCN): In connection with preparation for the upcoming Holy month of Muharram-ul-Haram, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, conducted an extensive visit to various Shia-populated areas, including Imambarahs at Zadibal and Hasanabadi, and the Shrine of Shamsuddin Araqi, as well as Shia-populated areas along Mir Behri Dal. Accompanied by senior officials, the DC issued on-the-spot directives to

ensure smooth observance of Muharram proceedings. He emphasized the importance of uninterrupted electricity and water supplies, cleanliness, and proper traffic management, particularly on the 9th and 10th of Muharram. The visit included interactions with local Shia leaders to gather feedback and address their concerns.

Dr. Bilal directed the Health Department to provide first aid facilities, medical teams, and ambulances during

processions. The SMC and allied departments were instructed to repair dysfunctional street lights and enhance manpower for cleaning lanes and drains. Traffic authorities were tasked with ensuring smooth traffic flow during processions.

During meetings at Zadibal and Hasanabadi Imambarahs, Dr. Bhat reviewed arrangements and addressed the demands presented by the Shia community. He assured them of a 24-hour electricity supply and appointed a nodal



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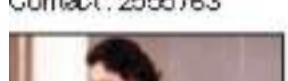
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Shah Rukh Khan's 'Jawan' set to hit Japanese theatres in November

Shah Rukh Khan's 'Jawan' is set to debut in Japan on November 29, 2024, with advanced bookings starting July 5. The film, already a global hit, is now aiming to capture the Japanese market. After achieving remarkable success and breaking multiple box office records worldwide last year, Shah Rukh Khan's blockbuster film 'Jawan' is now ready to take over the Japanese market. The movie is scheduled for release in Japan on November 29, 2024.

Twin, a renowned distributor of Indian cinema in Japan, will handle the release of 'Jawan' in the country, marking the film's debut

in the Japanese market. Advanced bookings will commence on July 5, 2024, a full four months ahead of its release. As a special treat, people who secure their tickets in advance will receive exclusive posters featuring Shah Rukh Khan from the hit song 'Chaleya.'

With this strategic release, 'Jawan' is poised to make a significant impact in Japan, further expanding its global footprint and reinforcing Shah Rukh Khan's international appeal. Previously, Japanese video game designer Hideo Kojima had praised Shah Rukh Khan's film 'Pathaan,' showcasing his love for

the Bollywood superstar's work. Kojima tweeted last year, "Too busy these days, mentally and physically exhausted. Need to refill my high-octane tank. So, I saw the Indian movie 'PATHAAN' in IMAX! Well, it was awesome! I was numb! It opened my blood vessels! It was a MAD MAX level of energy! After seeing this, I think I'll be able to hold it for a while! Mission Impossible, 007, RRR, John Woo, the whole shebang! A few Metal Gear elements too! There was applause after the screening. Highly recommended! (sic)." Too busy these days, mentally and physically exhausted. Need to



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'Jawan' was a monumental hit, earning Rs 761.98 crore in India and Rs 386.34 crore internationally within days of its initial release last year. In total, it amassed Rs 1148.32 crore worldwide, solidifying its status as a major success.

Ali Abbas Zafar says why he retained 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan' title for his next

Ali Abbas Zafar recently talked about why he chose to retain the iconic title 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan' for his upcoming film, much to the curiosity of fans and critics alike. The director, who is known for delivering blockbuster hits, has recently stirred up excitement among Bollywood enthusiasts for his upcoming action thriller, starring Akshay Kumar, Tiger Shroff and Prithviraj Sukumaran. In a recent interview, Zafar shed light on the reason behind his decision to retain this classic title for his action-packed spectacle. The title 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan,' was originally associated with the 1998 comedy film starring Amitabh Bachchan and Govinda. Speaking about the same, Ali told



IndiaToday.in, "Well there is a connection which will be revealed in the film. So when you come and watch the film you will know why it is called 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan.' I would say that this film had a certain vision and the way the producers of this film, Jackky Bhagnani, Vashu Bhagnani, and

Himanshu, all supported this film, it wouldn't have been possible if you didn't have producers like that backing in this version." Further speaking about the film he said, "Jackky called me one day I was shooting in Abu Dhabi, and he said that I have something to offer you.

He and I have been jamming to do something together. And one day he used this line, I will make you an offer that you will not be able to refuse' from the 'Godfather'. So I said ok, tell me what is that? He said, do you like making action films? I said yes. I like making action films. So just imagine if, in an action

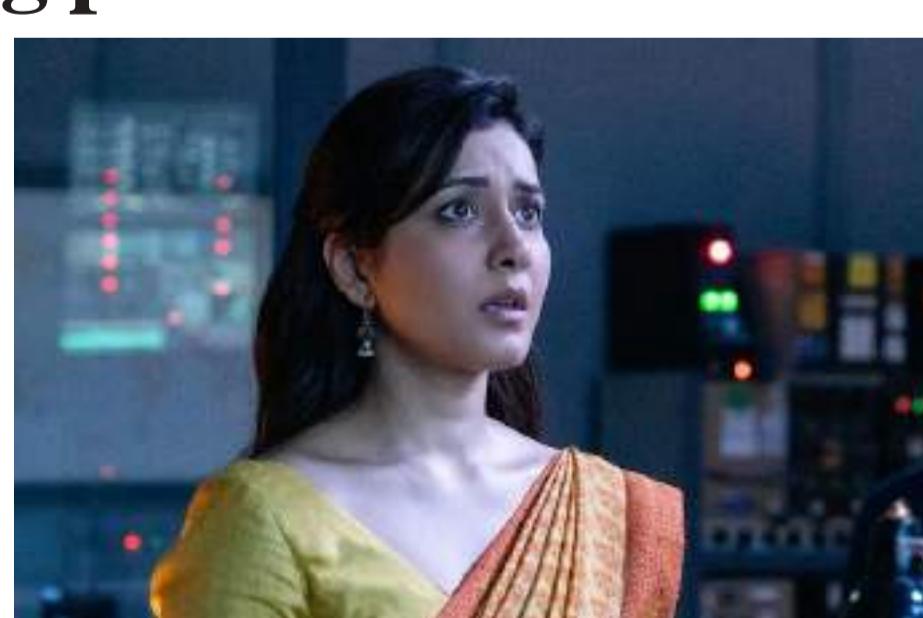
film, I get you Akshay Kumar and Tiger Shroff together." He continued, "Now for any action film lover, forget the maker, it is a dream combination to have two action stars in the same film and quintessential action stars who do their own stunts, and are known for their action. At the

same time, it's so bizarre that I was working on a two-hero film with a crazy mad villain. I always call him an anti-hero more than a villain. Then, somewhere or another, that conversation stayed with me."

He adds, "Then he called me again a week later and by that time I really thought it through that how we can do this thing with Akshay and Tiger. And then he said that it's my father's dream to call this film 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan'. So I said, you've got such a great offer served on a platter to me. I would respect that. Later we made changes to the script. So when you watch the film you will understand why it is called BMCM, but it is very special how it comes in the film."

Raashii Khanna reacts to 'Yodha's' underwhelming performance at box office

Raashii Khanna reacted to the underwhelming performance of 'Yodha' at the box office. The film, which also features Sidharth Malhotra, was a highly anticipated film and generated considerable buzz prior to its release. However, not every film achieves the desired commercial success, despite the talent and efforts invested in its making. 'Yodha' failed to make a significant impact at the box office and struggled to attract audiences to theatres, resulting in disappointing ticket sales and overall lacklustre performance in terms of box office revenue. Now in an exclusive interview with India Today.in, Raashii Khanna opened



up about her thoughts on the underwhelming performance of 'Yodha' at the box office. The actor acknowledged the disappointment surrounding the film's reception but remained optimistic about the creative journey and the experience gained through the project. She said, "Maybe there's somebody who loves it, then somebody who hates it. There'll always be all kinds of people, but obviously, we want, when the film is released, a lot of people should like it. I think the challenge has been to bring them to theatres still, because now everyone knows that the film will be released on OTT. So that is a challenge that even

people face. I also sometimes do it, but that's also because I am always occupied. But I know people, in general, are very occupied today, so bringing them to theatres is a problem. I don't think 'Yodha' is a bad film at all, so that's fine. I think every film has its destiny, and you just learn from it and then move on to your next. That's all we can do."

Even though the film couldn't work commercially, Raashii was praised for her performance. Speaking about it, she said, "You

love the fact that it has received love because that's what you work so hard for. But apart from that, my job is always to deliver my best and to see that the audience is enjoying my part as well. Because if a film works, but you don't work, then that's sad in a way. So I'm really happy with the reactions I'm getting. I'm really happy that people are really loving me, coming back into Hindi films, and seeing me on the big screen. I was also very, very happy to see myself on the big screen in Hindi. This is amazing. It was a very nice moment and a very nice feeling that I had."

Yodha released in theatres on March 15.

Happy Faces with Tears of Joy at Kensington Oval



Soon Pandya and Yadav duo struck again, and it was all over, bar shouting. The historians will record that Pandya's last two overs carried India over the fence. The agonizing drought of more than a decade was over with Rohit Sharma holding the triumphant trophy to the standing ovation from the stands. There were poignant moments at Kensington Oval in Barbados where it has so near and so far since 1953 when Vijay Hazare team was on the Caribbean cruise. On the night of June 29, the Indian cricket team redeemed its pledge with destiny. A day that comes only once in a lifetime. It was the last hurrah in the illustrious career of skipper Rohit Sharma.

To sum up an invincible run to the trophy. They picked a team for the conditions, trusted their boys and it paid off. Rohit Sharma led the way with his fearlessness and intent, Suryakumar

showed his class in conditions that weren't the easiest for his style of batting, Dube and Axar played handy cameos and Virat came to the party in this all important final. And what about the bowlers? It is true when they say batters win you a match, and bowlers win you a tournament. And Jasprit Bumrah alone probably wins you tournament(s). Arshdeep proved his mettle with the new ball, Kuldeep was the coveted wicket-taker throughout the Caribbean and Axar was at his frugal best for most of this tournament. And a moment to acknowledge Hardik Pandya. The Indian players pose for team pictures and Kohli breaks out into a beaming smile. All happy faces now, the tears have been left behind, the sorrows have been left behind, it is now time to revel in the moment for the Men in Blue!!

The T20 World Cup win also brought curtain

Dr. Ravi Chaturvedi



Triumphant Indian team holding the trophy



Elated coach Normally reserve Rahul Dravid elated over the World Cup win



Team tosses up coach Rahul Dravid after the historic victory

down on the cricketing innings of two greats of the game Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli. As grateful nation bids adieu to the duo, the iconic lines of a famous novel, El Cid come rushing to the scribes' mind, "So out of the gate of history, they walked into legend." After Indian players, coaches and other staff members did a lap of honour around the Kensington Oval, Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli along with and other Indian players gave Rahul Dravid a befitting farewell after the Men In Blue won the T20 World Cup. Team India lifted the head coach on their shoulders as they celebrated the victory. Kohli was member of 2011 World Cup team to have given a similar farewell to Sachin Tendulkar after India won the coveted Cup. Dravid had announced that he will step down from his post after the World Cup.

Rahul Dravid, as a coach was like the most of his playing career, stayed in the shadows, but had a telling impact on this bunch of boys. His mantra 'never give up' paid rich dividends. A key attribute of the Rohit-Rahul tenure has been backing their players, giving them a long rope and not chopping and changing. In a poignant moment, Virat Kohli, amidst tears of joy, shared an emotional video call with his family immediately after India clinched the T20 World Cup 2024 title.

As a finale, over to William Shakespeare's play titled All's Well That Ends Well, succinctly sums up the situation.

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Ram Vilas Paswan: Successful Leader in Dalit Empowerment



The life of Shri Ram Vilas Paswan, an extinguished leader of Indian Dalit politics and former Union Food Supply Minister, who created miracles in Bihar politics, has been an inspiration for creating new standards in politics. He remained active in politics for more than five decades and played the responsibilities of MLA, MP and even Union Minister very well. Paswan is considered a leader who received love and support from people of every religion and community and he was known as a development man in the country. Paswan played an important role in implementing the recommendations of the Mandal Commission. During his tenure as Railway Minister, many projects were started in Bihar and in whichever ministry he was, the poor and marginalized people were always at the centre of his concerns.

The life of Ram Vilas Paswan is a living document of his commitment towards Dalit empowerment. His 78th birth anniversary is being celebrated at the national level on 5 July



-Lalit Garg-

2024. Ram Vilas Paswan founded the Lok Jan Shakti Party in the year 2000 and his political journey started with the United Socialist Party. He was the only political personality who got the opportunity to work with many Prime Ministers and he was also the leader of the House in the Lok Sabha twice. He created a unique history by winning the election from Hajipur with record votes in 1977. He always fought like a karmayogi for the Dalits and the proletariat class.

Ram Vilasji, who started his political journey from 1969, played an active role in the JP movement and emerged as a firebrand socialist. He was a public servant who gave voice to the deprived classes and constantly fought for the marginalized people. His life in politics was not only a great hero who promoted the Dalits and the deprived but also an inspiration of high character and moral values.

Paswanji was born in Shaharbanni village of Alauli block of Khagaria district of Bihar. He was born on July 5, 1946 in a Scheduled Caste family to father Jamunji Paswan and mother Siya Devi. He first married Rajkumari Devi in the 1960s, whom he divorced in 1981. He has two daughters Usha and Asha from his first wife Rajkumari. In 1983, he married Reena Sharma, an airhostess and Punjabi Hindu from Amritsar. He has a son and a daughter from her. His son Chirag

HD Deve Gowda, Inder Kumar Gujral, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Manmohan Singh and Narendra Modi. This combative and resilient leader of Indian politics lived his life like a Karmayogi in politics. It is true that he was from Bihar, it is also true that he was from LJP, but the bigger truth is that he belonged to the nation, he was a national leader. He was a gem personality in the country's politics. There were many characteristics of the personality and work of this extraordinary politician who became the voice of the poor, the deprived and the Dalits; those noble values, such closeness to public life, such simplicity, such love for religion and culture and so much truth had made his personality very high. He continued to serve the country and the downtrodden till his last breath. His death was the end of a great leader with a nationalist mindset and a messiah of the proletariat.

He was a symbol of a series of people who lived by principles and ideals. His life was unique and exemplary of purity in political life, values, culture, Dalit politics, and struggle for the proletariat, the inspiration of not bowing down or compromising by remaining firm on principles. He was always different from others, untainted in corrupt politics, Fearless in thoughts, Firm in the face of crumbling values and Dignified in the crowd that broke through the fence. The positive perception and realistic thinking associated with his life were such powerful weapons whose attack never went in vain. For Bihar, he was truly 'Ram', that is loved by everyone. As a young leader, he presented his independent political thinking and viewpoint by strongly and effectively opposing the atrocities and attack on

democracy during the Emergency.

While helping the needy, creating new political faces, smiling and laughing, behaving affectionately with the younger ones and having a lot of fun and laughter with people of his age, the life of Shri Ram Vilas Paswan will be considered inspiring, unique and extraordinary in the sense that he touched all the concerns of life. When he was a politician, he raised his voice for the Dalits and the deprived, cared for the proletariat class, and fought for their rights. His outlook was broad and he was committed to the interests of the Dalits. He was also a Dalit agitator and the architect of political events. He was always seen connected with the concerns of revolutionaries and senior freedom fighters. Despite being a big and busy politician, his s p o n t a n e o u s

simplicity and straightforwardness. He was one of the distinguished leaders who gave life to the cultural heritage of Bihar and raised his voice for the Jain-Buddhist culture of Bihar and fought for its rights. He was a politician who ruled the hearts of the people, he could stay anywhere like an ordinary worker. Bihar and its people were always in his heart and mind. The politicians who are stuck in the arrogance of power, corruption and ego would take lessons from him. He defeated the darkness of despair, inaction, failure and indifference with his self-confidence and the hopeful lamps of life. His life's endeavour was that people should not feel his presence; rather he worked in such a way that people remember him even when he is not among them. In this way, he gave a new dimension to his life and remained in the hearts of the people. His personality is such an ideal political personality that it can be called an inexhaustible source of development, culture, service and reformism of the proletariat class.

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Bihar creating investment friendly environment in all sectors of industry

Kolkata (PARTHA ROY): Bihar is rapidly changing and creating investment friendly environment in all sectors of its economy to become rapidly growing state during Amrit Kaal. A roadshow of upcoming global Investors summit titled "Bihar Business Connect 2024" and Kolkata Investors' Meet was organised by Government of Bihar in collaboration with Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) on 1st July 2024 in Kolkata. Global investors' summit "Bihar Business Connect 2024" has been scheduled to be held in December 2024. Shri Nitish Mishra, Minister In-Charge, Department of Industries, Govt. of Bihar; Shri Sandeep Poundrik, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Industries, Govt. of Bihar; Shri Abhay Kumar Singh, IAS, Secretary, Tourism



Department & Information Technology Department, Govt. of Bihar; Mr Ameya Prabhu, President, Indian Chamber of Commerce; Dr Rajeev Singh, Director General, ICC; Mr Amit Sarangi, Anmol Feeds; and Mr Tushar Jain, Priority Bags. addressed the Investors' Meet and briefed the participants about scope and opportunities of Investment in Bihar. Shri Nitish Mishra said Bihar's industrial scape is fast changing and Government of Bihar in its efforts to bring new investment in the State, new incentives schemes are being developed in consultation with all stakeholders to promote "ease of doing business". Bihar has adequate natural resources like water, coal, sunshine which are critical for industrial development. Mishra mentioned large

no. of well educated and skilled human resource are available in the State. Workforce which returned to the state during & after Covid have stayed back and exploring professional opportunities within the State. Shri Sandeep Poundrik, Additional Chief

Secretary, urged investors to visit Bihar and witness the progressive changes it has undergone over the years and also explore the industrial areas of Bihar. Bihar economy is performing well. The MSME ecosystem is also thriving. Bihar offers Investors market

potential, connectivity, raw materials, infrastructure and location. Bihar is strategically located with a population of around 14 crore and the entire eastern region is growing rapidly. Bihar has three airports, excellent roads, good train services and waterways, all contributing to superb connectivity. The highways are well-maintained. Bihar is renowned for Bhagalpur silk and produces significant amounts of silk, jute and leather products. Britannia has set up its second factory in Bihar. 85% of India's makhana is produced in

Bihar. Bihar is third-largest producer of potatoes. Shri Sandeep Poundrik assured Investors that Bihar government pays all subsidies to investors on time.

Shri Abhay Kumar Singh, IAS, Secretary, Tourism Department & Information Technology Department, Govt. of Bihar, said, "In Bihar's Tourism Sector, we're focused on enhancing Spiritual, Cultural and Eco-tourism across key locations like Gaya, Bodh Gaya, Nalanda, Rajgir, Vaishali and Valmiki Tiger Reserve. To support investors, we're offering a 30% subsidy (up from 25%) for projects including resorts, hotels, theme parks, entertainment zones, thematic restaurants," Mr Ameya Prabhu, President, ICC, mentioned, Bihar has emerged as safe

investment destination with adequate quality infrastructure. Shri Prabhu deeply appreciated

Government of Bihar efforts of implementing progressive changes in the state resulting into Job creation within Bihar. High quality Data connectivity and well trained low cost labour makes Bihar ideal destination for IT, ITES industries. Tourism is another sector where Bihar is experiencing tremendous growth. Shri Prabhu said ICC and Bihar government will work together to usher in new investment and industries in Bihar to ensure all round development of the State. Dr Rajeev Singh, Director General, ICC, stressed ICC will extend all relevant support to Bihar government in its efforts to increase investment in the State.

Empowering Futures: NTPC Bongaigaon Launches Girl Empowerment Mission



Kolkata (KCN): NTPC Bongaigaon marked a significant milestone with the inauguration of the Girl Empowerment Mission (GEM), an initiative aimed at fostering the growth and development of young girls in the region. The event was graced by Shri Utkil Muchahary, Executive Member, BTR, Water Resources, Food and Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Cooperation, Welfare of SCs, who inaugurated the program in the presence of Shri Akhilesh Singh, Head of Project, NTPC

Bongaigaon, and Smt. Sangeeta Singh, President, Bardwi Shikla Ladies Club. In his speech, Shri Utkil Muchahary stressed the importance of empowering young girls and providing them with the necessary tools and opportunities to excel in various fields. He highlighted the potential of GEM to be a transformative platform that nurtures talent, builds confidence, and fosters a spirit of determination among young girls. Shri

Muchahary stated, "The Girl Empowerment Mission is a commendable initiative by NTPC Bongaigaon. It is not only about recognizing the talents of our young girls but also about giving them the resources and support they need to thrive in all aspects of life. This mission is a beacon of hope and a platform for our girls to shine." Shri Utkil also took a tour of the community hall where the GEM participants will be staying for a month. He

interacted with NTPC officials and staff, appreciating the facilities and the arrangements made for the program. He expressed his satisfaction with the efforts put in by NTPC Bongaigaon to create a conducive environment for the holistic development of the girls. The event began with a welcome address by Shri Akhilesh Singh, who provided an overview of GEM and its objectives. Shri Akhilesh Singh, in his address, emphasized the significance of GEM in driving social change and empowering communities. "GEM is about creating opportunities for young girls to explore their potential and achieve their dreams. We are committed to supporting these girls and helping them become confident and capable individuals," he said.

The inauguration ceremony saw the attendance of esteemed

"Etched Names In History": Gautam Adani Welcomes Team India

New Delhi (KCN): Industrialist Gautam Adani gave a shout-out to T20 World Cup 2024-winning Indian cricket team as their plane touched down at the Mumbai Airport on Thursday evening. The plane was accorded a special water salute and a guard of honour. "Champions touch down at @CSMIA! A grand homecoming with a very special Water Salute and Guard of Honour for our Men in Blue. You have ignited a billion dreams and etched your names in history with this triumph. Your journey is an inspiration to every aspiring cricketer," Mr

Captain Rohit and his team wore Indian jerseys emblazoned with "Champions". The team is in Mumbai for an open-topped bus victory parade, which will end at Wankhede Stadium. Last weekend's win ended an 11-year global cricket trophy drought for India following their 2013 Champions Trophy win. Their last World Cup victory was at home in the 2011 50-over edition under the captaincy of Mahendra Singh Dhoni.



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Earlier today, the T20 World Cup winners returned home to a heroes' welcome and were greeted by euphoric fans in New Delhi before skipper Rohit Sharma led them to a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Crowds shouted "India, India" after the team landed at Delhi airport from the Caribbean, having been delayed for days by Hurricane Beryl.



The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu meets the Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan at Krishi Bhawan

Garbage piles up in Silk City as BeMC, agencies shirk duty

Berhampur (KCN): Despite tall claims of various steps being taken by the Berhampur Municipal Corporation (BeMC) for adequate waste management, garbage is piling up in many wards of the civic body on account of abject failure on the part of agencies hired to maintain proper cleanliness, sources said Saturday. Things have come to such a pass that life has become miserable for the denizens of the Silk City.

As per sources, cleaning operations are being carried out by private agencies on behalf of the civic body which has earmarked an annual budget of

Rs29.42 crore towards the works. Private agencies such as Pratyush, Safai Abhiyan and PMR have been entrusted with the city's sanitation responsibilities. The Silk City is divided into five zones and 42 wards for efficient management of civic affairs. Currently, 132 garbage collection vehicles and 1,336 sanitation workers are employed for waste collection and management. After the removal of dustbins, garbage is now being collected at designated spots and transported to five collection points in the city. From there, the waste is transported to Mohuda for disposal



after its segregation into dry and wet categories. Additionally, GPS devices have been installed on garbage collection vehicles, which provide real-time

data to the sanitation department about their routes and collection details. However, the ground realities paint a different picture. For instance, in Ward No. 28, near Gosani

Nuagaon overbridge, at one spot, waste has piled up, turning the area into a dumping yard. Residents have alleged that sanitation workers are dumping all the waste collected from the ward

Even though promised 'transparency boards' displaying the number of sanitation workers and vehicles per ward have not been implemented. BeMC's assurance of resolving cleanliness complaints within 24 hours also remains unfulfilled, sources said. Residents' complaints to the BeMC about sanitation issues often remain unresolved, they added.

When asked, BeMC Deputy Commissioner Ashirbad Parida said agencies are being directed to immediately clean areas where garbage has been accumulating. However, the effectiveness of these directives remains questionable.

Elaborate Rath Yatra Arrangements by ECoR

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Keeping in view the ensuing Rath Yatra, Ministry of Railways have decided to provide convenience to the devotees coming to Puri by Rail.

Safety, Security and additional services of Rath Yatra special trains have been planned along with sanitation and cleanliness of station premises in view of huge congregation.

Opening of a round-the-clock Control Room to look into passengers' issues as well as smooth train operations. Emphasis is to be given on effective announcements at station and smooth disbursal of tickets through additional ticket booking counters. Traffic & other arrangements and facilities at enroute stations have been given attention.

ECoR has extensively preparing for the Rath Yatra arrangements. The measures to be implemented by Railways during Rath Yatra are - Crowd Management, Train Information System/Enquiry Counters, Video Walls Display, UTS on Mobile App, Additional Ticket Booking Counters and Mobile Ticket Counters, Pilgrim Waiting Area/Shed and Mela Shed to accommodate 15000 pilgrims & devotees, Security Arrangements, Catering & Hospitality, Medical Facilities & Ambulance, as well as the provision of power supply, water supply, cleanliness, security, drinking water, and sufficient toilets for the convenience of passengers. Railways aims to carry 15 lakh passengers to and from Puri during the festival. Apart from this, Special Trains will be run by using AI based dynamic Scheduling System.

Special Trains: Railways will be running more than 315 Special Trains from almost all parts of Odisha and from neighboring States like Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal. A large



number of extra coaches will be put into service in order to run these special trains. Elaborate arrangements has been made for cleaning and watering of trains for ensuring pleasant and comfortable journey. Special Train will also run by using AI based dynamic Scheduling System.

Extra Ticket Counters: In order to handle large number of pilgrims, additional ticket counters will be opened at Puri Railway Station round-the-clock. Similarly, in order to handle the additional rush of pilgrims at other stations, additional booking counters will be opened at peak hours at Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Khurda Road, Brahmapur, Balugaon, Khalokot, Paradeep, Bhadrak and Jajpur Keonjhar Road along with other important other Stations in its jurisdiction.

Enquiry Counters and Information Centers: Additional enquiry counters will be opened at Puri Railway Station in addition to existing counters. These counters will be strategically located in the circulating area and near the temporary entry point at the extreme end of platform.

Passenger Help Desks will be set up near the buffer ends of Platforms in order to guide the passengers. Passengers can also enquire about the train running information, medical assistance, security assistance, etc.

Time table and Publicity: A number of Train Timetable Boards will be put up at strategic locations at Puri Railway Station and other important locations. Train Indication Boards, indicating the schedule of trains along with platform departure will be functioning in the

functioning in Mela Shed and other locations at Puri Railway Station. Wide publicity of special trains to be run during the Rath Yatra will be made through PA System installed at Puri Railway Station. In addition, leaflets will be distributed amongst the passengers at the railway stations for educating the passengers regarding Rath Yatra arrangements made by the Railways.

Mela Shed: A large number of devotees are expected to arrive at the Puri railway station from various locations in and outside the State round-the-clock. In order to provide them with resting and toilet/ bathing facility, a temporary Mela shed is being erected at the Puri railway station to accommodate devotees. Permanent Mela Shed and Temporary Mela Shed will accommodate 15 Thousand Devotees/ Pilgrims at a time.

Catering and Drinking water: In addition to a Food Plaza at Puri Railway station, arrangements are being made for selling of Tea, Snacks, Water bottles and Janata meal. A number of drinking water taps are available on PFs of Puri Railway Station. Water Coolers are also available for ensuring cold potable water to the passengers. Additional food stalls will be functioning at major enroute stations.

Sanitation: Sufficient supervisors and staff will be deputed round the clock for ensuring proper cleanliness and sanitation in the station premises including the Mela shed and the circulating area. Medical Assistance: Medical Assistance Booth will be functioning in the

circulating area of Puri Railway Station round the clock. It will be manned by adequate doctors and nurses and other para medical staff and will have Ambulance service as well.

Illumination: Adequate arrangements are being made by railways for ensuring uninterrupted power supply at Puri railway station for ensuring non-stop functioning of lights, fans, electric equipment and other passenger amenity services.

LC Gate Management: Considering the heavy flow of road traffic through LC gates, additional manpower including GRP personnel, will be deployed at the L.C.Gates in order to ensure trouble free movement of train services and road vehicles.

Humble Services offered during the yatra. Like in previous years, railways will be providing trained workforce, breakdown attention tools such as Jacks etc., to attend any possible breakdown of Chariots during the Rath Yatra and also for assisting in turning of the chariots.

Safety and Security: Considering a large congregation of devotees at Puri Railway Station, elaborate safety arrangements are being made. Large contingents of RPF, sniffer dogs and GRP would be mobilized for round-the-clock deployment. Fire service personnel will be available along with Fire Tenders at the station. Adequate Fire extinguishers have been made available at strategic locations.

CCTV Cameras will be installed covering the entire length and breadth of Puri railway station in order to keep a close watch against anti-social activities. Apart from this, Steps have been taken for Crowd Management.



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Modicare Limited launches Blue Light Shield range under its color cosmetics brand, Urban Color London

New Delhi: Modicare Limited, one of India's leading direct selling companies, recently launched Blue Light Shield, a gender-neutral and efficacious skincare range to combat the harmful effects of Blue Light rays. Owing to the pandemic and the work-from-home culture, the average screen-time has significantly increased, raising concern over Blue Light's adverse effects on the skin. Since it has the ability to penetrate deeper into the skin, excess exposure to Blue Light rays can lead to a number of skin concerns, including premature ageing and hyper-pigmentation. Urban Color London's Blue Light Shield range leverages innovation and technology to offer the

consumers a 'Screenguard' against the high energy Blue Light emitted from digital devices and provides modern day solution to the new-age skin concerns. The range comprises of a meticulously designed five-step regime—Gentle Face Wash, Resurfacing Gel Scrub, Deep Clean Coffee Masque, Reset Serum Oil and Moisturising Crème. The products have been formulated using Urban Color London's proprietary technology that neutralises effects of Blue Light rays. The hero ingredient in the range is Carotolino* Active, a combination of Beta-Carotene, Carrot Root Extract and Carrot Seed Oil that unite in a perfect base to provide complete protection from

Blue Light rays and promoting overall skin health. The range is 100% vegan, paraben & cruelty free and dermatologically tested. Announcing the launch, Mr. Samir Modi, Founder and Managing Director, Modicare Limited said, "Our skin is constantly exposed to invisible Blue Light rays emitted from the several digital devices we use like smartphones, laptops, televisions, tablets etc. Most of us do not even know the implications of this. Blue Light tends to affect our skin's natural barrier function and accelerate signs of ageing. Keeping this in mind, we are launching Urban Color London's Blue Light Shield range. This is one of the world's best formulations.

Aditya Aluminium's 'Project Sichai' in full swing

Bhubaneswar : Aditya Aluminium, an Aditya Birla Group company's 'Project Sichai' is making a phenomenal difference to 220 people in the rural hinterland of Odisha, enriching their lives.

This is a collaborative project. It is implemented in partnership with the Horticulture Department of the Government of Odisha and farmers in a Public Private Partnership (PPP) model under the Pradhan Mantri Krishak Sichai Yojana.

Mr. Sameer Nayak, the Unit Head of Aditya Aluminium says, "Project Sichai, launched in January this year, has been greatly welcomed by the farming community of the Sambalpur district. Essentially, it has resulted in a significant rise in the income of farmers. Here

55 farmers within the



proximity of the plant were encouraged to adopt the Sprinkler Irrigation System. Each farmer was given 41 pipes (20 feet/pipe) and 9 sprinklers. It enabled the farmers draw water from the ponds and wells close by. Among its other major advantage is a rise in crop productivity and reduction in water wastage, besides of course the monetary advantages".

"The ease of use has

made it the most sought-

after irrigation facility. Envisaged benefits include increase in crop productivity, reduction in water wastage, besides income. Adopting this modern irrigation system, farmers of Rengali Block (Sambalpur) are now growing multiple crops during the rabi season – which was not possible earlier due to lack of irrigation facility. Farmers are reaping a rich harvest", adds Mr. Nayak.

Gagan Bihari Patra, a farmer from Sambalpur district who was finding it tough to look after his family of five due to insufficient income from farming, expresses his gratitude to Aditya Aluminium for introducing him to sprinkler irrigation system through 'Project Sichai' leading to multiple crop farming, and income enhancement. Patra owns six acres of

agricultural land in which he was cultivating paddy and vegetables during the kharif season. Being rain-fed, it resulted in low productivity. He could not produce anything during the rabi season due to lack of irrigation facilities. Not satisfied with his income from agriculture, he was desperate to explore ways to increase productivity. Project Sichai provided the perfect answer.

Many farmers in the locality who faced similar issues, given poor irrigation facilities, lack of modern agricultural equipment and resorting to traditional agricultural practices. Then came the Aditya Aluminium CSR team extending a helping hand to farmers like Patra through Project Sichai and Samridhi.

SpiceJet and Axis Bank launch co-branded credit card

GURUGRAM: SpiceJet, the country's favourite airline and Axis Bank, India's third largest private sector bank, have partnered to launch the most rewarding co-branded credit card, powered by Visathat will offer a host of privileges and benefits to customers. The card comes in two variants – SpiceJet Axis Bank Voyage and Voyage Black, and is aimed at facilitating a superlative travel experience for flyers through SpiceClub, the first frequent flyer program by a low cost carrier in India.

Through this collaboration, the two

brands hope to capitalize on the resurgent demand for travel following two years of stagnation caused by the pandemic. Further, with the shared goal of expanding their reach to Tier 2 & 3 cities and other synergies, the brands are committed to serving a much larger populace.

SpiceJet Axis Bank Voyage & Voyage Black credit cards were officially launched at Indira Gandhi International airport in the presence of Ajay Singh, Chairman and MD, SpiceJet and Amitabh Chaudhary, MD & CEO, Axis Bank, where they unveiled a special

SpiceJet-Axis Bank credit card livery on a SpiceJet Boeing 737 MAX aircraft.

The products are designed to enable customers use the rewards earned on their daily spends for booking flights and add-ons, thus encouraging both travel and digital payments embedded with benefits of SpiceJet's frequent flyer program, SpiceClub.

Customers can earn benefits up to 7% on the Voyage Black credit card which is a Top-tier offering in the travel credit card segment. In addition, the redemption of earned points does not

have any limitations on blackout dates, festival demand, and are on first-come basis. Cardholders would get exclusive SpiceClub membership with direct entry in either Silver or Gold tiers, and special benefits like complimentary or discounted travel add-ons, priority check-in, SpiceMax upgrade, preferred seat selection, complimentary meal etc.

Ajay Singh, Chairman and Managing Director, SpiceJet, said, "I am delighted to announce the launch of the SpiceJet-Axis Bank co-branded Credit Card. This card will make every customer journey

an even more rewarding one. We are the pioneers of the frequent flyer program for budget airlines in the country and this partnership with Axis Bank significantly strengthens the value offering of SpiceClub. Our association with Axis Bank – founded on the shared vision to offer unparalleled customer experience – is yet another innovative step towards creating a world class travel experience. I hope to see our customers enjoying the benefits of this rewarding collaboration as much as they love to fly with us."

Sony announces the Next-Gen Smart BRAVIA 32W830K Google TV

Bhubaneswar : Sony India today announced the launch of BRAVIA 32W830K television with attractive picture quality and life like sound. The all-new 80 cm (32) HD ready Google TV lets you enjoy movies, games and shows from apps or broadcast in an instant with advanced voice controls and built-in Chromecast.

Now seamlessly integrate Google TV and bring together more than 700,000 movies, shows, live TV and more from apps and subscriptions and organize seamlessly. With BRAVIA 32W830K, browse content from across your apps, intelligently organized just for you. Customers can easily find something to watch with personalized recommendations and bookmark shows and movies by adding a watchlist from phone and watch it on TV to keep track of what to watch. Users can even add to their Watchlist from their phone or laptop with Google Search and find everything in one place. BRAVIA 32W830K supports Apple Home Kit and AirPlay that seamlessly integrates Apple devices like iPads and iPhones with the TV for effortless content streaming. Easily control your TV with Hands-free voice capabilities. The hands-free voice control is built into the TV, no need to reach for the remote every time to search for entertainment, get answers, or control the TV and smart home devices. Simply say, "OK Google" to issue a voice command.

JSW Infrastructure begins commercial operations at Paradip East Quay Terminal in Odisha

Paradip/ Bhubaneswar : JSW Infrastructure, India's leading ports company and part of US\$ 13 billion JSW Group, has begun commercial operations at Paradip East Quay Coal Terminal in Odisha. This is a fully-mechanized terminal at Paradip Port Trust with an annual coal handling capacity of 30 million tons. The coal terminal has been built as a cape compliant terminal and will handle capesize vessels once the dredging at Paradip Port is completed. The terminal has capacity to unload 25 rakes per day and can load two vessels simultaneously. The infrastructure of the terminal is built to ensure higher productivity while reducing overall logistics cost to power producers.

The company has invested approximately Rs 1,300 crore to establish this terminal at Paradip Port. Paradip Port Trust awarded JSW Infrastructure to develop a fully-mechanized coal terminal on Build, Operate & Transfer basis for 30 years. Following the commissioning of this coal terminal, JSW Infrastructure's current cargo capacity crosses 150 MTPA. It aims to have a total cargo handling capacity of 200 MTPA by FY24.

Commenting on its coal terminal at Paradip, Mr. Arun Maheshwari, Joint MD & CEO of JSW Infrastructure said, "Paradip Port continues to be an attractive sea route for coal movement. With the commissioning of this terminal, India can now offer

cape size shipments with efficient operations. During the last few months, steam coal prices globally have witnessed sharp increase forcing thermal power plants and other coal based industry to switch to domestic coal. Start of this coal terminal has come at the right time to fill up the demand gap of domestic coal. Through high productivity and larger shipment size, we hope to reduce overall logistics costs for our coal cargo customers. As the country pursues PM's vision of Atma Nirbhar Bharat, the total thermal coal demand in India is expected to remain strong and our endeavor would be to maximize fulfillment of domestic producers.

RELIANCE NIPPON LIFE INSURANCE RECORDS STRONG GROWTH IN FY22

Mumbai : Reliance Nippon Life Insurance Company Limited, a JV between Reliance Capital and Nippon Life of Japan, announced its financial results for the year ended March 31, 2022. The key performance highlights as on March 31, 2022 include: Commenting on the company's strong performance in FY22, Mr. Ashish Vohra, ED &

CEO, Reliance Nippon Life Insurance said, "FY22 continued to pose its own set of challenges with the outbreak of the second, and then the third wave of the pandemic. We are grateful for the support we have received from our customers, employees, distributors, service providers and their families, that powered our journey of providing maximum value to each

one of our stakeholders." Mr. Vohra further highlighted that in a volatile economic environment of today, there is a heightened appreciation of Life Insurance for ensuring certainty of life coverage as well as financial investments. These guarantees are designed to drive durable long-term returns and to help customers fulfill their life goals and form the

bedrock of our business model.

The company paid death claims, maturity and survival benefit payouts of over Rs. 1,877 Cr in FY22 and achieved an impressive claims settlement ratio of 98.7% for FY22, up from 98.5% in FY21. The company expeditiously settled 3,517 Covid related claims worth Rs. 117 Cr. within an average period of 9 working days. Mr. Vohra

further commented, "A death claim is the ultimate test of a Life Insurance product, and it is the 'dharma' of a Life Insurer to honour all such claims with speed and accuracy. We continue to be fully committed and financially stable at 235% solvency (against the regulatory requirement of 150%), to meet all customer claims that may arise in the times ahead."

Bhubaneswar :: Sunstone, one of India's leading higher education service providers with presence across 25 cities in 30+ institutions, expanded its network of campuses with the onboarding of Centurion University of Technology and Management, Odisha.

Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM) is duly recognized as a pioneer in 'Skill Integrated Higher Education'. Its unique model lays specific emphasis on creating sustainable livelihoods on a national scale in challenging geographies

through education that results in employability and sparks entrepreneurship. This model has been recognized by multiple Governments (Central and State), International Organizations such as UNESCO and the World Bank as well as Policy Think-tanks such as the Niti Ayog.

Centurion University has continually strived to be a best-in-class human resource development hub that builds employable, enterprising and society centric youth through industry relevant education, skill

development, new ventures, production, and technology development.

The founders, faculty and staff are fully committed to its credo: Shaping Lives. Empowering Communities.

With this addition, Sunstone advantage

would now be available with B.Com, BCA, B.Tech, MBA-Maritime Management, BBA-Health Care Management, MBA-Health Care Management and MBA courses offered by Centurion University.

Experian launches new cloud-based decisioning solution – PowerCurve® Strategy Management

MUMBAI: Experian, the world's leading global information services company, has launched a new PowerCurve® Strategy Management solution, a powerful decisioning solution delivered as software-as-a-service via cloud. The solution is designed to help organisations leverage data and make faster, secure, and informed business decisions.

PowerCurve® is a unified platform that helps businesses understand and leverage their data across the entire customer life cycle – be it acquisition, retention or growth – to make fast, efficient decisions that support their strategic goals. With the new solution, businesses will be able to swiftly adapt their decision-based strategies at lower operational cost while harnessing the power of cloud.

Neeraj Dhawan, Managing Director, Experian India, says: "Financial institutions in India are looking for more agile and scalable decisioning solutions. To fulfil their needs, we have come up with a comprehensive suite of solutions to help businesses make better decisions and stay one step ahead."



PM in a group photograph with T 20 World Cup winning team at 7, Lok Kalyan Marg, in New Delhi

Balanced San Francisco Unicorns aim for the finish line

New Delhi: San Francisco Unicorns wrapped up their chequered campaign after snatching defeat from a winning position in their final group stage game against the Texas Super Kings. Reeling at 92 for 5 in the 14th over, TSK romped home with 5 balls to spare as Milind Kumar and Daniel Sams dashed the Unicorns' hopes in a matter of minutes. Unicorns kicked off life at MLC in spectacular fashion against the might of MI New York, beating a much fancied opposition by 22 runs. The game also dragged Corey Anderson from cricketing oblivion after a dazzling knock of 91 off 52 deliveries. Anderson closed out the tournament as the Unicorns' highest run getter with 190 runs in 5 games.

Unicorns drafted in old war horse Liam Plunkett as the primary pick for \$70,000 in the draft last year. The 39 year old was worth his weight in gold, overshadowing the younger brigade of Carmi Le Roux and Haris Rauf



in terms of wickets and ECON. The tournament also proved to be a nightmare for captain Aaron Finch at the sunset of his career, labouring to 68 runs and striking at a dismal 88. Unicorns stop-start campaign embodied the returns of their international stars including the likes of Marcus Stoinis and Finn Allen who failed to muster a single score of over 40 runs in 5 innings. The Unicorns made some sweeping changes to their international

rosters. The franchise will pin high hopes on their bumper signing of Pat Cummins. There would have been a temptation to parachute in Cummins as the captain following the leadership vacuum with the retirement of Aaron Finch but the Unicorns management bestowed the captaincy to Anderson keeping in mind his local whereabouts. World cricket's latest sensation Jake Fraser McGurk would hope to carry where he left off from

the IPL where he scored 330 runs striking at 234.04 while Kiwi, Finn Allen manages to retain his spot after a pedestrian season with the bat. Josh Inglis and Sherfane Rutherford have been entrusted to add the muscle in the middle order while fast bowlers Haris Rauf and Matt Henry will find themselves at the core of the Unicorns bowling attack.

The Unicorns went all out to grab former Pakistan U19 captain Hassan Khan at the

MLC domestic draft this year. Khan bagged a top drawer \$75,000 contract for putting on a splendid all round show in last year's Minor League Cricket tournament, amassing 220 runs in 5 innings at a S/R of 181 to go with his tally of 11 wickets at an ECON of under 5. Khan will form a troika with left arm spinning all rounders Sanjay Krishnamurthy and Karima Gore.

Former West Indies wicket-keeper Jahmar Hamilton has finally been rewarded for his stellar show in the Minor League season after season. Liam Plunkett comes back for yet another MLC season in what may finally be his swansong from the sport while Carmi Le Roux has been retained to form the only left hand seaming option for the Unicorns. Probable XI: Jake Fraser McGurk, Finn Allen, Josh Inglis, Corey Anderson, Sherfane Rutherford, Tajinder Singh, Hassan Khan, Liam Plunkett, Pat Cummins, Haris Rauf, Carmi Le Roux

Glamorgan get 592 in a historic tie with Gloucestershire



New Delhi: Gloucestershire wicket-keeper James Bracey caught Glamorgan's Jamie McIlroy off the last ball in the County Championship Division Two game between the two sides without wearing a glove, stopping a historic chase for Glamorgan who tied the game chasing 593 in Cheltenham. Bracey told BBC Sport Bristol that after setting a massive target of 593 with Gloucestershire having scored 610-5 in their third innings, it was disappointing to have not won the game but it was an extraordinary game to have been a part of.

"I'm extremely disappointed to be honest, we should probably have won the game, though as it settles in we'll probably see it as eight points gained going into the last ball rather than eight lost."

"(After the first innings) you wouldn't have seen it going to the last ball with a chase close to 600, so it's pretty remarkable on all counts.

He credited the batters of

both sides, with himself top scoring with an unbeaten 204 while Cameron Bancroft and Miles Hammond too crossed the three-figure mark.

Meanwhile for Glamorgan, Marnus Labuschagne scored 119 while Glamorgan skipper Sam Northeast scored 187. He was also proud of how the bowlers were on the money throughout the game with Gloucestershire bowling 152 overs in the fourth innings.

"Sam and Marnus played brilliant innings, three of our guys got hundreds so there's a lot to be said for the quality of the batting but our bowlers worked tirelessly. You'd probably

Germany's Toni Kroos confident ahead of quarter-final clash vs Spain

New Delhi: Veteran Germany midfielder Toni Kroos is confident ahead of quarter-final clash against Spain in Euro 2024. Kroos said the Spain clash will not be his last international match.

Retiring Germany midfielder Toni Kroos is not feeling nostalgic ahead of their Euro 2024 quarter-final against Spain that would be his last match as a player if they lose.

Kroos, who won the Champions League with Real Madrid last month and will hang up his boots after the Euros, came out of international retirement this year to chase the one major trophy missing from a vast haul that also includes the 2014 World Cup.

"It would be a sensational end but I have also considered the possibility of it not happening. I am not nostalgic at all and did not bring any treats for you (journalists) either," he told a press conference. As Germany prepares for their Euro 2024 quarter-final clash against Spain, retiring midfielder Toni Kroos remains focused on the title, not nostalgia. Kroos, who recently secured the Champions League with Real Madrid, returned from international retirement this year to pursue the elusive Euro title, the only major trophy missing from his illustrious career.

"It's the second most important title you can win, and it would mean a lot to me," said the 34-year-old Kroos on

Wednesday. "If I didn't believe we had a chance, I wouldn't have come back."

Facing the possibility of his final match if Germany loses on Friday, Kroos dismissed any sentimental feelings. "I don't expect tomorrow to be my last game, so I assume we will see each other again," he told reporters.

Germany is aiming for their first major title in a decade, following disappointing performances, including early exits in the 2018 and 2022 World Cups. "There were big doubts about this tournament given our recent history," Kroos acknowledged. "But we've achieved a minimal goal by reaching the quarter-finals, and now we're focused on



going further." The team is determined to

avoid another early exit, especially on home soil.

"We're not just playing to win the tournament," Kroos emphasized.

"We've reached a stage we aimed for, and we're confident we can progress."

Germany faces a tough challenge against Spain, a team they haven't beaten in a tournament since the 1988 Euros. Spain's Joselu, a Real Madrid teammate of Kroos, expressed his desire to send Kroos into retirement with a loss.

"Because we will win? Is that a good enough answer," Kroos responded when asked about Joselu's wish. "We have a lot to offer against it, and we have good chances. The Spaniards play good football, and so do we. It will be an interesting game, not boring. I will do everything to ensure his wish is not fulfilled."