

## Maldives President 'honoured' on India's invite for Narendra Modi's swearing-in

**NEWDELHI:** Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu has accepted the invitation to attend the swearing-in ceremony of Narendra Modi as the Prime Minister for the third consecutive term. Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu on Saturday said that he would be honoured to attend Narendra Modi's swearing-in ceremony and his visit to India for the historic event would demonstrate that bilateral ties between the two countries are heading in a positive direction.

Muizzu's remarks came as he accepted the invitation to attend the swearing-in ceremony of Narendra Modi as the Prime Minister for the third consecutive term. Munu Mahawar, India's Higher Commissioner to the Maldives, presented the letter of invitation to the President during a courtesy call at the President's Office.

Maldivian officials in Male confirmed that



Muizzu along with the country's foreign minister and a couple of other leaders will be travelling to New Delhi to attend the ceremony. This will be Muizzu's first visit to India as the island nation's president, according to PTI. The invitation to Muizzu assumes significance as it came amid frosty ties between the two countries. The ties between India and the Maldives have come under severe strain since November last year when Muizzu, known for his pro-China leanings,

took charge as Maldivian president.

Within hours of his oath, he had demanded the withdrawal of Indian military personnel from his country. The Indian military personnel were replaced by civilians earlier this month.

Earlier on Wednesday, President Muizzu had congratulated Narendra Modi for his win in the Lok Sabha elections and voiced his desire to work with him to advance bilateral ties.

"Congratulations to Prime Minister @narendramodi, and the

BJP and BJP-led NDA, on the success in the 2024 Indian General Election, for the third consecutive term. I look forward to working together to advance our shared interests in pursuit of shared prosperity and stability for our two countries." Narendra Modi is all set to take charge as the prime minister for a historic third consecutive term with the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) winning 293 seats in the Lok Sabha polls. President Droupadi

Murmu will administer the oath of office and secrecy to the prime minister and other members of the Union Council of Ministers at 7.15 pm on Sunday at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. The guest list of foreign leaders for Modi's swearing-in ceremony was primarily guided by New Delhi's "Neighbourhood First Policy" and its strategic focus on island nations considered important in the Indian Ocean region, reported PTI.

Narendra Modi's oath-taking ceremony will be attended by many foreign leaders including Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe, Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu, Vice President of Seychelles Ahmed Afif, Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Mauritius Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth, Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda', and Bhutan Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay.

## Criticism of Pandian unfortunate, he did excellent job: Naveen Patnaik



**Bhubaneswar (KCN):**

BJD supremo Naveen Patnaik Saturday said that criticism of his aide VK Pandian for the party's defeat in the Odisha Assembly polls, he said, "I think we have always tried and done an excellent job. We have much to be proud of in our government and the party. In a democracy, you either win or lose."

"So having been defeated after a long time, we must always take the verdict of the people gracefully. I have always said that the 4.5 crore people of Odisha are my family. I will continue to serve them in whichever way I can," he said.

He expressed deep gratitude to the people of Odisha and said they have showered him with blessings time and again. The BJP stormed to power in Odisha, ending the 24-year rule of the BJD, by winning 78 seats in the 147-member Assembly. The Patnaik-led party, on the other hand, bagged 51 seats, while the Congress won 14 constituencies, the CPI (M) one. Three Independent nominees also emerged victorious. The BJD failed to win any of the Lok Sabha seats in the state, with the BJP bagging 20 and the Congress one.

## Next Odisha Chief Minister To Be Decided In A Day Or Two: State BJP Chief

**Bhubaneswar (KCN):**

Amid speculations over who would be the next chief minister of Odisha, state BJP president Mamnahan Samal on Wednesday the party's parliamentary board will take a decision on it in a day or two.

Speaking to reporters, he also pointed out that PM Narendra Modi during an election rally in Berhampur had said that the new BJP chief minister would take oath on June 10.

"The selection of the CM will be based on the criteria set by the PM - an Odia who will uphold the culture and tradition of the state will be the next chief minister of Odisha," Mr Samal said.

Maintaining that all commitments made by



the BJP before the polls would be fulfilled, he said that the assembly election was fought to protect Odia pride, culture and tradition.

"The people trusted BJP's assurances and the new government will certainly work for those. People have rejected the idea of a non-Odia CM and voted for the BJP," he added.

Stating that the BJP was confident of its victory, he said it was

people who fought the elections as they were fed up with the "corrupt" BJD government.

Mr Samal said the main agenda of the new government would be to replace the Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) of the BJD government with the Centre's Ayushman Bharat healthcare scheme.

"BSKY has a limited scope. Therefore, the new BJP government

would implement the Ayushman Bharat Yojana. It will also benefit around 1.5 crore Odias living outside the state," he said.

BJP won the assembly elections, bagging 74 seats in the 147-member House, and routed the Naveen Patnaik-led BJD government that ruled the state for 24 years.

Speculations were rife over who would be the next CM of the state. Among the names making rounds are Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan, who has already gone to Delhi, BJP national vice-president Baijayant Panda, Bhubaneswar MP Aparajita Sarangi and Balasore MP Pratap Sarangi.

**Bhubaneswar (KCN):**

Southwest monsoon has advanced into some more parts of southern Odisha Saturday, the regional centre of IMD in Bhubaneswar said.

The weather agency further added that northern limit of monsoon now passes through Odisha's Malkangiri. Southwest Monsoon has also advanced into some more parts of the central Arabian Sea, south Maharashtra, Telangana, some parts of south Chhattisgarh, and some more parts of coastal Andhra Pradesh today.

Till 8:30am of June 9: As per the Yellow Warning (be updated), thunderstorm with lightning accompanied by gusty surface windspeed reaching 30-40kmph are likely to occur at one or two places over Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Malkangiri, Koraput and Nabarangpur districts.

In the same time frame,

hot and humid weather conditions are likely to prevail at one or two places over Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Puri, Khurda, Nayagarh, Ganjam and Gajapati districts.

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## Suspense over new Odisha CM keeps people guessing; preparations afoot for grand oath-taking event

**BHUBANESWAR (KCN):**

After the defeat of the 24-year-long BJD-led government and the resounding victory registered by the BJP, all eyes are now set on who is going to be sworn in as the next Chief Minister of Odisha.

While several names for the most coveted post are doing the rounds, the name of state BJP President Manmohan Samal tops the list. Similarly, the names of newly elected

MP Baijayant Panda, Sambalpur MP Dharmendra Pradhan, Sambalpur MLA Jayanarayan Mishra, Patnagarh MLA Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, Brajarajnagar MLA Suresh Pujari are also in the pith of discussion. Meanwhile, it is being discussed that a meeting of the newly-elected MLAs of BJP will be held on June 10, morning where the central observer will reveal the

name of the new CM for Odisha. The name will be officially announced after the consensus in the MLAs' meeting. Thereafter, as per the announcement made, the new CM will be administered the oath of office.

At a time when the people of Odisha are waiting eagerly to know who is going to be the next CM, preparations are underway for the swearing-in ceremony to be held at Janata

Maidan ground. While a large stage is being set up, people engaged to put up tents are working round the clock.

"As the people of Odisha have blessed the BJP, they are going to witness this historic event. Even though it is a government programme, but from the party point of view we are going to make it more attractive," said BJP leader Dilip Mohanty.

Speculations abuzz as Naveen's nephew Arun Patnaik arrives in Bhubaneswar

**Bhubaneswar (KCN):**

Following BJD's unforeseen defeat in Odisha Assembly elections, former Chief Minister Biju Patnaik's grandson and Naveen Patnaik's nephew Arun Patnaik arrived in Bhubaneswar, a source said Saturday.

Arun's sudden arrival in Bhubaneswar has

created a buzz in political circles. There is speculation about whether Arun will lead BJD as Naveen's





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## On World Environment Day, Allu Arjun Urges All To 'Make Our Home A Better Place'



The National Award-winning actor Allu Arjun is all set to entice his fans with the upcoming entertainer Pushpa 2: The Rule. Besides ruling the big screens, he is also keen on spreading awareness about societal and environmental concerns. On the occasion of World Environment Day, the actor is spreading awareness about saving our earth. Taking to his social media, Allu Arjun shared a story while spreading awareness on World Environment Day. Sharing a beautiful

picture of earth, he jotted down the caption - Meanwhile, on the work front, Allu Arjun is

gearing up for the global release of 'Pushpa 2: The Rule'. The film helmed by Sukumar also stars

Rashmika Mandanna and Fahadh Faasil and will be released in cinemas on August 15th, 2024.

## Megastar Rajinikanth Seeks Blessings At Kedarnath, Badrinath Shrines



Megastar Rajinikanth paid a sacred visit to the Kedarnath Dham and Badrinath Dham in Uttarakhand. In the visuals obtained by ANI, Rajinikanth can be seen offering prayers at the temple. After arriving in Dehradun earlier, Rajinikanth expressed excitement about his spiritual trips.

He said, "Every year I used to get new experiences that made me continue my spiritual journey again and again. I believe even this time, (I) will get new experiences." He shared that such sacred trips help him grow. Rajinikanth also spoke about why spirituality is important.

"The whole world needs spirituality, as it's important for every human being. Being spiritual means experiencing peace and tranquillity, and fundamentally, it involves believing in God." Recently, Rajinikanth visited the BAPS Hindu Mandir in Abu Dhabi.

Videos and pictures of Rajinikanth seeking blessing at the temple were posted on the official social media account of the BAPS Hindu Mandir.

Rajinikanth was granted the golden visa by UAE's Department of Culture and Tourism.

On the acting front, Rajinikanth has completed the shoot of his upcoming movie Vettaiyan, directed by TJ Gnanavel. Vettaiyan also stars Amitabh Bachchan. Vettaiyan, which is Rajinikanth's 170th film, is scheduled for a worldwide release in October this year. Earlier this month, Rajinikanth and Amitabh were seen filming a few scenes together in Mumbai.

**Kho Gaye Hum Kahan: Aditya Roy Kapur, Suhana Khan, Shanaya Kapoor Exude Uber Cool Vibes At Screening**

Ahead of the highly-anticipated release of Zoya Akhtar-directorial 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan', the makers organized a special screening in Mumbai. Aditya Roy Kapur, Suhana Khan, Shanaya Kapoor, amid others turned up for the glittery event. Ananya Panday, Siddhant Chaturvedi, and Adarsh Gourav-starrer 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan' is slated for a December 26 release.

Helmed by debutant director Arjun Varain Singh, 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan' is a 'coming-of-digital-age' story about three friends in their mid-20s navigating life in



the world of social media. Adarsh Gourav shared, "I am incredibly grateful to producers and filmmakers like Zoya Akhtar, who believe in actors like me who have carved their own paths. Zoya is a dynamic director with an impeccable eye for talent, and I feel privileged to be a part of her much-awaited project, 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan'. I find myself lucky to be working and collaborating with such great minds and the fact that they recognise my work and have given me roles like the one in Kho Gaye". In the movie, the captivating narrative revolves around the lives of Imaad (Siddhant Chaturvedi), Ahana (Ananya Panday), and Neil (Adarsh Gourav). This relatable tale follows the intertwined journeys of these three best friends as they navigate the challenges of aspirations, relationships, and emotions, offering a glimpse into their shared experiences and personal growth against the bustling cityscape of Mumbai. 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan' chronicles the lives of Imaad (Siddhant Chaturvedi), Ahana (Ananya Panday) and Neil (Adarsh Gourav), through the very relatable journey of three best friends together navigating aspirations, relationships and emotions. Bringing their infectious energy from reel to real, the young and dynamic cast helped turn a wall on the bustling street in Mumbai into a vibrant mural capturing their friendship and inviting the crowds to join their journey as they kick off the promotions for the film. 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan' is set to arrive on December 26 on Netflix.

## Disha Patani Misses Sushant Singh Rajput As 'MS Dhoni: The Untold Story' Clocks 7 Years, Says 'Couldn't Say Goodbye'

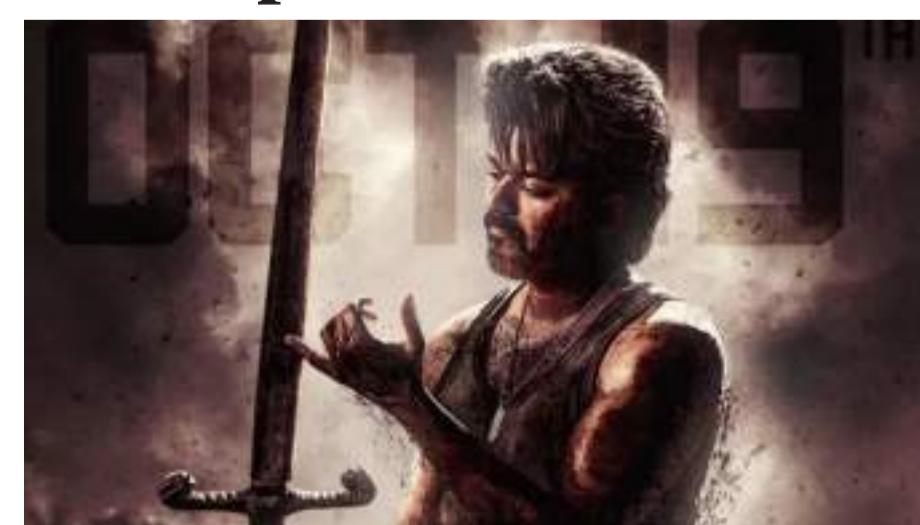


Actor Disha Patani remembered late actor Sushant Singh Rajput on the occasion of their film 'MS Dhoni: The Untold Story' 7th anniversary. Taking to Instagram, Disha shared a clip from the movie featuring herself and Sushant. Sharing the video, she wrote, "Grateful for this beautiful journey and my first film in Hindi cinema Love whole heartedly and cherish the ones who make you happy safe and heard life's too short for regrets ! We couldn't say goodbye but i hope you're happy and at peace" As soon as she shared the video, fans and industry friends chimed in the comment section. Actor Anil Kapoor wrote, "Phenomenal scene .. both of you are so good ..." One of the users wrote, "One of the finest scenes from this movie" Another commented, "Miss u SSR." Helmed by Neeraj Pandey, 'MS Dhoni: The Untold Story' biopic is on one of the most celebrated cricketers in our country, Mahendra Singh Dhoni. The film

was released in 2016 and saw the late Sushant Singh Rajput essaying the role of Dhoni. It also starred Kiara Advani.

Disha, with her girl-next-door appeal and million-dollar smile, instantly became the talk of the town. Her chemistry with Sushant was widely appreciated. The biopic turned out to be one of the biggest hits of Sushant's career, who went on to receive several nominations in the Best Actor category at that year's awards ceremonies for his performance in the film.

## Leo Advance Booking: Vijay's Action-Thriller To Become Highest Tamil Opener In UK



Lokesh Kanagaraj's reunion after the 2021 blockbuster 'Master'. Taran Adarsh shared a report on advance booking of the film in the UK and posted on X, "VIJAY: 'LEO' SETTING NEW BENCHMARKS ... #ThalapathyVijay's #Leo is SHATTERING RECORDS #Overseas. Distributed in #UK and #Europe by #AhimsaEntertainment, with 19 days left, the film has already taken the #\*Tamil\* Day 1 #BO crown in #UK from the previously held #PS1. #Leo is targeting to

surpass the current single-day earnings for an INDIAN film in #UK, a record presently held by #Pathaan."

The Lokesh Kanagaraj directorial has begun on an excellent start and has already crossed USD 100K in the US for the premiere shows. As reported by the trade website sacnilk, the film has sold around 5800 tickets worth USD 130K

gross. 'Leo' is all set to arrive in theatres worldwide on October 19. The much-awaited film stars Vijay and Trisha, alongside Sanjay Dutt, Arjun Sarja, Gautham Vasudev Menon, Mansoor Ali Khan and Mysskin.

The film was officially announced in January 2023 with tentative title 'Thalapathy 67', as it is Vijay's 67th film as a lead actor. Apart from Tamil, it is expected to be released in dubbed versions including Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Hindi languages.

# Ending Child Labour: A Worldwide Mission for Sustainable Development



Child labour persists as a grave violation of children's rights and a significant impediment to social and economic development worldwide. Defined by the International Labour Organization (ILO) as work that deprives children of their childhood, right to education, health, a nurturing environment potential and dignity which inflict severe physical, emotional, and psychological harm on them, it is a multifaceted issue deeply entrenched in poverty, lack of education, and societal inequalities. Forced into hazardous work conditions, these children endure injuries, illnesses, and stunted growth, compromising their future prospects. Moreover, the psychological toll of exploitation can lead to trauma, low self-esteem, and perpetuation of the cycle of poverty. The worst forms of child labour involve children being enslaved, separated from their families, exposed to serious hazards and illnesses and/or left to fend for themselves on the streets of large cities – often at a very early age. Understanding the root causes of child labour is

crucial for developing effective interventions. Poverty stands as the primary driver, forcing families to rely on children for additional income. Additionally, lack of access to quality education perpetuates the cycle, as illiterate parents often prioritize short-term economic gains over long-term benefits of education. Social and cultural factors also play a role, as traditional norms and practices may condone child labour or prioritize boys' education over girls'. Discrimination, particularly against marginalized groups, further exacerbates vulnerability to exploitation. International bodies, governments, and NGOs have made strides in combating child labour through policy reforms, advocacy, and direct interventions. ILO's fundamental conventions on child labour, namely: the Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), and the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182) entail concrete legal obligations for action by ratifying ILO member States and are both nearing universal ratification. This apart, Article 23(1) of Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) states that everyone has the right to work, but specifically exempts children from exploitative or hazardous work that interferes with their education or harms their health and

development. Similarly, Article 32 of United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) emphasizes the right of the child to be protected from economic exploitation and from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with the child's education, or to be harmful to the child's health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral or social development. Besides, many countries have enacted laws that regulate child labour, setting minimum age requirements for employment, limiting working hours for children, and prohibiting hazardous work. These laws often include provisions for compulsory education up to a certain age to ensure that children have access to schooling and are not forced into the workforce prematurely. Illustratively, India has enacted several laws to address child labour, including the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, which prohibits the employment of children below the age of 14 in hazardous occupations and regulates their working conditions in non-hazardous industries. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, mandates free and compulsory education for children aged 6 to 14, aiming to prevent child labour by ensuring access to education.

Despite significant efforts in recent years, child labour remains a pervasive issue affecting millions of

children globally. According to the International Labour Organization (ILO), an estimated 152 million children are engaged in child labour, with nearly half of them engaged in hazardous work that jeopardizes their health, safety, and well-being. The COVID-19 pandemic has further exacerbated the situation, pushing vulnerable families deeper into poverty and forcing children into exploitative labour to support household incomes. According to the most recent estimates released in 2021, 160 million boys and girls between 5 and 17 years are in child labour. They are often deprived of education and of the potential for a bright future with decent work. 79 million are in hazardous work that directly endangers their safety, health and moral development. According to the Census of India 2011, there were approximately 10.1 million child labourers aged 5-14 years in the country. The National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) conducted a survey in 2009-2010, estimating the number of child labourers in India to be around 4.35 million. Child labour affects children of various age groups, but it is more prevalent among older children. Many children start working at a young age and continue throughout their adolescence. The

majority of child labourers are in the age group of 10-14 years, although children as young as 5 years old are also engaged in work. Child labour affects both boys and girls, but there are gender disparities in the types of work and sectors in which they are engaged. Girls are often involved in domestic work, agriculture, and informal sectors, while boys are more likely to work in industries such as manufacturing, construction, and transportation.

In spite of progress, significant challenges hinder the eradication of child labour. Enforcement of laws remains weak in many regions due to corruption, inadequate resources, and lack of political will. Moreover, globalization has created complex supply chains where child labour often hides, making oversight difficult. Cultural norms and traditions also perpetuate the acceptance of child labour in some societies, posing additional barriers to eradication efforts. Governments must enforce existing laws and enact stronger legislation to protect children from exploitation. This includes stricter penalties for violators and mechanisms for monitoring and reporting incidents of child labour. Investing in education is crucial for breaking the cycle of poverty and reducing the demand for child labour. Awareness campaigns targeting parents, communities, and

employers can change attitudes towards child labour and promote alternative solutions. Poverty alleviation programs, vocational training, and access to microfinance can provide families with sustainable alternatives to child labour. Economic empowerment enables parents to afford education and meet their basic needs without relying on their children's labour. Companies must uphold ethical labour standards throughout their supply chains and conduct regular audits to identify and address instances of child labour. Consumers can also advocate for ethical sourcing practices by supporting companies that prioritize child rights. Mobilizing communities to take ownership of the issue fosters sustainable solutions tailored to local contexts. Empowering grassroots organizations, involving religious and community leaders, and providing support services for at-risk families are essential components of community-based approaches. There is no contradiction between the elimination of child labour including hazardous work by children above the general minimum age for work on the one hand and the promotion of youth employment on the other. This overlapping age group who are still "children" below 18 years of age are also in the younger age range of "youth" whose employment should be

promoted. The ultimate goal for these adolescents must not just be getting them out of hazardous work, but also ensuring their transition into decent youth employment with appropriate protection of their occupational safety and health. While the world comes together to observe the World Day Against Child Labour on June 12th every year, the theme for World Day Against Child Labour 2024 revolves around the urgent need to "Protect Children from Exploitative Labour in Agriculture." Agriculture remains one of the sectors with the highest prevalence of child labour, accounting for a significant proportion of child labourers worldwide. This year's theme underscores the importance of addressing the root causes of child labour in agriculture, including poverty, lack of access to education, and inadequate social protection systems and will focus on celebrating the 25th anniversary of the adoption of ILO Convention No. 182 calling all remaining member States that have not done so to ratify Convention No. 138. The World Day will also be an opportunity for reminding all stakeholders to improve their implementation of the above two fundamental ILO Conventions on child labour.

To mark this occasion, governments, civil society organizations, employers,

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## Cancer on the Rise Among Young Adults: Causes, Prevention, and Action



As we unfold new frontiers in science and technology, promising breakthroughs and unprecedented achievements, we are also confronted with an equally pressing reality: the alarming rise in deadly diseases. The very advancements that propel us forward in countless aspects of life are paralleled by the emergence of health crises that demand our immediate attention. Yet, as we traverse the landscape of modernity, we find ourselves confronted with a paradox – the very advancements meant to enhance our lives have, in many ways, diminished our well-being.

In an era where technological and medical advancements should theoretically extend our lifespans and

improve quality of life, we are instead witnessing a disturbing trend. The proliferation of sedentary lifestyles, unhealthy dietary choices, and exposure to environmental pollutants are contributing to a rise in non-communicable diseases, particularly among the younger population. Day by day, as science and technology open new doors of success and opportunity, they also shed light on the stark challenges we face. The changing landscape of our lifestyles, dietary habits, and the widespread consumption of harmful substances have exacted a devastating toll on the health and well-being of our young generation. Recent findings from a survey conducted by the "Cancer Mukt Bharat Foundation" have illuminated a concerning reality: there has been a 20% increase in cancer cases among individuals under 40 years old. This revelation underscores the urgent need for a deeper examination of our lifestyles and their

impact on health. Breaking down the data, it's revealed that 60% of these cancer patients under 40 are men, with 40% being women. The types of cancer vary, with head and neck cancer comprising 26% of cases, followed by gastrointestinal cancers like colon, stomach, and liver at 16%, breast cancer at 15%, and blood cancers at 9%. These numbers paint a stark picture of the diversity of cancers afflicting our youth. Each diagnosis is a stark reminder of the fragility of life and the urgent need for collective action.

**Causes of Rising Cancer Cases Among Young Adults:**

**Dietary Habits:** Our modern diet, characterized by the widespread consumption of ultra-processed foods high in sugar, unhealthy fats, and additives, has

been linked to an increased risk of cancer. These foods not only lack essential nutrients but also contain harmful chemicals that can damage DNA and increase cancer

susceptibility.

**Tobacco and Alcohol Use:** The rampant use of tobacco, alcohol, and illicit drugs among the youth further exacerbates the risk of cancer. Tobacco smoke contains a cocktail of carcinogens that can damage DNA and trigger cellular mutations, while excessive alcohol consumption impairs immune function and disrupts hormone regulation, increasing susceptibility to cancer.

**Sedentary Lifestyle:** Physical inactivity and prolonged sitting have been identified as independent risk factors for certain types of cancer, including colon and breast cancer. Lack of regular exercise can contribute to weight gain, hormonal imbalances, impaired immune function, and compromised DNA repair mechanisms, promoting cancer development.

**Environmental Factors:** Exposure to environmental pollutants, such as air and water contaminants,

industrial chemicals, and radiation, can contribute to the development of cancer. These carcinogens can disrupt cellular processes and trigger genetic mutations that lead to cancer formation.

**Preventive Measures and Lifestyle Changes:** **Healthy Diet:** Promoting a diet rich in whole foods, fruits, vegetables, and lean proteins can help mitigate cancer risk. Emphasizing the importance of nutrient-dense, plant-based foods and minimizing the consumption of processed and sugary foods can support overall health and reduce cancer incidence.

**Tobacco and Alcohol Avoidance:** Quitting smoking and avoiding tobacco products altogether can significantly reduce the risk of cancer. Similarly, limiting alcohol consumption to moderate levels (if not abstaining entirely) can lower the risk of alcohol-related cancers.

**Regular Exercise:** Engaging in regular physical activity, such as

brisk walking, jogging, cycling, or swimming, can lower cancer risk by maintaining a healthy weight, improving circulation, and boosting immune function. Incorporating daily exercise routines, leisure activities, and outdoor playtime can promote physical fitness, mental well-being, and overall resilience against disease. Aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise per week.

**Education and Awareness:** Raising awareness about the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, and drug abuse is essential for prevention. Providing education on the health risks associated with these substances and offering support for smoking cessation and addiction recovery can empower individuals to make healthier choices.

**Sun Protection:** Protecting the skin from harmful UV radiation by wearing sunscreen, protective clothing, and seeking shade during peak sun hours can help prevent skin cancer.

Avoid tanning beds and sunlamps, which emit dangerous UV rays.

**Environmental Awareness:** **Minimizing exposure to environmental carcinogens:** Reducing air pollution, avoiding direct contact with hazardous chemicals, and following safety protocols in occupational settings can lower cancer risk.

**Access to Screening and Early Detection:** Regular cancer screenings and early detection are crucial for improving treatment outcomes and survival rates. Encouraging individuals to undergo routine screenings for common cancers, such as breast, cervical, colorectal, and prostate cancer, can facilitate early intervention and timely treatment.

**Bottom Line:** Addressing the surge in cancer cases among young adults requires a comprehensive approach that addresses both individual behaviors and systemic factors. By promoting healthy lifestyles, advocating for

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## Mass Gita Path session to be organised at Lal Chowk Srinagar J&K on 23rd June '24



**Kolkata (PARTHA ROY):** A mass Bhagawat Gita Path session will be organised on 23rd June 2024 at Lal Chowk area of Srinagar in Kashmir. The program is being organised by a group of civil society members from Kolkata alongwith their Kashmiri friends from the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Participants will include Kashmiri Pandits, members of Dogra, Punjabi and other communities. The day-long program is being organised by Akhil Bharatiya Sanskrit Porisad, Matilal Bharat Tirtha Seba Mission Ashram, Helpage Bengal Education Mission under

supervision of Sri Kavinder Gupta, former Mayor of Jammu, former Speaker and Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, industrialist Sri Basant Sethia, President, organising committee, Sri Manas Bhattacharya Cultural specialist & others. Programs in daytime will include installation of a statue of nationalist leader Dr. Shyamaprasad Mukherjee at Lal Chowk area, Recitation of Maha Sibstotra at Sankaracharya Hill, Puja at historic Martanda Temple. In evening, Arati will be performed in Dal Lake

by Sadhus and 1000 people including visitors from Kolkata alongwith local people of J&K. Shri Basant Sethia highlighted importance of Dr. Shyamaprasad Mukherjee's call "Ek Desh Ek Nishan Ek Bidhan" to promote integrity and unity of Bharat and his supreme sacrifice for Bharat Mata. On 23rd June 1953, the great son of Bengal and iconic statesman of Bharat Dr. Shyamaprasad Mukherjee tried to enter Kashmir without permit and sacrificed his life in Kashmir for unity of Bharat. Shri Manas Bhattacharya organiser

## Artificial Intelligence (AI) will usher in evolutionary changes in method of doing Business

**Kolkata (PARTHA ROY):** Artificial Intelligence (AI) is ushering in evolutionary changes in every sphere of life where it is being introduced. AI is increasing productivity, minimising losses, improving quality of products as well as influencing life in myriad of ways.

apprehension but also every new technology like AI create opportunities to improve quality of doing business and quality of life.

Sen mentioned application of AI is becoming indispensable from manufacturing to retail operations in various sectors of business like Airlines,

precision treatment, telecommunication, as well as security networks, Defence, etc.

Sen pointed out ethical considerations in AI and explained how generative AI can be misused to morph images and videos and scope of misuse of personal information when data is being

Sumanta Kar mentioned AI is redrawing business organisation's operational structure as well as business enterprises as well as need for optimisation of human ethical values while implementing AI. Aditi Sen highlighted importance of adopting a diverse framework for AI models, as well as



AI as technology itself undergoing evolution since its introduction in 1950s which entered into fast track path in recent years.

A special session titled "AI: Industry Friendly Solutions" organised by Bharat Chamber of Commerce on 7th June 2024 in Kolkata. The special session was addressed by Guest-in-Chief Shri Debasish Sen, IAS (Retd.), Founder Director and CEO, New Bengal Consulting Pvt. Ltd. Dr. Nabarun Bhattacharya, Professor and Director, School of Information Science and Technology, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology (MAKAUT), Shri. Sumanta Kar, Partner - Technology Consulting, Ernst and Young LLP and Smt. Aditi Sen, Founder and CEO, ADI World.

Debasish Sen highlighted AI is going to influence every sphere of every day life in myriad way. Sen mentioned every new technology create certain

Banking, Art & Culture, education, Pharma, hospital, hospitality, tourism, transport, agriculture in fact list is endless and evolving.

Sen mentioned Generative AI is going to change social behavioural patterns of individuals as Generative AI is going to be personalized to act as personal assistant. Sen stressed India can take lead in development of AI application areas in various sectors of Businesses. He mentioned skill development for operating various tools of AI opens up new opportunities in education sector. Sen cautioned one needs to be sensitive and careful as application of AI & its usage generate huge data which can be used positively or negatively in evolving technology space. Today, AI is used from customer service management in banking, financial, airlines, hospitality, development of molecules for

transferred in an unregulated manner. Sen added "AI will know everything about everyone by 2030".

Dr. Bhattacharya mentioned AI can facilitate standardisation of quality parameters and benchmarks in highly sensitive areas like tea tasting through artificial intelligence sensors eliminating any need for human intervention. Bhattacharya mentioned how AI is increasing productivity & efficiency of tea industry. Bhattacharya also mentioned about "Explainable AI" used for Defence sector in area of strategy planning, development and management. Bhattacharya highlighted AI is highly energy intensive and the power required to sustain the system is close to 1025 J, so need for adopting a new computing regime with much less energy consumption need for efficient and easy delivery mechanism.

Shri N G Khaitan indicated need for reformation and adoption of new laws, rules, conventions for smooth functioning of systems.

Shri Naresh Pachisia Senior Vice President BCC while delivering the vote of thanks appreciated Government of India's efforts & initiatives in R & D to promote application of Artificial Intelligence.

Development of AI core technologies and its applications require large capital investment.

## Sonia Gandhi Re-Elected As Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson

**New Delhi (KCN):** Former Congress president Sonia Gandhi was unanimously re-elected as the chairperson of the Congress parliamentary party on Saturday, its leaders said. At a meeting of party MPs, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge proposed Sonia Gandhi's name as the chairperson of the parliamentary



party. The proposal was seconded by Gaurav Gogoi, K Sudhakaran and Tariq Anwar.

Earlier, the Congress Working Committee (CWC) unanimously urged Rahul Gandhi to take on the mantle of the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha and he told the party's top brass that he will take a decision on it "very soon".

## Chandrababu Naidu's TDP To Get 4 Ministers, Nitish Kumar's JDU 2 In Modi 3.0: Sources

**New Delhi (KCN):** Chandrababu Naidu's TDP will be getting four portfolios in the new cabinet led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while the JDU will get two berths, sources have said. Three of the four TDP leaders who may find a place in PM Modi's new cabinet are - Ram Mohan Naidu, Harish Balayogi and Daggumalla Prasad. Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal (United) has proposed the name of two senior

leaders - Lalan Singh and Ram Nath Thakur. Lalan Singh was elected to the Lok Sabha from Bihar's Munger, while Ram Nath Thakur is a Rajya Sabha MP. Mr Thakur is the son of Bharat Ratna recipient Karpoori Thakur.

According to sources, TDP had sought four portfolios and the post of the parliamentary speaker after winning 16 Lok Sabha seats in Andhra Pradesh. JD(U) had asked two cabinet berths after winning 12 seats. Mr Kumar and Mr Naidu emerged as kingmakers after the BJP secured only 240 seats, falling short of the 272 needed for a majority government. The NDA

## 3 J&K BN NCC, BARAMULLA - ANNUAL TRAINING CAMP "DAWER GUREZ "



**Srinagar (Aasif Malik):** The 3 J&K Battalion of the National Cadet Corps (NCC), Baramulla, is proud to announce the ongoing NCC Camp in the border area of District Bandipora "Dawer Gurez". The camp has attracted the presence of 345 cadets hailing from remote border regions of North Kashmir - Uri, Kupwara, Handwara, Sopore, Patti, Bandipora, Machil, Tangdhar, and Baramulla. This remarkable initiative close to the Pakistan border on LoC aims to foster patriotism, leadership, and discipline

among the young cadets. The NCC Camp serves as a unique platform for the cadets to engage in a series of Training activities including Drill, Weapon Training, Map Reading, Radio Telephony etc and also bring to fore their innate talents in various competitions like Debate, Painting, Volley ball that promote physical fitness, mental agility, and character building. Brigadier Deepak Sajan, SM the Group Commander of Srinagar Group, visited Dawer Gurez, the ATC camp site of 3 J&K NCC

Battalion Baramulla on 08th June. Upon arrival, he received an impressive Guard of Honour from the cadets, followed by a formal briefing from the Commanding Officer Col M S Kumar. Subsequently, he toured the training area and observed practical classes conducted by the instructors and the associated NCC Officers. He visited the living areas and washing area of the cadets. Furthermore, he served as a mentor to the cadets by sharing valuable tips and guidance.

## CWC members unanimously urge Rahul Gandhi to take Leader of Opposition role: Venugopal

**New Delhi (KCN):** Congress Working Committee members Saturday unanimously urged Rahul Gandhi to take the role of Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, as it also credited his two Bharat Jodo Yatras for the party's performance in the general elections. At a press conference following the meeting of the extended Congress Working Committee (CWC), party general secretary

KC Venugopal said CWC members unanimously requested Gandhi to take the Leader of Opposition role. "Rahul Gandhi said he would take a decision on it very soon," Venugopal said. This will be the first time that the Congress, since its ouster from power in 2014, will get the post of Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha. It failed to get the position in the past 10 years as its tally was below the requisite

10 per cent of total seats in the House, both in 2014 and 2019. Venugopal also said the party's leaders and workers are charged up and asserted that the CWC sentiment is that the Congress' revival has begun. The CWC adopted two resolutions, one hailing the role of Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra for the party's performance in

the Lok Sabha polls. It also credited the Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatras for its good performance. The CWC resolution also said the people's verdict was not just a political loss but a personal and moral defeat for Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who had sought a mandate in his name. The Congress has emerged as the second-largest party in the Lok Sabha, improving its tally to 99 from 52 in the 2019 elections.

# Overconfidence led to Ray's downfall

**Rourkela (KCN):** Despite the saffron wave sweeping Odisha, BJP's Rourkela MLA candidate Dilip Ray lost to BJD's Sarada Prasad Nayak. It was an unexpected result keeping in mind that Ray indeed was a heavyweight candidate and had emerged victorious in many elections before this one. Political analysts, however, have their own opinions on the result. Some said that Ray was 'overconfident' while others pointed out that his 'camp had taken Sarada

lightly' and did not campaign the way it should have. Many of them thought that Sarada won't be a match for Ray due to the latter's popularity and money power. Little did they realise that Ray's popularity had waned in the past few years in this constituency. Sources close to Ray also pointed out that this time there were too many people who were giving orders and opinions in the Ray camp. They pointed out that this led to a 'disjointed' campaign and in the end Ray suffered because of

it. It was a case of too many cooks spoiling the broth, they added. However, an insider to the Ray camp stated that strife within the local unit of the BJP here led to Ray's defeat. "Once Ray's name was announced as a candidate, many of them started working for the BJD," the insider said on condition of anonymity. "In fact many of them even voted for the BJD," he added. Orissa POST had reported this issue May 10. Another Ray camp insider said that Nihar Ray's rebellion was

a key factor in Ray's loss. Nihar had filed his nomination after BJP announced Ray as its candidate. Even though he did not win, the votes Nihar got were enough to upset Ray's applecart, the person opined. However, above all, it was the mistake of taking Sarada lightly which played a pivotal role in Ray's defeat, many including the BJP cadres opined. "Many of them (Ray camp) thought that they would end Sarada's political career. They failed to assess the pulse of the people and so

# Transforming wastelands into orchard havens

**Berhampur (KCN):** In

1,100 guava trees and 150 citrus trees, transforming his one-and-a-half-acre land to a

kilogram in the local market has significantly boosted his family's income. He has earned an additional income of Rs 22,000 by selling guava only and is now waiting for the citrus harvest. This remarkable achievement is further underscored by the variety of guava he cultivates—Taiwan Pink—known for its resilience and rapid productivity, maturing in just 11 months. The success of Reddy's orchard symbolises more than just agricultural yield; it represents sustainable growth and enduring prosperity.



# SHGs jittery over fate of Mission Shakti

**Baripada (KCN):** Members of women self-help groups (SHGs) in Mayurbhanj district have become self-reliant and financially independent by undertaking various livelihood programmes under the Mission Shakti scheme, a report said. However, the SHG members and residents of the district are in utter apprehension over possible abolition of Mission Shakti programme after Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) stormed into power by gaining majority in the recently concluded elections. They are now in a dilemma whether the new BJP government will continue with the schemes and programmes launched during the last 24 years of the former BJD government or abolish them. The possibility of scrapping the BJD schemes or replacing them has started haunting the SHG members while they are anxious about the approach of the new government that would be formed soon. This has pushed them into distress. Reports said sabai grass cultivation,



manufacturing of sal leaf products, collection of minor forest produce, ragi cultivation and livestock farming have not only provided them a livelihood but made them financially independent. The district has around 47,175 women SHGs in 26 blocks with a membership strength of around 4,71,750. There are 2,909 groups in Badasahi block, 1,180 in Bahalda block, 1,708 in Bangiriposhi block, 1,950 in Baripada block, 2,075 in Betanoti block, 1,014 in Bijatala block, 1,105 in Bisoi block, 1,321 in Gopabandhu Nagar block, 909 in Jamda block, 1,442 in Jashipur block, 2,328 in Kaptipada block,

1,924 in Karanjia block, 1,207 in Khunta block, 1,489 in Kuliana block, 1,268 in Kusumi block and 2,161 in Morada block. Similarly, there are 1,445 SHGs in Rasagovindpur block, 1,093 in Rairangpur block, 1,238 in Raruan block, 1,422 in Saraskana block, 1,436 in Shamakhunta block, 1,002 in Sukruli block, 1,693 in Suliapada block, 1,679 in Thakurmunda block, 855 in Tiring block and 1,368 in Udalab block.

In order to strengthen the Mission Shakti programme and ensure its proper implementation, the state government had created district level federations, block level federations, gram panchayat level federations and engaged Bank Mitras, though with nominal remunerations. The state government had even announced to pay pension to the women SHG members. However, some observers, who were having a close watch on the functioning of the scheme, said the scheme lost its direction as a few unscrupulous SHG office bearers started doing politics while there were reports of pilferage of funds which in turn cost the BJD government dearly.

Consequently, the votes of the women members went in favour of BJP. Meanwhile, the residents are also apprehensive on continuation of Aahaar scheme, LAccMI bus service, Nua-O scholarship, BSKY and other host of schemes launched by the BJD government. On the other hand, BJP has promised to launch Lakhpatti Didi scheme where every women will get a voucher of Rs 50,000.

# Post dad's demise, youth vows to popularise puppet dance

**Champua (KCN):** Setting yet another example of preserving the dying traditional art forms of Odisha, Arjun Singh of a sleepy village under this block in Keonjhar district has taken a pledge to help 'puppet dance' (Kandhei Nacha in Odia) thrive following the untimely demise of his father Munibar Singh, a popular puppeteer of the region. Puppetry in Odisha has served as a medium of entertainment for the general public, not only in rural areas but also in urban setups. After the untimely demise of his father Munibar of Tiansi village, Arjun has kept his promise made to his father by embracing this traditional art form and



using it as a source of livelihood for his family. According to sources, after Munibar's death, his son Arjun upheld the traditional art form and never let it lose popularity. Arjun has gained considerable experience by assisting his father in various puppet dance events, and eventually, he established himself as an ace puppeteer in the region. He has taken the

responsibility of 'Jai Jagannath Kandhei Dance Art Institute', founded by his father. Arjun is leaving no stone unturned in the growth and popularity of puppet dance and he performs numerous puppet plays based on mythological stories like 'Kala Kahnei' and 'Kansa Badha', bringing wooden puppets to life. He portrays various characters through these puppets to



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## 'UnserHaus' by BSH Home Appliances - Kolkata's new luxury address

**Bhubaneswar:** BSH Home Appliances Group, one of the world's leading home appliances companies today launched its first 'UnserHaus' in Kolkata. This is BSH's only experience center in India to house all its three brands – Bosch, Siemens and Gaggenau under one roof. Located at Salt Lake city's Adventz Infinity @ 5, this new experience center is all set to welcome customers as well as Kolkata's strong architecture & design community. The company already has two other stores in Kolkata – a multi-channel Bosch & Siemens Brand Store in Dhakuria and a Bosch Studio in Shakespeare Sarani. UnserHaus is the German name for "Our House". It is a place where comfort,

convenience, inspiration, and memories reside in every corner. The philosophy and core ethos of BSH's UnserHaus are focused on building long-lasting trust with all customers & business partners. Keeping this in mind, the space is designed to ensure that all visitors feel at home when they visit, helping them experience the products as if they were in their own house.

Commenting on the launch of UnserHaus, Kolkata, Neeraj Bahl, MD & CEO, BSH Home Appliances (India & SAARC) said, "Kolkata is one of our high performing markets and we're thrilled to further expand our presence here by opening doors to our 101st retail space\*.

The new-age Indian consumer continues to look for offline

## Mahagram offers door to door banking services through Kirana stores

**Bhubaneswar:** Mahagram is a social enterprise focusing on Financial Inclusion that has enabled banking from the mom-and-pop store around the corner through fintech solutions. The company's mission is to enable rural women to save money at the local Kirana (or grocery) stores, instead of traveling miles to the nearest bank branch.

Recently, Mahagram has tied up with a public sector bank – the Bank of Maharashtra to roll out the 'Bank Sakhi' project in Odisha. The

fintech would provide financial technology and infrastructure support to augment rural financial inclusion. As part of the tie-up, the company has onboarded more than 11,000 bank sakhis (women) on the BharatATM platform to help the rural citizens avail themselves of basic banking services at their doorstep or the next door Kirana stores.

Mahagram aims to increase the ratio and habit of household savings in rural India. "At Mahagram, we are indulged in offering basic banking services like

## Amazon.in launches 'Back to School' store

**Bhubaneswar:** With the opening of schools and resuming of offline classes, Amazon.in announced the launch of 'Back to school' store – a one stop destination to simplify the shopping needs of children. The specially curated store offers deals on a wide range of products across study essentials like stationery, laptops, tablets, mobile phones, PCs, headsets & speakers, printers, Amazon devices, home furnishing among others

to help parents, teachers and students with school supplies and to create an effective learning and productive environment. The offers and deals will be available till 12th June 2022. Here are some popular products customers can choose from the 'Back to school' store on Amazon.in. All offers & deals are from participating sellers. HONOR MagicBook X 15, Intel Core i3 Anti-Glare Thin and Light Laptop – It has stylish

appearance with premium aluminum metal body with 16.9MM thickness, 5.3 MM narrow bezels and the weight of the laptop is only 1.56kg, which allows you to carry it easily, making it very convenient for school, travel, and work. It is available for starting INR 37,990 on Amazon.in.

Lenovo Tab M10 FHD Plus Tablet, Platinum Grey - Make way for the stylish 8.1 mm Tab M10 FHD Plus.

## OSL Group founder bags 'Lifetime Achievement Award' for reshaping Shipping & Logistics scenario in Eastern India



Bhubaneswar(KCN) : On the august occasion of the 4th Edition of prestigious Times Business Awards Odisha 2023, Orissa Stevedores Limited (OSL) founder Sri Mahimananda

(Mahima) Mishra was conferred with the coveted 'Lifetime Achievement Award' for reshaping the shipping and logistics scenario in eastern India.

## Rise of non-communicable diseases in India

**Bhubaneswar :** India has a high burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as diabetes, hypertension, obesity, and dyslipidaemia, a cross-sectional and population-based survey of 33,537 people aged over 20 in urban and 79,506 in rural areas across 31 states and Union Territories has found. This study also demonstrates that although all metabolic NCDs are more common in urban regions, rural areas have significantly greater prevalence rates than previously reported. However, experts agree that NCDs are largely preventable and controllable by adopting healthier lifestyles, engaging in regular physical activity and

improving dietary habits. In the battle against NCDs, the significance of a well-balanced diet cannot be overstated. Even taking small yet mindful steps to improve your diet can prove to be beneficial in the long-term. Incorporating nutritious and natural foods instead of HFSS (High Fat, Salt, and Sugar) foods can be an excellent way to boost your health. Almonds are one such food that holds immense potential for promoting overall health. Almonds are a natural source of 15 essential nutrients such as healthy fats, dietary fibre, protein, vitamin E, zinc, copper, magnesium, calcium, and phosphorus, amongst others. Multiple research



studies have indicated that incorporating almonds into a well-balanced diet can positively affect cardiovascular health, cholesterol reduction, blood sugar, and weight management. Additionally, almonds have satiating properties that promote feelings of fullness, which may help to manage hunger between meals and keep cravings for unhealthy food away. Ritika Samaddar, Regional Head –

Dietetics, Max Healthcare, Delhi, said, "I believe that prevention is key to reducing the burden of non-communicable diseases. This makes it very important to be mindful of our lifestyle habits. Hence, I would urge everyone to make a commitment to prioritize their health and well-being by making healthier choices such as including natural and nutritious foods like

## Godrej Appliances offers wide range of home appliances and enhanced shopping experience to consumers

**Bhubaneswar:** Godrej & Boyce, the flagship company of the Godrej Group announced that its business Godrej Appliances plans to strengthen its presence and expand its network of exclusive brand outlets further, inaugurating its first store in Chandol, Kendrapara district in the state of Odisha, India. This will be the brand's 26th exclusive outlet in Odisha under Bhubaneshwar branch.

Towards strengthening the supply chain and creating a next-level experience for customers in Kendrapara, Godrej Appliances has launched its exclusive brand outlet called Godrej Inspire Hub spread over 1200

sqft, strategically located on the Chandol main road, in collaboration with its channel partner Jagannath Electronics.

Convenience and comfort are primacies for consumers today. This is evident from the gradual increase in demand for premium products, even in tier II and tier III cities. Moreover, with the pandemic in the backdrop, appliances have emerged as a necessity in every Indian home.

EBOs solidify Godrej Appliances' already extensive network across the country, fulfilling the premium product requirement of its customers and most

importantly give them a much wider display to choose from thus enhancing their purchase experience. The brand currently has 120+ exclusive outlets across the country and aims to have 140+ EBOs by this financial year.

Speaking on the occasion of the launch, Sanjeev Jain, National Sales Head - Godrej Appliances said, "We have always endeavored to be as close to our customers as possible. We believe our Exclusive Brand Outlets will give even greater value to our loyal customers. With our exclusive showroom, we have the opportunity to showcase our entire range of best-in-class

appliances at a single location. Odisha is an important market for us and we look forward to delighting our customers with the best shopping experience."

Adding further, Sanjay Kumar Behera, Owner of Jagannath Electronics said, "We are extremely delighted to have partnered with Godrej Appliances, which is a highly respected and trusted brand. We are sure that our outlet will prove to be a great destination for the discerning customers of Chandol through its unique offerings from Godrej Appliances."

The exclusive brand outlet will display the entire range of Godrej appliances including

refrigerators, washing machines, air-conditioners, dishwashers, air coolers, deep freezers, microwave ovens, thermal electric technology-powered Godrej Qube and UV-C technology-based Godrej Virosield. To top it, there are inaugural assured gifts on purchase of select models for customers. Consumers will also be able to avail one-year free extended warranty on select models and one year of product insurance, exclusively, at every Godrej Appliances' store.

## Raj Petro Specialities strengthens its leadership team with Prasad Vaze's appointment

**Regensburg:** Vitesco Technologies, a leading international developer and manufacturer of cutting-edge drive systems for sustainable mobility, held its first Annual General Meeting (AGM) today. The AGM was held virtually due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

In separate votes, the shareholders formally approved the actions of all the Executive Board members during their term of office in the 2021 financial year. The actions of all members of the Supervisory Board in office in 2021 were also approved for their respective terms. "We are delighted to have received this vote of confidence from the Annual General Meeting.

We regard this outcome as a clear mandate to continue the successful collaboration and positioning of Vitesco Technologies as a supplier of sustainable drive solutions with a clear goal," said CEO Andreas Wolf.

All current members of the Supervisory Board representing the shareholders who were up for election were re-elected to office. The members of the Supervisory Board who represent the employees will be elected separately.

A complete list of all Supervisory Board members and the results of the voting at the AGM are available on the Vitesco Technologies website under 'Annual General Meeting'.

Bhubaneswar : Mr. Prasad Vaze has been appointed as the Senior Director – Lubricants Business at Raj Petro Specialities Pvt Ltd., a Brenntag Group company. He will lead the comprehensive lubricants Business Units, including Speciality, Industrial and Automotive lubricant businesses.

Mr. Prasad Vaze is a result-oriented business leader with more than 25 years of extensive experience in customer-centric roles. Mr. Vaze has served in numerous senior leadership roles, including leading retail operations, profit centre management, developing business strategy and channel

development & management.

Commenting on the appointment of a new member in the leadership team, Mr. Mehl Nanavati, Managing Director, Raj Petro Specialities Pvt Ltd. stated, "We are thrilled to have a seasoned industry leader join our team. With Prasad onboard, we are confident that he will accelerate the growth momentum. His unique domain expertise will further help strengthen Raj Petro's market position and expand footprint across markets."

Ms. Archana Ghate - Head HR said, "We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Prasad Vaze, our newest member to the LT team. He will be

taking on the important hat of managing Raj Petro's Lubricants Business, and we wish him all the best for his journey! With his knowledge and extensive experience, we are confident that Prasad will assist Raj Petro in reaching new heights."

On his appointment Mr. Prasad Vaze said, "I am very thrilled to take on this new role. My vision is to create a world class experience for our consumers and channel partners. Our aim is to leverage Kyros, Onwo and Zoomol brands, explore humongous potential that India and international markets offer and grow the Lubricant business profitability."

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## LV Prasad Eye Institute Organizes a Retinoblastoma Awareness Walk

**Bhubaneswar:** L V Prasad Eye Institute's Mithu Tulsi Chanrai Campus in Bhubaneswar organized a Retinoblastoma Awareness Walk on 8th May 2022. This walk is part of the 'Whitathon' event organized by LV Prasad Eye Institute across its campuses in Bhubaneswar, Hyderabad, Visakhapatnam and

Vijayawada. Celebrity actor, Mr Sabyasachi Mishra, will be flagging off the walk.

Whitathon is L V Prasad Eye Institute's annual cause-related event focusing on raising awareness and funds for early diagnosis and treatment of Retinoblastoma – a life and vision-threatening Eye Cancer in Children. One of the most common

symptoms of Retinoblastoma is White Reflex (white glow) in a child's eye. Through this walk, LVPEI aims to raise awareness among the public that if they spot a 'White Reflex' in a child's eye, it could be a sign of eye cancer that needs immediate medical intervention. Hence, the event is named 'Whitathon'.

Dr Devjyoti Tripathy, Ocular Oncologist, Mithu Tulsi Chanrai Campus, Bhubaneswar, L V Prasad Eye Institute said, "Our aim is to raise awareness about early detection and treatment of retinoblastoma eye cancer in children. No child should die of eye cancer because of lack of awareness and treatment. We extend our sincere thanks to Mr Sabyasachi Mishra for joining us for

the Retinoblastoma Awareness Walk and spreading awareness about Retinoblastoma. We also acknowledge the support received from Aroh – Giving Hope, an NGO working for children with Cancer and their families."

Dr. Tripathy further added that it is time to make detailed eye check-ups a part of mandatory paediatric examinations.

# Najmul praises bowling unit after tight win

NEWDELHI: Bangladesh skipper Najmul Hossain credited his bowling unit for holding their nerves in the middle overs against Sri Lanka as it helped them start their ICC T20 World Cup campaign on the right note in Dallas on Saturday.

Bangladesh opted to field and it looked like they were on the verge of paying the price for it after the powerplay when Sri Lanka put up 53 for two and looked set to pose a challenging total before their bowling unit regrouped to restrict them to 124-9, courtesy three wickets from Rishad Hossain and Mustafizur Rahman.

"I did not have any doubt even when they were doing good (in the powerplay) as I always had the faith (in my bowling unit) and the game is like that one or two wickets can help us to make a comeback and the way our bowlers are performing

in the last couple of series I was very confident about them and they did that," Najmul told reporters following their win.

"I think we did not get a good start but later the way everyone was calm, they showed good character. We know the batting was not good but on such a wicket and in pressure game things like these will happen and it was a very important match for them. They tried a lot but at the end of the day we got two points and that is why I am feeling good," he said.

Najmul also admitted that this has been the most high-pressure match he has played so far in his career given the brewing rivalry between these two sides. "You can say that and I felt that way (on the pressure) and even from the last two days we all knew. Personally I felt I did not play such a high pressure match



before but we could win the game. We all knew how important this match is for us," he said.

Even though the batting unit didn't click once again, Najmul refused to point fingers and insisted that the set

batter should bat for a longer period to help the team cross the finishing line. "I don't think we need to have lot of worries (regarding the batting) and I would say this because it was a pressure match and at the end of the day we

want to win and if we are talking about result we got two points. All the batsmen know that we have not batted well but everyone wont bat well everyday like Hridoy played well and Riyad bhai ended the game while Litton after

a while gave a good start and so there are some good things and what I hope is that whoever gets set he should win the game for us like I don't feel that everyday all the seven batsman of the team will bat well," said Najmul.

"I think that the game is not only for the openers because all the seven eight batsmen have responsibilities and whoever gets set should end the game and I am hoping in the next game the openers will give a good start. Admitting that the win would boost their confidence, Najmul played down the chatter surrounding the wicket in New York, the venue against South Africa for their next game. "About the New York wicket we have seen that game between Sri Lanka and South Africa on TV. The whole team sat together and watched that game as we did not practice that day. We planned how we should play and there is the India-Pakistan match on the 9th that will give us another opportunity to see the wicket so we have some little idea about the pitch and we have to bat and bowl

"I think the ones (pitches) in India were very different, those had higher scores and it was hard to bowl there. So, I think it was easier for me to put what I learnt there to this match, as in how to handle the pressure and things like that," he concluded.

## Rashid, Fazalhaq and Gurbaz rout undercooked New Zealand



NEWDELHI: Afghanistan produced a statement-making performance in Guyana in a rout of New Zealand, a team fancied to go deep pre-tournament, by 84 runs to take control of Group C, from where they are now heavy favourites to progress. Put in to bat, openers Rahmanullah Gurbaz (80 off 56) and Ibrahim Zadran (44 off 41) registered a second successive century stand to fuel Afghanistan's total of 159. Fazalhaq Farooqi and Rashid Khan then returned identical figures of 4 for 17 as an undercooked Black Caps side not only caved for 75 in the chase but also ended up losing a lot of ground on the Net Run Rate race.

Fazalhaq struck with the first ball and struck two more times in his first spell as New Zealand floundered to 33/3 in the PowerPlay. With a growing asking rate to contend with, they kept sliding and folded in 15.2 overs. In the corresponding phase, Afghanistan enjoyed some luck but despite

not being over-aggressive in conditions that had some lateral movement and some two-pace behaviour, they set themselves up to score big by stitching a partnership and then applied scoreboard pressure on the Black Caps.

Fortune was on Afghanistan's corner early in the contest as they raced to 21 after two overs with three boundaries being scored off Matt Henry's second over, two of them via edges. In the fourth over, a Mitchell Santner delivery even brushed the leg-stump but raced away to the fine-leg fence without dislodging the bails. Gurbaz was on 12 then and in the company of Ibrahim Zadran, he propped Afghanistan to a steady PowerPlay total of 44. Like Gurbaz, Zadran too was reprieved when Finn Allen put down a simple catch at deep square leg.

New Zealand strangled their opponents through the first part of the middle-overs phase as Afghanistan's openers

went through a 27-ball period without scoring a boundary. However, Afghanistan enjoyed more of the rub of the green with Zadran first surviving a run-out attempt at the non-striker's end. In the same Lockie Ferguson over, Gurbaz survived after New Zealand failed to review an LBW decision. The Black Caps continued to be sloppy rusty on the field with even Kane Williamson putting down a catch. But the four overs post the PowerPlay brought Afghanistan just 11 runs.

The tide turned in the 11th over when Michael Bracewell was taken apart for three sixes after conceding just six runs from his first two overs. Both Ferguson and Boult conceded a six each in the following overs. Mitchell Santner (0 for 24) stemmed the deluge a bit and Henry cashed in by having Ibrahim Zadran chop one onto his stumps, ending a 103-run opening stand. Azmatullah Omarzai

played a useful cameo at the death, hitting two sixes in a 13-ball 22. Gurbaz continued to motor post his half-century and hit a pair of fours against Ferguson before cashing in on Williamson's decision to bowl an over of Daryl Mitchell to cover for Bracewell by hitting the medium-pacer over long-on and long-off for two sixes, holding his pose on each occasion. Afghanistan were set for a total in the range of 170 but Trent Boult produced a stunning final over giving away just 3 runs. First, Rashid Khan was run-out with Gurbaz trying to get on strike. Boult then cleaned up the in-form batter for 80 with a searing yorker. Gulbadin Naib was the other batter to fall, miscuing a pull, as Afghanistan finished on 159.

The tone for Afghanistan's target defence was set as early as the first ball of the second innings as Fazalhaq Farooqi produced a beautiful inswinger to castle Finn Allen. That brought two batters with very little T20 cricket under their belt in the middle simultaneously. Williamson and Devon Conway couldn't land an immediate counter-punch and that was enough for Farooqi, fresh off a five-fer, to run the Black Caps ragged. He bowled an excellent slower ball that Conway chipped to cover. To Daryl Mitchell, Farooqi went around the stumps and got a delivery to straighten from the angle and

found the edge. Afghanistan could have had Williamson in the PowerPlay too but the New Zealand captain was reprieved on review by Umpire's Call after shuffling across and playing (and missing) around his pads to a ball from Naveen-ul-Haq that jagged back. Williamson didn't last long after the reprieve. Rashid removed his Gujarat Titans teammate with his first ball - also the first post-PowerPlay delivery - with the Black Caps captain guiding a length ball straight to the lone slip fielder. In his next over, Rashid cleaned up Mark Chapman and had Michael Bracewell trapped plumb before the stumps with the next ball. Rashid picked up a fourth wicket with the final ball of his spell when Lockie Ferguson chipped a tame catch back to the bowler. In between, Mohammad Nabi added two wickets of his own as Afghanistan didn't miss the services of the injured Mujeeb Ur Rahman, who missed the game.

Fittingly, Fazalhaq returned to finish what he'd started by taking the final wicket as New Zealand folded with 28 balls to spare. Having been giant killers themselves in the past, Stirling was asked if there is frustration in the ongoing T20 World Cup quickly and play better cricket in order to reverse their fortunes. Ireland suffered a massive loss against India in their tournament opener and then went down for a second time to Canada on Friday. While Net Run Rate may not come into the picture for Ireland, Stirling first wants to focus on his side just improving and getting wins under their belt. "We've got two huge games," he said after the defeat. "Still massive every time you put on the shirt you want to go and win, but no reason why we can't go and beat USA and Pakistan. We need to play a hell of a lot better if we're going to want to do that. But different conditions, we know them slightly better and will certainly be given it as best a crack as we can."

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This win has given Canada confidence ahead of sterner tests against Pakistan and India, according to Gordon. "There's definitely a lot of confidence - so for us obviously, it's to do the basics right and to be disciplined," he said. "It's not for us to get ahead of ourselves - basically just obviously appreciate the win, but then just go back to the drawing board keep working our games because like I said, it's going to be Pakistan and India. Those are obviously two of the better teams in the world currently so for us, it's again ticking the box in terms of being disciplined in all three areas; batting, bowling and fielding. I feel like if we do that, we might give a good account for ourselves in a day, and who knows what could happen."

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