

## Odisha govt reassures public amid confusion over BSKY continuity

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The Odisha government Thursday assured that Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) cardholders will continue to receive treatment amid allegations that some private hospitals were denying cashless services to beneficiaries during the transition period.

The confusion arose following the BJP's announcement that it would implement the Ayushman Bharat scheme and replace BSKY once it forms the state government.

As the BJP was poised to take power in Odisha, some hospitals reportedly began refusing to honour BSKY

benefits to patients, sources claimed. Chief Secretary PK Jena reassured that BSKY cardholders will continue



to receive treatment at empanelled hospitals. According to available data, June 4, empanelled hospitals booked treatment packages for over 5,800 patients, and on June 5, treatment packages were booked for more than 5,389 patients.

“The MoUs on BSKY signed with empanelled

hospitals remain in force,” Jena said, adding that the government has instructed all empanelled hospitals to continue providing treatment as usual.

“The health and family welfare department has clarified that the BSKY scheme remains active with approved budgetary support. Hospitals are to ensure that patients do not face any difficulty or disruption in availing services,” an official statement said. Jena said people being denied treatment at any hospital under BSKY can register their complaints by calling the health department's helpline 104.

## India's long-standing strategic partners expected to attend PM Modi's swearing-in ceremony

**New Delhi(KCN):** The swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to be attended by several top leaders from India's long-standing strategic partners in the region, keeping in line with India's 'Neighbourhood First' and 'SAGAR' (Security and Growth for All in the Region) vision. Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina have reportedly already confirmed their attendance at the event, which is likely to take place June 9. Wickremesinghe spoke with PM Modi over the phone Wednesday and congratulated him on his

historic electoral victory. The Lankan President's media division later confirmed that Wickremesinghe had accepted PM Modi's invitation to visit Delhi, later this week.

“During the conversation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi invited President Wickremesinghe to his swearing-in ceremony, which President Ranil Wickremesinghe accepted,” the President's office said in a post on X.

It is to be recalled that in 2019, then President of Sri Lanka Maithripala Sirisena graced the swearing-in ceremony of PM Modi following the resounding victory of the NDA in



general elections. Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, among the first foreign leaders to congratulate PM Modi Wednesday, is also likely to travel to the Indian capital for the event.

In 2019, then Bangladesh President Abdul Hamid attended

the swearing-in ceremony of PM Modi as Prime Minister Hasina was unable to travel in person because of a prior commitment. It is believed that invites are also being sent to leaders of several other neighbouring countries as well, including Nepal, Bhutan, Mauritius and

Maldives. Nepal PM K.P. Sharma Oli, Bhutan Prime Minister Lotay Tshering, Thai Agriculture Minister (special envoy of Prime Minister of Thailand) and many other leaders from BIMSTEC grouping participated in the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2019. In 2014, when PM Modi took oath as the Prime Minister for the first time, leaders from the SAARC member states travelled to Delhi to attend the ceremony. It was for the first time that India had invited all SAARC members to attend a swearing-in ceremony of the Prime Minister.



Shri Rajeev Kumar, Chief Election Commissioner of India accompanied by Shri Gyanesh Kumar and Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu, Election Commissioners, met the President at 04.30 P.M. today. A copy of the Notification issued by the Election Commission of India, in terms of Section 73 of the Representation of People's Act, 1951, containing the names of the Members elected to the House of the People following the General Elections to the 18th Lok Sabha, was submitted by them to the President.

The President congratulated the Chief Election Commissioner and the Election Commissioners on the successful completion of the electoral process, the largest democratic exercise in human history. On behalf of the entire country, she appreciated the efforts of the Election Commission, its officials and members of staff, other public officials who were involved in management and superintendence of the campaign and polling, and police and security personnel, Central and State, for working tirelessly and diligently to uphold the sanctity of the people's ballot and successfully completing a free and fair election. Above all, she commended hundreds of millions of voters, who participated in the election process in such large numbers. This, the President noted, was entirely in keeping with our Constitution and India's deep and unshakeable democratic traditions.

### Manoj Mishra Resigns As Principal Secy Of Electronics & IT Dept

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The Principal Secretary of the Electronics and IT Department in the Odisha government Manoj Kumar Mishra resigned from his position, an office order regarding the acceptance of his resignation by the Governor informed Thursday.

In January 2023, Naveen Patnaik-led state government appointed Mishra as the IT Secretary a day after the Centre accepted Mishra's resignation from the Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS). Mishra is considered to be a close ally of Naveen's aide VK Pandian.

Earlier Thursday, two retired IAS officers Suresh Chandra Mahapatra and R Balakrishnan also resigned as Chief Advisors to Chief Minister's Office and Special Initiatives.

## Official notification handed over to Odisha Governor, process for govt formation begins



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The process of the formation of a new government in Odisha began Thursday with election officials presenting the gazette notification declaring the poll results to Governor Raghubar Das at Raj Bhavan in Bhubaneswar, an official said.

Odisha's Chief Electoral Officer Nikunja Bihari Dhal presented the gazette notification to the governor. The notification was regarding the election of new members of the next assembly and it will pave

the way for the formation of the House, he said.

The governor's secretariat has intimated it to the state parliamentary department.

The CEO was accompanied by representatives of the Election Commission of India (ECI) and other senior officials.

The ECI notification and Odisha gazette notification regarding the newly elected MLAs were handed over to the governor, the official said. The Governor

congratulated the ECI, the CEO and the entire election machinery in the state for conducting free, fair and peaceful elections.

The development came after BJD supremo Naveen Patnaik resigned as the chief minister of Odisha, ending his 24-year rule. The BJP crossed the majority mark in the 147-member assembly, winning 78 seats, while the BJD bagged 51 and the Congress 14. One CPI(M) candidate and three Independent nominees also emerged victorious.

## 93% Of Lok Sabha Poll Winners Are Millionaires: Report

**New Delhi(KCN):** A staggering 93 per cent of the candidates who won the 2024 Lok Sabha elections are millionaires, up from 88 per cent in 2019, according to an analysis by poll rights body Association of Democratic Reforms (ADR).

The top three wealthiest candidates are TDP's Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani from Andhra Pradesh's Guntur constituency with assets worth ₹ 5,705 crore, BJP's Konda Vishweshwar Reddy from Telangana's Chevella with total assets amounting to ₹ 4,568

crore and BJP's Naveen Jindal from Haryana's Kurukshetra with assets worth ₹ 1,241 crore. Out of the 543 winning candidates, 504 are millionaires, the analysis found. In 2019, 475 (88 per cent) winning candidates were millionaires and 443 (82 per cent) in 2014. The trend indicates a steady climb since 2009 when only 315 (58 per cent) MPs were millionaires.

According to the analysis, 227 (95 per cent) of the BJP's 240 winning candidates, 92 (93 per cent) of the Congress' 99, 21 (95 per cent) of the DMK's 22, 27 (93 per cent) of the

TMC's 29 and 34 (92 per cent) of the Samajwadi Party's 37 candidates have declared assets worth more than ₹ 1 crore. All winning candidates of the AAP (3), the JDU (12) and the TDP (16) are millionaires, ADR data showed.

The analysis also delves into candidates' chances of winning based on their financial backgrounds. It found that the probability of a millionaire candidate clinching victory in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections stood at 19.6 per cent, compared to a meagre 0.7 per cent for candidates with assets less than a crore.



The analysis also provides a breakdown of wealth distribution among the winning candidates. The data showed that 42 per cent of the candidates possess assets totalling ₹

10 crore and above. While 19 per cent of the candidates fall within the bracket of ₹ 5 to 10 crore, 32 per cent hold assets ranging between ₹ 1 and 5 crore.

Only about 1 per cent of the winning candidates have assets worth less than ₹ 20 lakh. Among major parties, the average assets per winning candidate vary

significantly. The TDP leads with an average of ₹ 442.26 crore per winner, followed by the BJP with ₹ 50.04 crore, the DMK with ₹ 31.22 crore, the Congress with ₹ 22.93 crore, TMC with ₹ 17.98 crore and SP with ₹ 15.24 crore.

The analysis also highlights disparities within the financial profiles of winning candidates. While some boast of substantial assets, others have relatively low worth. For instance, BJP's Jyotirmay Singh Mahato from West Bengal's Purulia has declared assets totalling a mere ₹ 5 lakh. Similarly, TMC's

Mitali Bag from West Bengal's Arambag holds assets worth ₹ 7 lakh. Assets of SP's Priya Saroj from Uttar Pradesh's Machhlishahr are valued at ₹ 11 lakh. In addition, the analysis identifies candidates with high liabilities. TDP's Pemmasani tops the list with liabilities exceeding ₹ 1,038 crore. DMK's S Jagathrachakan from Tamil Nadu's Arakkonam has liabilities worth ₹ 649 crore and TDP's Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy from Andhra Pradesh's Nellore has liabilities worth ₹ 197 crore.



# Calcutta High Court Expresses Concern Over Reports Of Post-Poll Violence

**Kolkata (KCN):** Expressing concern over alleged post-poll violence in certain areas of West Bengal following the conclusion of the Lok Sabha elections, the Calcutta High Court on Thursday issued a directive allowing affected people to submit complaints to the state's Director General of Police (DGP) via email. The order came following a petition in the high court seeking direction to police to ensure protection to opposition party workers in the wake of

alleged post-poll violence in some places of the state following the elections. Stating that similar allegations had come up after the 2021 assembly elections, the court asked whether incidents of post-poll violence happened in any other state. Expressing dismay at reports of post-poll violence following the general elections, the court emphasised the state's responsibility to prevent recurrence of such incidents. A division bench comprising justices

Kausik Chanda and Apurba Sinha Roy directed that complaints can be sent to the DGP by email by persons who are allegedly affected by incidents of post-poll violence. If the complaint indicated a cognizable offence, the DGP would forward it to the relevant local police station for FIR registration. The petitioner claimed that affected individuals were hesitant to visit local police stations to file complaints. The court instructed the DGP to provide a report within 10 days detailing



the number of complaints received, FIRs registered, and actions taken. State counsels argued that the incidents mentioned by the petitioner might not be directly linked to the elections. Following the conclusion of the Lok Sabha election process, the Election Commission decided to maintain a substantial presence of central forces in the state for some more time. In August 2021, a five-judge bench of the high court had ordered a CBI probe into all cases of alleged murder and crimes against women, including rape or attempted rape, related to post-election violence in West Bengal following the state assembly elections. PTI AMR RBT NN The bench, in response to PILs seeking an independent probe into alleged violence following the assembly elections, had also ordered the formation of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) comprising three IPS officers of the West Bengal cadre to oversee investigations into all other cases.

## World Environment Day is celebrated by Odisha NARI seva Sangha

**Bhubaneswar, (KCN)** Forestry is our life. In order for living beings to live on this earth, we have to take care of it. We have to take proper care of it, not only to plant it, but also to grow it. If we cannot stop the increase in temperature, this desert will turn over. Protecting the environment is not only the responsibility of the government. It is the responsibility of all of us. This global environment is currently available. Different types of fruit and flower trees have been planted by the



association members in the women's service garden. Sangha Hall secretary Manju Singh, organizing secretary

Meera Beura, Executive Committee members Supriti Das, Kalyani Sahu, Pushpa Nayak, Gitashree Das

planted various fruits and flowers like Jamu, chiku, guava, Mango, jasmine, Tulsi, Lemon etc. in the main garden.

## Elephant Population On Rise



**Bhubaneswar (KCN):** The elephant population in the state has increased from 1976 counted in 2017 to 2098, as per the latest elephant census report released today. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) Wildlife, Susanta Nanda has released the report of All Odisha Elephant Census-2024 here at the State Wildlife Headquarters. Shri Nanda has been instrumental in organizing a scientific census on elephants in 2024. During the last seven years, the elephant population rose by 122 in the State due to proactive steps taken by the wildlife wing. The estimation was conducted from May 22 to 24 following the traditional method of count by direct sighting. A total of 1214 machans were constructed in 1905

census units across the state. More than 5700 persons were engaged in the census exercise, Nanda said. Besides, wildlife enthusiasts, NGOs, research scholars, academicians have also participated in the census in addition to regular field staff and squad members. During the census, a total of 2098 elephants including 313 adult tusked, 13 adult makhna, 748 adult female, 148 sub-adult male, 282 sub-adult female, 209 juvenile and 385 calves were counted in 48 forest divisions across 28 districts, the PCCF Shri Nanda said. During the last elephant census conducted in 2017, there were 1976 jumbos which comprises 212 adult tusked, 10 adult makhna, 816 adult cow, 122 sub-adult male, 276 sub-adult female, 38 of unknown

sex, 203 juvenile and 299 calf, he said. Significant increase in the number is noticed in few divisions like Angul, Athgarh, Dhenkanal, Baripada, Chandaka, Khurda, Bonai and Keonjhar whereas decrease in number noticed in Similipal North, Similipal South, Balasore, Rairangpur, Bolangir and Parlakhemundi forest divisions. Significant change in movement pattern of elephants is noticed in Angul, Rourkela and Baripada circles. However, no elephant was cited in 13 divisions, he said. There has been a substantial increase in the population of tusked to the extent of 40 percent during the last seven years. This has resulted in a healthy ratio of adult male to females and also a significant number of young ones in the entire population, the PCCF

Wildlife said. Elephants of interstate movement with Jharkhand and West Bengal have been included in the census; only the elephants present during the census in Odisha. A total of 584 elephants were counted in three elephant reserves which is about 28 percent of the total elephant population of the State. Odisha now have a large, well established elephant population with a stable age distribution with a growth rate of around 3 percent, the Chief Wildlife Warden stated. Shri Nanda further informed that the wild elephant deaths during the last five years have been within the range of 3 to 4.5 percent of the total population, the least being during the last financial year of 2023-24. It is estimated that 2100-2200 elephants use the Odisha forest during a year, as there is interstate migration from Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal. To know the maximum population using Odisha's landscape, another estimation is proposed to be carried out during 14 to 16 of November this year, coinciding with the migration from adjoining states during the kharif harvesting, he informed.



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## Anushka Sen Set To Play An 'Assassin' In Her First Korean Film Called 'Asia'

Dil Dosti Dilemma actress Anushka Sen has a massive fan following on social media - all thanks to her presence in hit TV shows over the years. The actress is now venturing into new territory by taking on the role of an assassin in her upcoming international film, 'Asia'.

In a recent interview with Variety, Anushka Sen expressed her excitement about working on this global project. She stated, "It's an action thriller and it has people from

all over Asia, different countries, people are joining in for this big movie. And it's a global film. It's a K-film, and I'm really excited to be a part of it. We have shot the first schedule and we are now waiting for the second. I'm playing an assassin for the very first time." The actress also shared her admiration for Korean cinema and her desire to collaborate with the industry. She mentioned, "During COVID times when I would watch K-dramas they would



make me feel wholesome. And at that time, I would be just manifesting that Korea is in Asia and it will be so nice if we can collaborate with them... the way they're producing content, it's amazing and so inspiring. And in Indian cinema the way we show romance and family, there are a lot of similarities between Indian cinema and Korean cinema."

Anushka Sen has also been appointed as the honorary brand ambassador for Korean tourism.

## Katrina Kaif, Karan Johar Praises 'The Archies' Actor Vedang Raina

'The Archies' is making a lot of buzz. After all, not just the movie marks the debut of many Bollywood starlets but also the screening was attended by the who's who of the industry. Recently, in a dazzling and star-studded premiere for the much-anticipated movie 'The Archies,' debutant Vedang Raina has taken the spotlight by storm. He has earned accolades from none other than Bollywood

sensation Katrina Kaif and Karan Johar. Celebrities are not holding back in commending the remarkable performances of the cast and crew and Katrina Kaif and Karan Johar took a moment to express her admiration, including a special mention for Vedang Raina.

In a heartfelt message, Katrina praised Vedang Raina, stating, "@vedangraina reminds

you of the old Hollywood stars." Karan Johar appreciated Vedang's natural charm and said, "@vedangraina as Reggie walks the talk! He oozes charm and confidence in equal measure and has that movie star swag. Also dances with unabashed ease".

This accolade for Vedang's debut proves Vedang's star power on screen and builds anticipation for his



performance. Vedang Raina not only mesmerises the audience with his on-screen presence but also lent his voice to a song in the movie adding an extra layer of depth to his already promising debut.

Helmed by Zoya Akhtar, 'The Archies' also marks the debut of late Srivevi and producer Boney Kapoor's daughter Khushi Kapoor, Shweta Bachchan and Nikhil Nanda's son Agastya.

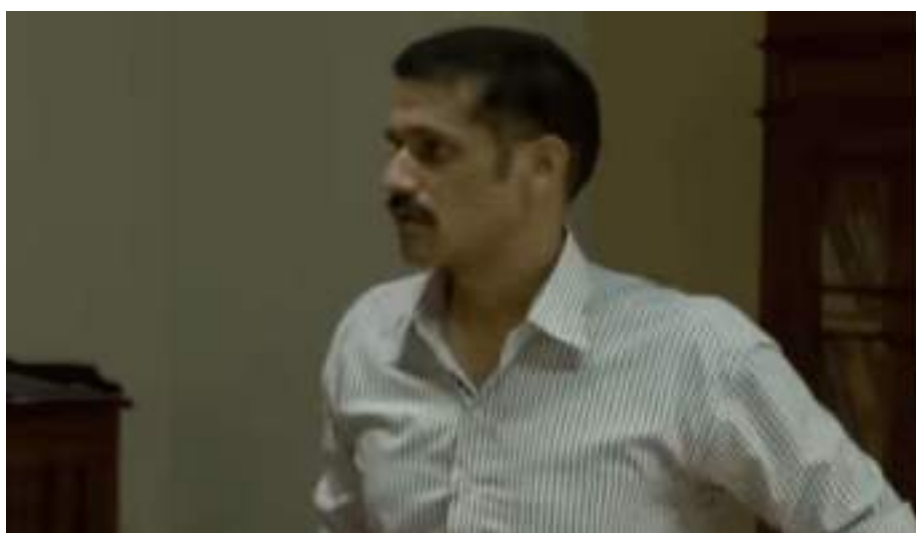
## Talvaar Turns 8: Revisiting Exceptional Performance Of Sohum Shah, Who Played Investigative Officer

As 'Talvaar' marks its 8th anniversary today, we can't help but recall on the exceptional performance of Sohum Shah, who portrayed the role of an investigative officer in this gripping crime drama. Despite his limited screen time, Shah managed to leave an indelible mark on the audience and industry alike, establishing himself as a true bonafide performer.

Sohum Shah has always been an actor who seamlessly embodies his director's vision of the character on screen. With Meghna Gulzar's direction in 'Talvaar', he

had the opportunity to delve deep into the psyche of his character. In doing so, he not only met but exceeded all expectations, delivering a performance that was widely praised by critics and audiences alike.

One of the key aspects of Shah's portrayal in 'Talvaar' was his ability to bring authenticity and depth to his character. As an investigative officer tasked with unraveling a complex murder case, he displayed a remarkable range of emotions and nuances, making the character feel real and relatable. His dedication to his craft was evident



in every scene, from his meticulous attention to detail to his flawless execution of even the most challenging sequences, he didn't just

play the character but became the character. The collaboration between Sohum Shah and Meghna Gulzar in 'Talvaar' also serves as a

prime example of the powerful synergy that can be achieved when a talented actor joins forces with a visionary director. The film's success can be

attributed, in large part, to Shah's outstanding performance, which breathed life into the character and added depth to the narrative. It's a testament to his dedication to his craft and his ability to elevate any project he's a part of.

Up next for Sohum Shah is his production venture 'CrazXy' and as he continues to take on new challenges and work with acclaimed directors, audiences can look forward to witnessing more exceptional performances from this talented artist.

## Vijay Deverakonda Expresses Gratitude For 'Kushi' Success, Says 'Love Knows No Language'



Actor Vijay Deverakonda's latest release 'Kushi' with Samantha Ruth Prabhu successfully managed to strike a chord with people. The film, which performed well at the box office, is now streaming on OTT platform Netflix. On receiving audiences' love

for his role in 'Kushi', Vijay said, "We made 'Kushi' with the belief that love knows no language and emotions have no boundaries. Seeing the overwhelming love pour in again with its OTT release is incredibly gratifying. Whether you're watching it in

Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, or Hindi, I hope the film brings as much 'Kushi' to your hearts as it has to ours."

Written and directed by Shiva Nirvana and produced by Mythri Movie Makers, 'Kushi' hit the theatres on September 1 in Telugu,

Tamil, Kannada and Malayalam. The film marked Vijay and Samantha's second collaboration after 'Mahanati'.

Earlier talking about working in the film, Vijay told ANI, "The whole experience of shooting it will be a very fond memory for life. The relationships I've formed with Samantha and Shiva, are the two people I spent the most time with, and shared a lot of memories and highs and lows with. I will always enjoy thinking about the making of this film..." Meanwhile, in the coming months, Vijay will be seen in 'VD 12'. The film is being directed by 'Jersey' fame Gowtam Tinnanuri.

## Jee Le Zaraa: Real reason behind Priyanka Chopra, Katrina Kaif and Alia Bhatt starrer's delay revealed and it's not date issues

Jee Le Zaraa is one of the most talked about movies starring Priyanka Chopra, Katrina Kaif and Alia Bhatt. The movie was announced a couple of years ago and there has been much excitement around the same as it is. Farhan Akhtar along with Zoya Akhtar and Reema Kagti are making this all-female road



trip movie happen but there have been a lot of hiccups already. Whether Jee Le Zaraa is being shelved or not, has Priyanka Chopra said no

to the script, etc. have grabbed headlines in the last couple of days. But fresh reports revealing the real reason for the delay have surfaced. A lot of fans have questioned Farhan Akhtar about the delay of Jee Le Zaraa which is supposed to star Priyanka Chopra, Katrina Kaif and Alia Bhatt in the lead. There have been numerous reasons that have surfaced for the delay in making of the new movie. Recently, reports surfaced talking about Priyanka Chopra opting out of Jee Le Zaraa because she did not like the script. She was supposed to come down to India during Parineeti Chopra's wedding and sign the contract which did not happen. But that's not the case, as per a report in Koimoi.com, Priyanka is very much a part of the movie. She has not opted out of the project nor has she said 'no' to the script



# Virat Kohli – The Crème de la crème

Bijaya Kumar Parhi



ICC Men's T20 World cup in the U.S.A. and the Caribbean countries is underway. Since the 2011 triumph, India has only won one ICC multi nation tournament- the champions trophy in 2013. In every other tournament the team India has flattered to deceive. The team faltered when it mattered. The glaring example is the soul-crunching loss to the Australian side in the last year ODI final despite the consistent performance of the veterans like Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma and the pacer Mohammad Shami. It goes without saying, batters win the matches and bowlers win the tournament. ICC tournament can never be won with individual's performance. A collective effort is the sine qua non for winning the silverware and Team India is in the dire need of coveted trophy of 2024. At the outset of the

tournament, India seems to be the overwhelming favorite as Virat Kohli is at the helm. It's time to press the reset button, the panic button is never an option in high performance sports. There are larger goals, bigger picture, a responsibility and an opportunity- King Kohli tries to put things in perspective. This is a cricketer who brings with him the street fighter tendencies and being an authoritative stroke maker has often made batting against the best bowling attacks a child's play. Sometimes he attacks the bowlers as if there were no tomorrow. He is not a cuddly presence by any stretch of imagination. He is an all or nothing player, who is too much of an individual to fit in to mould that others have prepared for him. He displays a fullness of commitment to his chosen profession that even his worst detractors can't challenge. He is the orange cap holder in the recently concluded IPL though RCB did not qualify in the knock out

stage. He was the man of the ICC ODI tournaments in the last time world cup. Enter Virat Kohli, show stealer, king of the stage, owner of the big occasion and master at work. His intensity never wavered. Brimmed with potential, he is as innovative as aggressive and ambitious. He came like comets to the senior men's cricket team in the year 2011 having won the U19 World cup and has seen the whole moon. In the recently concluded IPL-2024, many critics and commentators including Sunil Gavaskar raised question about Kohli's low strike rate in the shortest format of cricket. In the next match against PBK Kohli silenced his critics with blazing 92 off 47 balls. More often than not his cricket is born out of conflict and thrives on conflicts. Offer him a fight and he will raise his game. Being the intimidating middle order batter, he forged a template to become a match winning unit, he worked on two more ideas-an in-your-face aggression and zero compromise on fitness. Remember



this is cricketer who turned his career around with personal sacrifice. He starved himself, changed his life style, punished his body till it was chiseled to a satisfactory fitness standard. He is cut from a different fabric who plays second fiddle to none. His reluctance to settle for anything medio core makes him different. From his childhood he watched and idolized Sachin Tendulkar and learnt from him. He imbibed positives from all great cricketers. He bats like the brightest student of the class who excels in all subjects equally. The

would be always an air of bravado around Kohli's sportsmanship which acts like neighbors' envy, but owner's pride. As an immensely successful test captain Virat was never in favor of traditionally defensive approach. He chalked out a bold new road map which will continue to inspire in the days to come. Draw was not a part of Kohli's dictionary. What he believed in is – 'No game is played to lose or draw' and succinctly summed up his manifesto- 'work hard, train hard and play hard'. When the baton of test

captaincy changed from M.S. Dhoni to Kohli, he had the task cut out. What he said very often 'Carry the fight to the opposition whatever the cost and be hell bent on making an impression'. King Kohli's characteristics – his poise, confidence, swagger, resourcefulness and the ability to transfuse his often-uncanny energy into the team at the times of crises are just peerless. He maintained his flair, gumption and stewardship throughout test captaincy and played his cards close to his chest.

Kohli, the nonpareil, whose first love is test cricket, but whose game is perfectly mordellid for ODIs, got to the coveted land mark of 50 ODI centuries to surpass the legendary Sachin Tendulkar's mark of 49 against New Zealand against Wankhede on 15 November 2023. It's not an overstatement that Kohli can hardly ill afford to be complacent. He could not have chosen a better moment to rise to the cricketing

immortality and surpass Tendulkar's tally of 49. At the presentation ceremony, Virat spoke "The great man just congratulated me. All this for me feels like a dream. It's surreal, it's too good to be true. I never felt that I will come here in my career. It's a semifinal. I'm just glad that everything came together". In fact it's a fitting tribute to his skills, resilience and resolve. Virat's philosophy is – tough things might seem; you need to keep looking for solutions instead being bogged by the problems. God of Indian cricket said '..... but soon you touched my heart with your passion and skill. I am so happy that young boy has grown into a Virat player. I could not be happier that an Indian broke my record. And to do it on the biggest stage- in the world cup semifinal- and at my home ground is the icing on the cake'. Similarly, the stunning, match winning knock against Pakistan in the last T20 is a reminder that India's best all format batter retains his sense of occasion. At the end of the game Pakistan skipper Babar Azam was asked how his team could let slip the advantage in this manner. He replied with frustration- don't forget who was in the crease. He was the batter whose master class is never questioned". It's not so much about the skill that he has, but

more about the hunger and the intensity with which he plays. Domination is defined in English dictionary as power or control over other people or things and Virat Kohli typifies it in the world cricket. He has built lofty castles in the white ball format over the last decade and a half, but now he is in the evening of his career and the younger players need to carry forward his legacy. In such a juncture he is ageing like a fine wine and writing his own script. This T20 World cup may truly mark the end of an era and the next generation players remember the formidable, intimidating world class batter, the chest thumping persona Kohli, who changed the Indian cricket once and for all. Sachin and Messy will be remembered as players who departed with no unfinished business. Not for nothing Vivian Richards, Sachin and Virat can be categorized in that echelon as each one has defined their respective generations with their peerless contribution. If Virat carries the same momentum of the IPL-2024, T20 World cup will adorn the BCCI cabinet. Mountains look beautiful, but dangers lurk within. Team India needs the rub of the green to get the coveted world cup trophy.

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# RELATIONSHIP WITH NATURE

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As we celebrate The World Environment Day on 5th June we must first ask ourselves what is meant by environment. In what way and how are we related to it or it to us? Are we part of it or is it part of us? Why does it require a special attention? Is it an issue or a problem or a very intrinsic part of our life? And many more such questions arise.

Special days are normally observed to celebrate, to commemorate, to commercialize, to carry out rituals, to call attention to express concern for victims and victors, to cater to

express our relationship to specific feelings, persons, issues, problem and so on. Are these trends, the result of our perceptions going through prism of preconceptions with which we see nature? Or are these the result of real damage to human and environment relationship? Or are these a manifestation of concerned caution or candid confessions or hyper reactions? It may be the result of all of the above or any of the above.

Though for all of us, at least, the word 'environment' denotes either the whole or some aspect of nature. Ronald Harvey in his book 'Our Fragmented World' write, "The influence of environment begins long before birth. It begins at the beginning, with our genes. Genes do not exist in vacuo. They are part of their environment as we are to our world. They are as it were 'sewn into' their



environment as we are to ours. No organism ever develops without an environment. It is not inheritance per se but the interaction between inheritance and environment where the responsibility must be placed". "So our world and ourselves are one, we and our world form part of an organic whole" So environment is not an issue it is part of our tissue. It is not a problem but a magnified emblem of elements of which the whole biochemical organism of human body lives. If we etymologically trace the word to its remotest origin it is from the Old French 'en' [in] + 'Viron

[circle] i.e. things that "environ" us, that encircle or surround us. So originally the whole of nature before human species made different enclosures.

So, it is human nature to look up to nature but humane culture to look after nature. Slogans appeal to everyone than sermons or scientific facts. In the course of evolution, everything and everyone interacted either consciously or otherwise either with or without the awareness that everything and everyone are interconnected. Vagaries of nature and vicissitudes of human life

have both contributed to changes to the environment.

Ancient traditions wonder at nature; some religions worshiped nature; civilization made man work and use it for his comforts; modern technological and economic advancement excessively use it. In the process of evolution human beings realized that while mentally mighty they were physically weak so to live acclimatizing in naked nature was becoming difficult. Therefore, he started using the natural resources for his shelter, security, comfort etc. Human population explosion and the concomitant need and greed made him over use nature and this has led to an imbalance in the relationship between humans and environment. This must be and can be rectified by various means or when everything else

fails nature takes care.

At the same time resorting to extremism like objecting to every human, or economic growth related activity in the name of environment protection is hypocritical because those who protest must stop using paper, stop living inside houses, stop cooking, stop using any gadget, stop plucking vegetables and fruits as all these also are uses of natural resources; stop talking because that harms many tiny microbes. We must realize human species has to be in a perennial relationship with the whole of environment. So, instead of advocating a late divorce or ill treatment we must adopt the best possible means of improving our relationship with nature.

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## Letter to Editor

Dear sir,  
Rise of Regional Forces

The 18th Lok Sabha elections reveal a nation loyal to democracy and its core principles, rejecting divisive ideologies. While craving stability, voters won't tolerate intolerance or hate-driven agendas. Despite BJP's ambition, they fell short of an absolute majority, signaling a shift in political dynamics. The BJP's "Congress-free India" vision contrasts with the Opposition's resurgence, led by regional parties. Understanding grassroots realities, not just rhetoric, is vital for electoral success. Regional parties, sidelined in recent years, now play pivotal roles, ensuring diversity in governance. The election outcome discredits exit polls and reinforces faith in electronic voting machines, though electoral processes demand improvement.

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# Protecting Our Planet: World Environment Day celebrated in Howrah

**Kolkata, (Saikat Kumar Basu):** An interactive educational session on Environmental Issues was organized by a local NGO, Howrah Suparna at Ramrajatola, Howrah district, entitled: "Protecting Our Planet: An Interactive Session on Environmental Issues" to celebrate the World Environment Day on June 5, 2024. The audience included students from local schools and general public. The welcome address and overview of the session's goals as well as brief introduction of the facilitators and the importance of environmental awareness was delivered by the General Secretary, Prof (Dr.) Suparna Sanyal Mukherjee. As an Icebreaker Activity, a quick poll or question: "What is the most pressing environmental issue to you?" The active audience shared a few responses to set the tone. Saikat Kumar Basu made a presentation on key environmental issues entitled: 'Global Warming and Climate Change'.

The staff members of Howrah Suparna then initiated a series of interactive sessions with the participating audience as: 1. Causes and effects of Climate Change with real-world examples (e.g., melting ice caps, extreme weather). 2. Pollution: Types (air, water, soil, noise). Health impacts and statistics. 3. Deforestation and Loss of Biodiversity- Causes and consequences highlighting the importance of forests and species diversity. 4. Waste Management with respect to plastic pollution: Recycling and sustainable practices. The interactive discussion was followed by engaging the audience in the Community Mapping Activity. The audience was next divided into small groups. Each group identified important local environmental problems and shared their collective findings with the entire group facilitating discussions among them. Discussion on common themes from the mapping activity was encouraged to share personal experiences and observations of the audience. A Hands-On Activity on environmental solutions on Creating Eco-Friendly Products. The staff demonstrated how to make environment-friendly cleaning products, reusable bags, or planters from recycled materials. The



staff provided materials and guide participants in making their own. Several interactive stations was set up to promote activities like composting, upcycling old items, and energy-saving tips. Local environmental experts and activists invited to the program shared their brief talk on their work and insights. An open floor for questions from participants was encouraged for the audience. Howrah Suparna staff guided participants to write down three actionable steps they can take to reduce their environmental impact. Participants signed a pledge wall committing to specific actions. A final

recap of the session was conducted highlighting the key points and activities and by extending thanks to participants for their involvement and resource persons for providing their help to execute the program. Handouts with tips, local recycling centers, environmental organizations, list of useful websites and environmental brochures and booklets for further reading was provided to the audience. Feedback was collected from the participants through a quick survey. Announcements for upcoming events or ways to stay involved was mentioned. Lastly, a networking and

informal discussion was initiated for participants to mingle, discuss, and network with each other and the facilitators. A structured yet flexible framework for an engaging and educational session on environmental issues, promoting both awareness and actionable solutions was thus achieved through this program conducted by Howrah Suparna. A summary of some important environment-friendly practices suggested by the people participating in the program that can be incorporated into their daily lives are thus presented below: 1. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Reduce: Minimize waste

by buying products with less packaging, avoiding single-use plastics, and choosing durable goods. Reuse: Opt for reusable items like water bottles, shopping bags, and food containers. Recycle: Properly sort and dispose of recyclables like paper, glass, and certain plastics. 2. Conserve Water Shorter Showers: Limit shower time to save water. Fix Leaks: Repair dripping faucets and leaking toilets. Use Water-Efficient Fixtures: Install low-flow showerheads and faucets. 3. Save Energy Switch to LEDs: Use LED bulbs instead of incandescent ones.

Unplug Devices: Unplug electronics when not in use to reduce phantom energy consumption. Energy-Efficient Appliances: Choose appliances with a high energy efficiency rating. 4. Sustainable Transportation Public Transport: Use buses, trains, or other public transportation options. Carpooling: Share rides with others to reduce the number of vehicles on the road. Cycling and Walking: Opt for biking or walking for short distances. 5. Eco-Friendly Eating Habits Plant-Based Diet: Incorporate more plant-based meals to reduce carbon footprint. Local and Seasonal Foods: Buy local produce to support local farmers and reduce transportation emissions. Reduce Food Waste: Plan meals, store food properly, and compost leftovers. 6. Green Home Practices Energy Audits: Conduct an energy audit to identify areas for improvement. Insulation: Properly insulate your home to reduce heating and cooling needs. Natural Cleaning Products: Use environmentally friendly cleaning products.

7. Conscious Consumption Sustainable Products: Choose products made from sustainable materials. Eco-Friendly Brands: Support companies with strong environmental policies. Minimalism: Practice minimalism by buying only what you need. 8. Gardening and Green Spaces Home Gardening: Grow your own vegetables, herbs, and plants. Native Plants: Use native plants in your garden to support local wildlife and reduce water usage. Community Involvement: Participate in community clean-up events and tree planting. 9. Educate and Advocate Stay Informed: Keep up-to-date with environmental issues and solutions. Spread Awareness: Share knowledge with friends, family, and your community. Advocate for Change: Support policies and initiatives that promote sustainability. These practices can be introduced in your session through engaging activities, discussions, and demonstrations. Providing practical tips and examples will help participants understand how they can implement these changes in their daily lives.

## 'IN MEMORY OF MY DEAR FATHER'-BOBBY CHAKRABORTY'S OPEN LETTER TO HIS LATE FATHER DR.NITYANANDA CHAKRABORTY



**Kolkata, (KCN):** Bobby Chakraborty, who is a senior and popular actor/activist/acting coach from Kolkata, lost his father Dr. Nityananda Chakraborty on 31st May 2024, due to severe cardio-respiratory failure at the age of 79. Bobby shared an open letter with us, which he has written to his beloved father, who is his guardian angel, up in the heaven. "My dearest Baba... my life comes to full circle of irony, as I held you in my lap, tightly in my arms as you breathed your last, ironically similar to the instance of you being the 1st person to take me on your lap, after my birth! People who have known you and me will vouch for the fact that I am a carbon copy of you as a person.

Right from childhood I have been overwhelmed by your simplicity, honesty, affection, discipline, punctuality, commitment, hardwork and practicality. No wonder did I imbibe the same from you with all my pleasure, satisfaction and pride. You had always supported my artistic yet risky decision of leaving a marine engineer's profession and jump into an insecure profession of an actor, much to the dismay of Ma. Perhaps because you yourself were an actor in your youth, hence you could rightly understand my passion of being one myself. This photo of yours in our drawing room, taken during the

screen test of the Bollywood movie 'April Fool' has always transported me to a world of dreams. You were my biggest fan as well as the harshest critic of my acting. The way I drew the character of the upright and honest 'Tridib' in my mind... as I heard the first narration for Mr. Ravi Ojha's popular daily soap 'Shokhi'... was very much with the reflection of you as a person on the canvas. Simple, uncomplicated, honest to the core... Loyal... Protective... Loving... Affectionate... and a man of Principles! I am proud to play you onscreen! You were the first person I would forward any and every press

article to my credit. You were the only person to read every word of it and give an honest, unbiased feedback. You were the biggest supporter of My Anti Addiction Campaign and were the proudest for my fight for the youth against addiction. I don't have anyone else with whom I can analyze Uttam Kumar and his films over our dinner together. I don't have anyone else who will keep on messaging me if I am late or caught up somewhere. Me and Ma are still processing your absence. We are still in a denial mode of your physical disappearance from our lives.

I can feel you all around me. I am waking up in the middle of the night, hearing you calling me. I am hearing the metallic sound of your walking stick. I can smell your perfume. I can still feel your warm soft hands. I am trying not to cry but my eyes are watering involuntarily. There is a heaviness in my chest which isn't subsiding. An eerie silence is present between me and Ma, as we are totally in a journey down the memory lane with you Baba. Rest in Peace wherever you are. Keep blessing, keep guiding, keep protecting us as you always have. I am happy that I could take good care of you till your last moment. I am proud to be your son."

## SMP, Kolkata Commences Direct Container Vessel Service Connecting Malaysia, Haldia and Myanmar

**Kolkata, (KCN):** Haldia Dock Complex (HDC) of Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMPK) and Port Klang and Yangon to be linked by direct Weekly Service with a first of its kind Weekly express Service. The collaborative project has been announced by SITC, a leading Intra

M Baxi Ports and Logistics. Thereafter, the Port rotation of this weekly service will be Port Klang-Haldia Dock Complex-Yangon Port-Port Kelang/Shanghai. It is expected that with addition of more vessels in this service in the coming weeks the shipping circuit

connectivity for their exports and imports. This service will also help connect cargoes to Nepal and Bhutan and emerging NE States. Appreciating the productive efforts of J. M. Baxi Ports and Logistics for introducing such a beneficial and collaborative Vessel



Asia operator. Through this service the Far East ports including China and Japan will be connected to SMP, Kolkata via Port Kelang.

The first vessel SITC Nagoya has already berthed at Haldia International Container Terminal, HDC on 06th June 2024 sailing directly from Shanghai, China. The second Vessel in the Loop Service SITC Tianjin will call at Haldia Dock Complex around June 12, 2024. It is for the first time in the history of SMP, Kolkata operations that a weekly regular direct service from Yangon / Port Klang will call to Haldia Container Terminal operated by J

connecting SMP, Kolkata to Myanmar and Port Kelang with the direct service till Shanghai will be strengthened. SMP, Kolkata realises that efficiency and flexibility with reduced logistics are of paramount importance and hence SMP, Kolkata has endeavoured to build strategic vessel services from Haldia with best-in-class transit times from Far East. The service is expected to benefit the shippers in West Bengal and other fast developing states of Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Bihar and the entire North East as the region will benefit with the faster, cheaper transit time and direct

Service facility. Shri Rathendra Raman, Chairman of SMPK said, "The vessel service is aimed to enhance and provide efficient shipping and cost effective shipping to the fast-growing EXIM Trade in this region". Shri Raman also added, "It is expected that with the commencement of this direct service the cost of shipment will be cheaper by about 35% for the cargo from Far East countries to SMP, Kolkata compared to the traditional route, encouraging cargo/trade owners of India, Malaysia, Myanmar, China and Japan on a regular basis".



# Construction of Mantei bridge begins

**Basudevpur(KCN):** After initial hiccups, construction of a bridge on Mantei River in Bhadrak district got off to a kick start spreading cheer among the local residents, sources said Wednesday. The bridge on the Mantei river, which flows through Basudevpur, Chandbali and Tihidi blocks in Bhadrak district, will benefit lakhs of residents of these three blocks when completed. It will ensure direct connectivity between Bhadrak, Balasore and Kendrapara districts and reduce the distance between these places. Notably, Mantei River has a fond memory linked

to Mahatma Gandhi as he crossed the river on a boat and visited Charbatia village in 1927. The bridge will be constructed at an expense of Rs 60 crore by a private consultancy agency Bekem Infra Projects Private Ltd. Basudevpur block lies on one side of the river while Tihidi and Chandbali blocks are on the opposite side. The river has been termed as the sorrow of the people here as travelling by boats across this river was a risky proposition due to presence of crocodiles in the water body. Several lives have also been lost in the past to boat mishaps in the river. Realising the problems, caretaker Chief



Minister Naveen Patnaik had given a green signal for the construction of a bridge on the river in public-private partnership (PPP) mode.

As the river was under the Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, the state government had floated tenders for over 10 times

but none of the consultancy agencies were able to take up its construction due to a host of reasons. The

bottlenecks in construction of a bridge on the river were removed after Union

Minister Nitin Gadkari and former Basudevpur MLA late Bijayshree Routray stepped in. The two made consistent efforts and removed all the bottlenecks that were hindering the construction of the bridge. Routray's son and former Basudevpur MLA Bishnubrata Routray also continued his father's efforts. As a result, the foundation stone for the bridge was laid at Karanjaadia in Charbatia, three months back.

In the absence of a bridge, scores of people along with their vehicles cross this river daily by boats endangering their

lives to reach their destinations. Balimeda panchayat of Basudevpur block manages the river ghat for one year while Tihidi block does it in the next year. Similarly, hundreds of people also travel from Karanjaadia River ghat to their destinations by holding onto a rope of the country boat. Here also, Karanjaadia panchayat and Chandbali block alternatively manage the ghat for one year each. While several boat mishaps in the past have claimed the lives of many, the river is infested by crocodiles making it even more dangerous

## Missing Malkangiri doctor safe, traced to Karnataka

**Malkangiri/ Kalimela(KCN):** Days after a doctor of Kalimela community health centre (CHC) in Malkangiri district went missing from his official quarters, police have traced him to Karnataka, sources said Wednesday. The government doctor was suspected to have been kidnapped by Maoists. "He has been traced and is safe and sound. The mystery surrounding his disappearance will be clear once the police team arrives with him," Malkangiri SP Nitish Badhwani said Wednesday. Meanwhile, a team comprising district police personnel have left for Karnataka to bring him back to the district. The missing physician was identified



as Dr Amlan Bhoi, a doctor posted at the Kalimela CHC in the Malkangiri district. He went missing from his official residence, June 1, Friday. He had attended hospital duty and returned to his official residence in the afternoon on the fateful day. However, he was found missing from his residence the next

morning, the SP said. Based on a complaint filed by the CHC authorities, Kalimela police launched an investigation and launched a manhunt for Bhoi. During probe, a letter purportedly written by Maoists in English and some posters were found at his residence along with one of his mobile phones. However, Malkangiri

SDPO Sachin Patel had then denied any role of Maoists in Bhoi's disappearance. The letter was found to be fake as there is no instance of Maoists writing letters in such style. Moreover, when someone is kidnapped by the Red rebels, they usually inform the media within 24 hours of the incident, the SP added.

## 3 killed, 12 injured as trailer rams into vehicles on NH-49




**Keonjhar(KCN):** At least three persons were killed and 12 others were injured in a series of accidents that took place on National Highway-49 under Sadar police limits of Keonjhar district. The deadly mishap occurred after a speeding trailer truck ploughed into several bikes, cars and auto rickshaws plying on the NH, Wednesday. The deceased were identified as Kusa Behera, 36, of Upper Kaipur area under Town police limits and Khageswar Behera, 28, of the same area. Another deceased, a scrap trader in Nayagarah district, is yet

to be identified. While two died on the spot, injured Khageswar succumbed on the way while being rushed to the SCB Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack. The rest of the injured were admitted to Keonjhar district headquarters hospital, of whom one was shifted to SCB Medical College and Hospital after his health condition deteriorated. The mishap took place Wednesday at about 11 am in between Thakurdihi and Putulupani Chhak under Sadar police station limits. The mishap occurred when a

Kolkata-bound trailer truck from Mumbai first hit a moped killing the rider on the spot. The deceased, a scrap trader in the Nayagarh area, was yet to be identified. The trailer then collided with a bike killing one more on the spot while rendering another person critical. According to sources, the accident took place when the trailer truck tried to overtake trucks parked in a long queue on the national highway. The vehicle further rammed into two cars and one auto-rickshaw, injuring 12 persons on board. Sadar police station IIC Trinath

Sethy said an investigation has been launched after the registration of a case after seizure of the vehicle. Sources said frequent accidents are happening due to illegal parking of trucks on the NH-49 for loading of minerals. Locals alleged that despite repeated accidents, the district administration and police have failed to take action against the rule violators. The administration is showing a soft corner to the truck drivers leading to the loss of many lives under the wheels, they alleged.



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# Empowering Resilience: Parna Mehta's Journey from Career Break to AWS, Inspiring Inclusion and Transformation

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Women are the embodiment of remarkable strength, juggling responsibilities at home, and thriving in their professional endeavours. They navigate the complexities of modern life with grace, carving their own unique paths to success. Their remarkable journeys serve as evidence of their adeptness at overcoming the obstacles of contemporary life and carving out distinctive paths towards success. To commemorate International Women's Day, the ‘She Is Amazon’ drive by Amazon under the theme of ‘Inspire Inclusion’ celebrates women whodemonstrate resilience by forging their own unique identities while balancing

home and personal responsibilities. One such example is Parna Mehta,born and raised in Mumbai, whoembarked on her career in the IT industry after graduating as a computer engineer in 2002. For over six years, she honed her skills in various software development roles across India, the UK, and Australia, then Parna opted for a career break that spanned almost 12 years as she chose to prioritize family anddedicated herself to raising her two sons. With an arising need to be financially independent, Parna decided to re-join the workforce.Returning to the workforce after such a long hiatus presented significant challenges. Her once-advanced skills had

become outdated, and the lack of readily available flexible work options seemed insurmountable. Yet, Parna refused to be discouraged. She started working part-time, teaching coding, and designing curriculum for kids, a testament to her ability to adapt and pivot. Never one to shy away from learning, Parna actively sought opportunities to upskill. She participated in the Amazon Web Services(AWS) re/Start,a 12-weeks full-time s k i l l w o r k f o r c e development training program that prepares individuals for careers in the cloud and connects them to potential employers. This was a crucial step in her journey towards cloud computing. This decision not only rekindled her passion for technology but also opened doors to

the world of cloud expertise. With u n w a v e r i n g determination, she earned multiple AWS certifications, including the highly sought-after AWS Certified Solution A r c h i t e c t Associate,supported by the SheBuilds programdesigned to create an inclusive and supportive environment for technical skills development.

Speaking about her experience, Parna shares, "The flexibility and support offered by AWS have been instrumental in my professional growth. Programs like AWS re/Start and SheBuildsplayed a vital role in equipping me with the necessary skills and confidence to re-enter the workforce." Parna's ambition transcended acquiring

technical expertise. She wanted to empower others, especially women who, like her, sought to re-enter the workforce. Becoming a mentor, Parna actively involved herself in AWS programs like CloudUp for Her, Tech4Her, and BeSA, guiding and supporting aspiring women re-starters,“I appreciate the opportunity to inspire and empower other

women through mentorship and share my knowledge through training.” In late 2022, Parna's dedication and perseverance paid off. She landed her dream role as an Authorized Instructor at AWS. Today, she trains customers, sharing her knowledge and passion for cloud technology. This success not only marks a personal

triumph but also embodies the transformative power of Amazon's initiatives like re/Start and SheBuilds, which have been instrumental in empowering individuals like Parna to redefine their careers.Her story, a remarkable example of resilience and reinvention, was featured in the book "Cloud Career Journeys," further inspiring countless individuals.

## TPSODL Bags Best Innovation Project Award for ‘Press Fit Fuse’

Berhampur, March: TPSODL (TP Southern Odisha Distribution Limited) received the “Best Innovation Project” in Innovation Council-2023 in Mumbai for Designing and implementing of 'Press Fit Fuse'. This Patented Safety Innovation Project, "Press Fit Fuse," was implemented at various DSS (Distribution Substations) at TPSODL to eliminate electrical accidents and ensure utmost safety. The award was received by Mr. Sushil Panigrahi, Head, Safety, TPSODL from Mr. Himal Tewari, CHRO, Chief Sustainability, and CSR, TATA Power during the Annual Award Ceremony. Earlier, in the case of a burnt fuse, linemen replaced it by climbing up to the HG fuse structure physically. Despite safety zones created surrounding the electrical structure, accident cases



kept occurring from time to time. Also, a longer time was required while replacing a faulty fuse. To tackle this traditional fuse and method of replacing the fuse, TPSODL developed the Press Fit Fuse. It works on press-fit principles,

which can be replaced in a comparatively easier way standing from ground level without taking any risk. No ladder and additional electrical tools are required to replace the newly developed fuse. This innovation ensures

quick fuse replacement and outage restoration in a safe manner. Additionally, it is cost-effective and safe. One skilled person can replace the faulty fuse in minimal time and effort without climbing to the heights. It is noteworthy

that this Press Fit Fuse was developed along with Govt. ITI College, Berhampur, with required technical and resource support from the TPSODL Safety and Operation team. It is jointly patented by TPSODL and Govt. ITI Berhampur.

## Jindal Stainless collects 3 tonnes of plastic waste in annual collection drive on World Environment Day



**Bhubaneswar, (KCN):**Jindal Stainless, India's largest stainless steel manufacturer, today marked the World Environment Day, kicking off a 10-day campaign to ‘Go Green’ to promote environmental sustainability among employees. As part of the initiative, the company conducted the third edition of its annual plastic waste collection drive across its corporate offices and manufacturing facilities in Jajpur, Odisha, and Hisar, Haryana, which witnessed the participation of hundreds of employees. The drive, held in association with Green Dream Foundation, a non-profit organisation, reiterates Jindal Stainless’ commitment to environmental responsibility and sustainable practices. Commenting on the occasion, Managing

Director, Jindal Stainless, Mr Abhyuday Jindal, said, “We are thrilled with the success of the third edition of our plastic waste collection drive that led to a collection of 3.1 tonnes of waste, surpassing last year’s numbers by more than 55%. World Environment Day serves as a powerful reminder to cherish our planet, even if it is through small actions. At Jindal Stainless, sustainability is at the core of everything we do. And we’re committed to making a real difference and leaving a lasting positive impact for the benefit of future generations.” More than 1,600kg of plastic waste collected from Hisar, over 1,110kg from Jajpur, and nearly 400kg from corporate offices in Delhi NCR will be responsibly recycled and converted

into useful products such as chairs, benches, and dustbins. These recycled items will be placed inside both plants and corporate offices as well as public spaces in consultation with local government bodies. Besides the plastic waste collection drive, the ‘Go Green’ campaign includes an eco-challenge, which encourages employees to participate in engaging daily activities from June 5 to 15 to promote sustainable living. Apart from the activities that employees will undertake at home, there is also a virtual workshop on sustainability and zero waste on June 8 and a stepathon, a pedometer-based fitness challenge, on June 14 and 15.

Jindal Stainless is continuously striving to improve its Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) score. The company plans to achieve Net Zero by 2050 and has already reduced 2.8 lakh tonnes of CO2 in the last three fiscals. It also launched India’s first Green Hydrogen Plant in the stainless steel sector recently. This plant produces 90 Nm3 of green hydrogen per hour, which will reduce 2,700 tCO2e of carbon emissions annually. Apart from this, Jindal Stainless is set to achieve its mid-term target of 50% carbon emissions reduction well before the target year of 2035 and has plans to invest INR 700 crore in numerous sustainability projects aimed at reducing 1.5 million tonnes of carbon emissions every year.

## Jindal Stainless partners with JBM Auto to roll out over 500 energy-efficient electric buses

**Bhubaneswar, (KCN):**Pioneering eco-mobility revolution in India, Jindal Stainless, India's largest stainless steel manufacturer, is partnering with JBM Auto Ltd., the country's largest electric bus manufacturer, for fabrication of over 500 energy-efficient and light-weight stainless steel

electric buses. Jindal Stainless will provide JT Tubes, made up of low-carbon, chromium-manganese austenitic stainless steel to JBM Auto. The material, also denoted as N7 in Bureau of Indian Standards specification, 6911, has three times the strength of the carbon steel currently used to fabricate

buses. JBM Auto, with an order book of over 5000 electric buses, is progressing in a transitional manner towards fabricating its electric buses from the earlier used, carbon steel to stainless steel now. This would result in lightweighting, enhanced performance, higher strength and durability of the buses.

## Airtel Xstream Fiber unlocks its NEW All-in-One plans

**Bhubaneswar:** To serve the needs of premium households who want the next generational connectivity and entertainment experience, Bharti Airtel (“Airtel”), India’s premier communications solutions provider, has once again raised the bar in the home broadband segment with the launch of three new all-in-one plans built for the evolving entertainment needs of today’s connected homes.

Vir Inder Nath, CEO – Homes, Bharti Airtel had this to say: “Our new plans are built for India’s emerging entertainment needs. Through these bundle offers we plan to offer our discerning customers great value, convenience and unlock a multi-faceted digital experience.”

Increased broadband consumption in Indian homes has given rise to the phenomena of hybrid viewing, where families are looking to consume OTT content on the TV screen along with linear TV without the hassle of managing multiple subscriptions and devices. Airtel’s plans are the first of their kind in terms of catering to the evolving entertainment needs of the whole family and come with: Subscription to 17 premium OTTs to go with unlimited data. This includes Netflix, Amazon Prime, Disney+ Hotstar and Airtel Xstream Premium (SonyLiv, Lionsgate, Hoichoi and 11 more OTTs). 350+ TV channels covering the best of linear TV. Airtel 4K Xstream TV Box\* that allows you to enjoy OTT and linear TV content with a single device and single remote.

## WHEC recognizes Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham as excellence worldwide in Gender Equality

**Barcelona:** Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham was invited to the UNESCO World Higher Education Conference (WHEC), which recently took place in Barcelona, Spain. UNESCO recognized Amrita as one of five universities of excellence worldwide for its performance in gender equality. The WHEC aims to reshape ideas and practices in higher

education to ensure sustainable development for the planet and humanity, as well as to define and prepare a roadmap for a new era of higher education. As the world comes out of COVID-19, the WHEC’s goals and strategic scope remain, and the new timeframe represents an opportunity to deepen and expand common efforts of knowledge production,

policy dialogue, exchange, and networking. S w a m i Amritaswarupananda Puri, President of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, participated in a round table called “Universities’ Contribution to Gender Equality: A global perspective”. Adding to his views Swami Amritaswarupananda expressed how Amrita is

making a difference in terms of gender equality and which policies have been put into place at the university level. Gender equality is number five in the United Nations’ list of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He explained how the culture of gender equality is not implemented only in terms of policies within Amrita, but also practiced in spirit.

The round table included Dr. Gloria Bonder, UNESCO Chair on Women, Science and Technology; Dr. Ricardo Vilanueva Lomeli, General, University of Guadalajara; Ms. Elizabeth Shepherd, Leader of the Consultancy team, Times Higher Education; and Dr. Victoria Galan-Muros, Chief of Research and Analysis,



