

PRESIDENT OF INDIA ADDRESSES A MEETING OF MAHIMA CULT



SAMBALPUR(KCN): The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu addressed a meeting of Mahima Cult at Mini Stadium, Sambalpur, Odisha today (March 2, 2024).

Speaking on the occasion, the President paid her respects to the Santha Kabi Bhima Bhoi and said that his teachings and ideals have

always been a source of inspiration for her. The President said that Santha Kabi Bhima Bhoi is a unique example of the fact that high quality literature can be created even without formal education. She highlighted that Santha Kabi Bhima Bhoi had unique insight. This is why he has composed many timeless verses,

which are sung everywhere even today. The President said that in the works of Bhima Bhoi, social equality and ideals are reflected in the interest of all and they will always remain relevant. She urged the young generation to imbibe the ideals of Bhima Bhoi. The President said that

Mahima Cult, started by Mahima Gosein, did not discriminate on the basis of caste. Therefore, people from almost all sections of the society were attracted towards this sect. Bhima Bhoi dedicated himself for bringing equality in the society and spread the philosophy of this cult through his speeches,

songs and poems. The President said that Bhima Bhoi's work is timeless and created for the welfare of humanity. His teachings and ideals should not be limited to Odisha only. His biography and writings should be translated into different languages ??and spread all over India and the world.

The President said that the seats of saints are as sacred as places of pilgrimage. They have always been a source of inspiration. We should follow their ideals and dedicate ourselves to nation building. Earlier in the day, the President paid tributes to Santha Kabi Bhima Bhoi at his birth place - Rairakhol. She also visited Divya Joyoti and Gyan Peeth at Kandhara as well as the Temple and Ashram of Santha Kabi Bhima Bhoi at Kankanapada.

Odisha CM Inaugurates Teaching Hospitals In 5 Medical Colleges, Lays Foundation For Infra Development Of 4 Others



Bhubaneswar (KCN):

Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik has inaugurated teaching hospitals in various government medical colleges of the state to further improve the healthcare infrastructure of the state and laid the foundation stone to make the health infrastructure of 4 medical colleges world-class.

The teaching hospitals

inaugurated by the CM are - 650-bed Bhima Bhoi Medical College and Hospital at Balangir, 650-bed Pandit Raghunath Murmu Medical College and Hospital at Baripada, 500-bed Government Medical College and Hospital at Sundargarh, 500-bed Dharni Dhar Medical College and Hospital at Keonjhar and Fakir Mohan Medical College and Hospital with 650 beds in Balasore. In addition, foundation stones were laid to provide world-class infrastructure in Acharya Harihar Postgraduate Cancer Research Institute at Cuttack, MKCG Medical College and Hospital at Berhampur, Rourkela Government Hospital (RGH) and Veer Surendra Sai Institute of

Medical and Research (VIMSSAR) in Burla.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that the launch of these facilities marks a milestone in Odisha's healthcare sector. A total of 2,950 beds were added in five medical college hospitals in a day. More than Rs 2,000 crore has been spent by the state government on this.

Speaking on the foundation stone laid for the transformation of four medical institutions, the CM said more than Rs 3,400 crore will be spent on this.



Rahul Gandhi being greeted by Neeraj Dangi, MP during his Bharat Jodo Nyaya Yatra at Dholpur, Rajasthan

Day Temperature Likely To Rise In Odisha During Next Two Days

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Mercury is likely to soar in Odisha as day temperature may rise in the state during the next two days, the Regional Meteorological Centre here said today.

"Gradual rise in maximum temperature (day temperature) during next two days and no large change thereafter at many places over the districts of Odisha. No large change in minimum temperature (night temperature) at many places over the districts of Odisha during next four-five days," the Meteorological Centre predicted.

It also forecasted that light to moderate rainfall is likely to occur in several districts of Odisha on March 3 and 4.

Light to moderate rain/ thundershowers very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Jharsuguda, Sundargarh, and Keonjhar on March 3, it said.

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2024 Lok Sabha Election, BJP First list: PM, 34 Ministers On BJP's 1st List Of 195 Candidates For Lok Sabha Polls



The seat will now be fought by Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, the leader of the opposition in the Delhi Assembly. Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, who had been elected from the Rajya Sabha earlier, will be contesting from Porbandar in Gujarat. Thiruvananthapuram is expected to see an interesting contest as another Rajya Sabha

fellow Rajya Sabha colleague Bhupender Yadav will be fielded from Alwar and Kiren Rijiju will contest from Arunachal West. Sarbananda Sonowal will contest from Dibrugarh in Assam, Arjun Ram Meghwal from Bikaner, G Kishan Reddy from Secunderabad and Arjun Munda from Khunti in Jharkhand.

In a surprising move amid the farmers' protest, Minister of State for Home Affairs Ajay Mishra Teni will contest from the Kheri constituency again. Mr Teni's son, Ashish, had been jailed for his alleged involvement in mowing down four farmers in Lakhimpur Kheri in 2021 and justice for the victims has been one of the key

demands in the ongoing protests against the Union government.

Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who wasn't made the Madhya Pradesh chief minister despite the BJP's stunning victory last year, seems to be headed for a national role as he will be contesting the Lok Sabha polls from Vidisha. Another big headline from the state is that controversial MP Pragya Singh Thakur has not been repeated from Bhopal, which will now be contested by Alok Sharma. Among the other key candidates, Hema Malini will be fielded from Mathura, a constituency she has represented since 2014. Former Tripura chief minister Biplob Deb has been named from Tripura West.

Govt Of Odisha Increases Remuneration Of PHIEVs, Multilingual Education Teachers To Rs 10K

Bhubaneswar (KCN): The Odisha Govt. has increased the monthly remunerations of the PHIEVs (Inclusive Education Volunteers for physically handicapped children) and multilingual education teachers to Rs 10,000.

Since 2014, the state government has engaged the PHIEVs in various Gram Panchayats to provide education and special services to the learning-disabled students of various schools of the state. The PHIEVs were used to be paid Rs 5379 per month as gratuity.

Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik has decided to increase their remuneration from Rs 5379 to Rs 10,000 per month after sympathetically considering the various demands of the said PHIEVs. This will benefit the 1117 PHIEVs currently employed in the state.

Similarly, the CM directed to regularise the multilingual education teachers working in schools for tribal and SC students under ST & SC Development, Minorities & Backward Classes Welfare Department on the basis of their eligibility.

The CM has increased the remunerations of Multilingual Education Volunteers (MLE (EV)) from Rs.5379 to Rs.10,000 besides regularizing multilingual teachers in SC and ST Development Minorities and Backward Classes Welfare Departments on the basis of merit.

Odisha Govt Hikes Remuneration Of Part-Time Arts And Sports Teachers To Rs 10k

Bhubaneswar (KCN): The Odisha government has increased the monthly remunerations of part-time arts and sports teachers employed in the Upper Primary schools of the state from Rs 7,000 to Rs 10,000.

Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik has announced that they will get their monthly salary for a full 12 months instead of 10 months and will take classes in 30 periods instead of 24 periods in a month.

Apart from this, like other government employees, female arts and sports teachers are also entitled to maternity leave whenever necessary.

It is worth noting that during the district visits of ST Chairman Karthik Pandian, the teachers drew the attention of the Chairman regarding their problems. 4605 art teachers will benefit from this decision of the state government.

It is worth noting that Part-time arts and sports teachers have been employed to train children in art and sports in some of the Upper Primary schools of the state.

BJP Rules Out Alliance

Bhubaneswar(KCN):

With an attempt to put full stop on formation of pre-poll alliance between ruling BJD and BJP, senior BJP leader and Odisha election in-charge Vijaypal Singh Tomar today said that there is no chance of an alliance with the ruling BJD in the State in the upcoming elections.

Speaking to media persons here after returning from BJP's election management committee meeting in Delhi, Shri Tomar said neither the party nor the President has discussed any possible alliance with the BJD in

the State.

"I do not know what discussion was held in the BJP Parliamentary Board meeting because I am not a member of the panel. As per Odisha is concerned, till now, no discussion was held about the State Assembly polls," Tomar said.

"I have discussed with the party President JP Nadda. He did not say anything about any alliance," he said.

The BJP leader claimed that the party will fight the Odisha Assembly election alone and win more than 80 seats.

Shri Tomar said it is the



BJD which is floating the idea of an alliance. "We have never said anything about alliance with them."

State BJP President Manmohan Samal had told media persons on 1

March evening that the party will not enter into any alliance in the State.

Shri Samal also exuded confidence that the saffron party will win all 21 Lok Sabha seats

and will also form Government in Odisha. Reacting on the issue, BJD Spokesperson Sasmit Patro termed the possible alliance as rumour and alleged that some State BJP leaders are adding fuel to the rumour by publishing it in the media.

Notably, the speculations over alliance was started following a closed-door meeting between Union Home Minister Amit Shah and 5T Chairman V K Pandian in August last year.

Later, a series of events including BJD's support to the BJP in major Bills in the House and soft-

stand statements given by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and Prime Minister Narendra Modi towards each other. In a public event, the CM has given 8 out of 10 marks to PM Modi.

It went to peak when the BJD supported Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav to re-elect to Rajya Sabha from Odisha.

With these major events in the background, now all eyes are on the Prime Minister's upcoming visit to Odisha scheduled for March 5. The entire picture will be cleared on that day, feel political observers.

Assistant Engineer Found Hanging Inside House In Kandhamal

Phulbani(KCN): An Assistant Engineer was found hanging inside his Govt quarter in Phulbani of Kandhamal district on Saturday. The deceased has been identified as Tusharendra Nayak, who worked as an Assistant Engineer at the ITDA department.

As per reports, this morning at about 9 am, the workers of his department first noticed him hanging from the ceiling fan inside his quarter. They immediately informed his family members who reside in Bhubaneswar. On intimation, police reached the scene and seized the body for post-mortem. It is worth mentioning that, Tusharendra was on leave for 20 days. Yesterday he joined his duty. The exact cause of the death is yet to be ascertained. However, it is suspected that he might have committed suicide due to family pressure. An investigation has been launched into the matter.



KIDS Receives National Award



BHUBANESWAR(KCN):

The Kalinga Institute of Dental Sciences (KIDS), KIIT Deemed to be University, renowned for its exceptional dental education, has once again made headlines by clinching prestigious national award in the realm of social service and humanitarian contributions. The Dr. Kedar N. Rustagi Award by International College of Dentists (ICD)

KIDS was bestowed with the coveted Dr. Kedar N. Rustagi Award,

the highest social honor in the country for the best contribution to promoting good oral health in the public and providing dental treatment to the rural & underprivileged people in society at Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Dwarka, New Delhi.

This award recognizes individuals and institutions that demonstrate unwavering commitment to selfless service, irrespective of race, occupation,

position, gender, or religion. KIDS' tireless efforts in uplifting communities, providing dental care to underserved populations, and promoting oral health awareness have earned them this remarkable accolade.

Dr. Jugajyoti Pathi, Director (Administration) at KIDS, emerged as a beacon of compassion and leadership. His relentless dedication to humanitarian causes has left an indelible mark on the dental fraternity in

India. Dr. Pathi's initiatives, such as organizing free dental camps, supporting marginalized communities, and advocating for oral hygiene education, exemplify the spirit of service that this award celebrates. Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT, KISS & KIMS congratulated Dr. Pathi for this success. He also thanked Dr. Aswini Kumar Kar, Principal, and Dr. Sangamesh N. C., Vice Principal.

Odisha: Silver Filigree Of Cuttack Gets GI Tag

Bhubaneswar(KCN):

The famous silver filigree (Chandi Tarakasi) work of Odisha's Cuttack city has received the geographical indication (GI) tag.

This was revealed by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik in his Twitter (X) handle today.

"Cuttack's silver filigree work got GI tag. It is a matter of honour for Odisha," said the Chief



Minister. According to the Chief Minister, the filigree work of Cuttack has given a distinct identity to Odisha. "The centuries-old sophisticated craft practiced in the Silver City of Cuttack gives a distinct identity to our state for its intricate workmanship," he said. The Chief Minister also extended his best wishes to the people of Cuttack as well as Odisha.

Dhali Quits BJD

Bhubaneswar(KCN):

Ahead of twin polls for Lok Sabha and Odisha Bidhan Sabha, five-time MLA and former Minister Arabinda Dhali today resigned from BJD and said that he would join the Opposition BJP soon. Shri Dhali, the MLA of Jayadev in Khurda district, said he has sent his resignation letter to BJD president and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik via e-mail. He, however, did not mention any reason for his resignation. Shri Dhali was first elected to the Assembly



from the Malkangiri seat in a by-election in 1992 on a BJP ticket. He retained the seat for two consecutive terms. He then joined the BJD,

and was elected to the Assembly from Jayadev in 2009. He also won the 2019 election from the seat. My supporters and well-wishers advised me to return to BJP. I will do that. I have sent my resignation to the BJD leadership," he told media persons. A law graduate, Shri Dhali served as a Minister in the BJD-BJP coalition government led by Naveen from 2000 to 2004. He held the portfolios of cooperation (2000-2004), textiles and handloom (2000-2002),

besides commerce and transport (2002-2004).

Recently, expelled BJD MLAs Pradeep Panigrahy and Prashant Jagdev also joined the BJP. Former Minister Debasis Nayak of the BJD also switched sides recently. Meanwhile, another expelled BJD leader, Rajendra Das, will be joining the BJP on March 4. The former MLA had contested Dhamnagar by-election as a rebel candidate after BJD fielded Tihidi block chairperson Abanti Das from the seat.

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Bigg Boss 17 Evicted Contestant Neil Bhatt Opens Up On Ankita Lokhande's 'Planned Relationships' In The House

OTT giant JioCinema is set to bring an exciting twist to the Bigg Boss experience with 'Bigg Buzz,' a show that brings the Bigg Boss living room to life in a new format, introduced last season. Following the successful run of its first season, the show returns with its second season. Hosted by Krushna Abhishek, 'Bigg Buzz' features a fictional family engaging with evicted and previous season's Bigg Boss contestants, offering an unfiltered look at their lives and opinions, along with

exclusive insights into the world of entertainment. In the recent episode, Bigg Boss 17 evictee Neil Bhatt made his appearance in the show, sharing exclusives from his journey inside the Bigg Boss House. While speaking to the host of the show, Krushna Abhishek, about his journey, Neil

said, "It's been an amazing experience. I have enjoyed a lot inside the house and learned a lot about myself and life. I didn't expect to get eliminated so soon; I

wanted to stay for long. Also, I was not very expressive in the house." Talking about Ankita's game he said, "In my opinion, Ankita's

relationships in the house are not strong with anyone. She plans all her relationships, and Vicky does the same. Her fights with Aishwarya were always initiated by her. Ankita had already told Aishwarya, 'Our relationship will never work because we are similar. That's why I keep one hand's distance from you.' Aishwarya said, 'You are refusing to try and connect with me based on possibilities and hypotheses. This is wrong.' Talking about who he



Shah Rukh Khan Unveils New Dunki Posters Featuring Taapsee Pannu, Vicky Kaushal, Anil Grover



Released on Shah Rukh Khan's birthday, the 'Dunki Drop' indeed came as an absolute treat for the audience and fans with its endearing narrative and went on to touch millions of hearts.

Drawn from real-life experiences, 'Dunki' is a saga of love and friendship that brings together these wildly disparate stories, and provides hilarious and heart-breaking answers. On November 4, two posters of 'Dunki' were released that introduced 5 characters of the ensemble cast together, featuring, Shah Rukh Khan, Taapsee Pannu, Vikram Kochhar, Anil Grover, and Vicky Kaushal. The two new posters of the film show the joy of friendships and the challenges the lead cast go through together to achieve their dreams.

Sharing the posters on social media, Shah Rukh Khan wrote, "Hum bulkul usi tarah dikh rahe hain jaise Raju sir ne apne 'Ullu ke patthon' ko imagine kiya tha... Inke baare mein bahot kuch share karna abhi baaki hai..." (We look exactly the way Raju sir (Rajkumar Hirani) had imagined his 'Ullu ke patthon' to be. There is still much more to share about them). The first poster shows Shah Rukh Khan accompanied

by Taapsee, Vicky, Vikram and Anil, all dressed formally and holding files, as they confidently head for an interview. The second poster depicts the same group navigating a rough terrain in an isolated area. While the others look lost and confused as they are stuck in the middle of a desert, Taapsee appears to be unfazed by the physical strain is seen smiling while looking at Shah Rukh. In both the photos, Shah Rukh

Alia Bhatt Recalls Getting Emotional With Kriti Sanon Before Receiving National Award

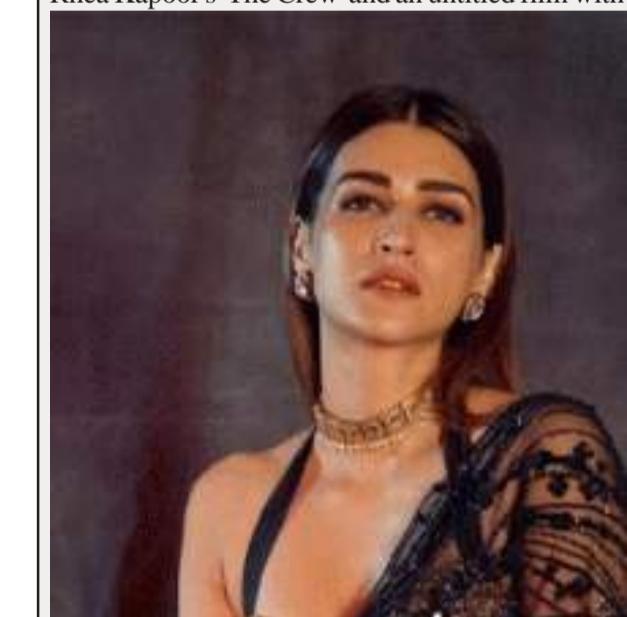
Alia Bhatt recalls the getting emotional with Kriti Sanon before receiving the national award, says "It was just two young girls living the dream and feeling a moment of gratitude."



The national film award ceremony happened recently in Delhi where Kriti Sanon and Alia Bhatt were honored with the best actress award for their path-breaking performance in 'MiMi' and 'Gangubai Kathiawadi' respectively.

Recently, Alia Bhatt shared the memorable moments she had with Kriti. "If I had to recall, exactly what happened, it was quite a lovely moment that Kriti and I shared together. She was standing in front of me and she looked back at me and said 'I just wanted to give you a hug' and I just hugged her and we both got emotional. It was just two young girls living the dream and feeling a moment of gratitude and with gratitude sharing it with each other. Literally we both had tears in our eyes after that moment. Then we had to get out of the hug because we will start weeping over here, which we don't want. So yes, that was actually quite a special moment."

Kriti Sanon and Alia Bhatt indeed delivered the best performance of their career with 'MiMi' and 'Gangubai Kathiawadi' respectively. While both actresses proved the mettle of their acting, they also showed how strong powerful characters can change the game for themselves, and today both of them are standing as the leading ladies of the industry. On the work front, Kriti will be seen in Rhea Kapoor's 'The Crew' and an untitled film with



Samantha Ruth Prabhu Climbs 600 Steps Barefoot, Prays to Palani Murugan



Samantha Ruth Prabhu climbed 600 steps of the Palani Murugan temple in Tamil Nadu on February 13 draped in an all-white churidar-kurta and offered prayers at the temple.

She also lit a camphor diya and tweeted on the same. She was accompanied by her

'Jaanu' movie director C. Premkumar and other friends. The actor, who suffers from Myositis, an autoimmune disease condition that causes acute muscular pain, has started shooting for the web series 'Citadel' in which she shares screen space with Bollywood actor Varun Dhawan.

The Indian web series is directed by the director duo Raj and DK, who

had helmed the popular web series, 'The Family Man', in which Samantha played the role of Raji, a Sri Lankan Tamil militant.

She had recently tweeted: "I am thrilled to be part of this brilliant universe conceptualised by the Russo Brothers AGBO. I am also looking forward to working with Varun for the first time. He is someone who is full of life and cheer when you are around him." Samantha is awaiting the release of her Telugu mythological movie 'Shakunthalam' in which she shares the screen with Prakash Raj and Dev Mohan. The movie is to be released on April 14.

Karan Johar reviews 'The Romantics', asks Aditya Chopra if he can share their personal pictures clicked over the decades



legend of romance ... a connoisseur of chiffon, music and beauty... a maestro of musicals... he was also a pillar of belief and conviction... is there any conviction left today? We are burdened by media commentary... box office opening analytics, research engines (all probably relevant to the technology and times) but where did good old fashioned conviction vanish," shared Karan Johar.

He went on to state



how the series made him reflect on his own journey and added, "The rom doc reminds us of the past that seemed so organic and heartfelt.... Makes me

want to go back to that zone of filmmaking I am so deeply inspired by the YRF story... it's origin and its journey.... Having

learnt everything I know from the corridors of the studio I stand blessed and watching The Romantics made me so self aware ... of my strengths and my failings.... Thank you @smritimundhra for weaving a narrative out of the archives and actually making an audience go through the many emotional beats through the 4 episodes...just brilliant!"

Paying an ode to Chopra scions, Aditya and Uday, KJo added,

"And finally my Best friend has a face and how beautifully articulate was he!!! Adi does that mean I can post all the images we have shared over decades that you have threatened to never speak to me if I put out ??? #justasking #I love you A di congratulation to my dearest friend @udayc for being such a force behind this."

Fashion Journalism as a Career



India has gained popularity and credibility as a source for worldwide fashion due to its consistent delivery of high-quality products at affordable costs. Roughly 7% of India's industrial output, 2% of its GDP, and 14% of its export revenue come from the apparel and textile sector.

During the fiscal year 2021–2022, India exported textiles and apparel valued at 44 billion dollars.

The goal is to increase this figure to \$100 billion. The Ministry of Textiles has established a goal to increase the value of the textile and apparel sector to over 350 billion dollars from current 154 billion dollars by 2030. Since that industry is labour intensive, the number of employed would double in that scenario.

Furthermore, because a lot of people rely on this business for their living, the government continues to support it. These consist of tax rebates, production link incentives, the

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establishment of seven textile parks, and a fund for technological advancement.

People are becoming more aware of brands locally. They would rather visit a retail store that sells ready-made clothing rather than a tailor anymore. Dress designers are also considering seasonal fashion when creating their creations.

India's strength lies in its abundant supply of skilled labor, raw materials, and rich cultural legacy. All across the world, people adore shawls and other silk goods. For a long time, products like Rajasthani and

Gujarati outfits, Benarasi saris, and Kanjeevaram saris have been exported.

Moreover, India ranks among the world's top producers of diamonds, cotton, and jute. Approximately 10 crore people are employed in this industry overall. These all offer ample fodder for journalists to write about. Newspapers' page 3 supplements are flooded with images and coverage of fashion events, while news agencies and reputable dailies employ people to cover the Ministry of Textiles and other

organizations. Furthermore, there are numerous trade publications that concentrate on the business of fashion as well as technical facets of this industry. The field offers ample opportunities for freelance Journalists also. The book *Fashion Journalism: A Career Guide* authored by Dwijendra Kumar and published by Advik Publication offer useful advice on taking up a career in writing on fashion. Author who had been a Journalist himself, has shared his experiences of reporting on fashion shows and interviewing fashion designers besides a list of

fashion magazines together with their addresses and email IDs. A useful career guide book for all those seeking information and guidance about career opportunities.

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Letter to Editor

Sir

It seems as if the Malayalam film industry is on a winning streak as all the movies released right from January have allure movie buffs to make a beeline to the theatres and some of the movies have become huge hits making the cash registers jingle giving boundless hopes to all those in the film industry and also the film buffs.

Last few weeks saw a galore of movies with a variety of subjects that hit the screens and did very good business. The whopping success of movies like *Brahmayugam*, *Malaikottai valibhan*, *Premalu*, *Manjummal boys* besides a few others gives a clear indication that films made around a clean uncomplicated story with good characterization, a lot of fun and good music, some thrills and chills and a clear message are better than mindless masala films stuffed with sex and violence. Fiction movies with good story line and characterisation also did well in the theatres.

The success of these movies predict the resurgence of movies and also shows that a variety of subjects experimented with a strong story line, splendid narrative with good cast and bewitching visuals can make the spectators glued to their seats and want for more. The other film industries definitely got to take a leaf out of this and go for innovation and novelty which can help the film industries thrive in a great way.

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The whole world is filled with Shiva



Whenever we hear or see anything obscene, the word Shiva, Shiva, Shiva comes out of our mouth. All the light there is in the world is Shiva and wherever any flaw in it is seen or heard, the memory of that unique light is automatically mentioned. Only Shiva bears the brunt of every flaw because this supreme power is a follower of Shiva only. That's why they even choose poison and become blue-throated. That is why it is said that there is no problem or challenge in this world which cannot be solved because the entire burden has been taken upon itself by that Shiva element. That is why it is said that God, nature does not give you any problem which you cannot solve. From outside it seems like a big problem, but when we face it face to face, it seems like

it is not a big deal to deal with. It is the Shiva element that awakens the courage within us and strengthens our faith. Shiva is basically a Sanskrit word which means destroyer of all troubles and problems. There are different explanations of the name Shiva in the Vedas and Upanishads but the intention is the same. In Yajurveda, Shiva is considered the giver of peace, the meaning is that only peace is achieved at the end of problems and troubles. Shiva is such an energy which has kept power at its head along with peace. That's why he has also been given the form of Ardhanarishwar. Power with peace may seem contradictory but they complement each other. Where a single element ideology has never existed in Indian culture. Wherever there is, there is no meeting of two powers. Whether they are in the form of man or woman or moving and moving, conscious and unconscious, mental

power and vital power, gods and demons, etc. One meaning of Shiva is zero. That means two directly after zero. One does not come in between. In the arithmetic of spirituality, one does not come, all the other numbers come. Indian spirituality does not say that there is only one path. There are many paths to reach the ultimate being which you find interesting, you can walk and reach your destination. All the religious scriptures also advocate the same thing that as many people will be there, there will be as many minds and as many options. That's why it is said in every scripture that you should do this or this and if you don't want to do that much then do this. That means a plethora of options. Therefore, thirty-three thousand Gods and Goddesses have been systematically created here so that you can worship whoever you like by making them your Ishta. Shiva is the alternative to all those alternatives. Shiva himself has 108 names. The place

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where there are least rules and regulations is Shiva. They wear ashes. Which is a symbol of this world being temporary. Dhatura wears Bilvapatra which symbolizes that whatever thorns come in life or the crossroads of decision, only by surrendering to Shiva, the thorns in your path are removed and you are able to take the right decision at the crossroads of decision. The three leaves of Bilva Patra represent our three elements Rajas, Tamas and Satva. A little Rajas so that we can work, a little Tamas so that we can sleep properly and Sattva because it is the basis of life. Therefore, among the three leaves of Bilva Patra, the middle leaf of Sattva is bigger and the remaining two are smaller. In Shiva worship, fruits are used so that whatever we want comes to fruition, flowers are used so that we can bloom like them and water is so that the two qualities of water come within us.

First, of struggle because wherever water goes, it makes its way even in the mountains and rough roads, struggle is what life is all about, and the second is of humility, water adapts to whatever the circumstances are. Put it in the container and it becomes the same. This is necessary for human life. Linking Shiva with zero is also very scientific. Where there is nothing, there is Shiva i.e. sky element. It is said in Indian spirituality that when you attain zero then only you become Brahmagyani. A Brahmagyani feels in the void that he himself is the creation. Because calling someone a Brahmagyani means that he has realized that he himself is the universe. If you want to inhabit this creation within you even for a moment, you will have to become that emptiness. Only emptiness can contain everything within itself. Everything that is not zero cannot be contained within itself. The ocean cannot be contained in a vessel. This planet can contain the ocean,

but it cannot contain the solar system. The solar system can accommodate the planets and the Sun, but cannot accommodate the rest of the galaxy. If you proceed step by step in this way, eventually you will see that only emptiness can contain everything within itself. And in the end it is said that the biggest void is the Shiva element under which everything comes. While explaining the word 'Shiva' it has been said - 'Shete Sarva Jagat Yasmin Iti Shiv' i.e. the one in whom the entire world is sleeping, is called Shiva.

Every part and part of Shiva is the simplest expression of this entire world. Shiva's matted hair is completely a symbol of space which is made up of the element of sky. It is infinite and its expansion is infinite. The one who holds everything, good and bad. There is also a moon on the top of Shiva's hair which is a symbol of coolness of mind. The entire game is played by the mind, hence the mind can be balanced

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Artist V Rahul Pattnaik of Srikakulam receives Telengana book of world record

Revival of Rupnarayan's Reverine Sustainability: A New Move of ICAR-CIFRI

KOLKATA, (KCN): A research team from ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, Barrackpore under NMCG project "Fish conservation and stock enhancement of fishery of Ganga river basin (phase-III)" conducted a survey on fish diversity and abiotic factors in the upper stretches of the river Rupnarayan, covering 120 km in January, 2024. This entire initiative was carried out under the guidance and leadership of Dr. B. K. Das, Director, ICAR-CIFRI and Principal Investigator of the project. The river, initially known as Dhaleswari, flows from



Bankura to Ghatal and becomes Rupnarayan. The survey found that 65% of the 26 fish species were small indigenous fishes (SIF), which play a vital role in aquatic food production

and offer high nutritional value. The study also highlighted the impact of anthropogenic activities such as hydraulic structures, water extraction, sand mining,



and check dams on the river's flow and aquatic environment. This has led to a decrease in major carp abundance and a rise in exotic carps due to favorable habitats. The study also

collected water and sediment samples for further laboratory analysis. In an interactive session local fishermen reported a rise in fish occurrence in the river decades ago, but

fish catch has declined due to diminished water flow and anthropogenic factors. The survey provided primary information on the ecological coherence and natural flow of the river based on the occurrence of small indigenous fishes (SIF) as an indicator of aquatic habitat status. A similar survey covering all seasons throughout the year would be valuable for river management and restoration programs. The study found a rich occurrence of SIF in the upper stretches of the river, which requires more attention for their conservation and population sustenance.

BOBBY CHAKRABORTY'S ANTI ADDICTION CAMPAIGN NO. 417 WORKS MAGIC ON THE STUDENTS OF SHRI SHIKSHAYATAN SCHOOL

KOLKATA, (KCN): On February 28th, the packed auditorium of Shri Shikshayatan School witnessed magic happen, during the 417th anti addiction campaign session of actor/activist/teacher of method acting Bobby Chakraborty. This was his 3rd session in this school.

The socially responsible Principal Sangeeta Tandon, has been a strong supporter of this global, free of cost awareness program of Bobby, against addiction and harmful social trends among the youth, for more than a decade. This year she associated with Bobby again, to organize this much acclaimed, popular, interactive and thought provoking session for the classes 7 and 8, as a part of the



ongoing 'bagless days' observed by the school. The official photographer of this superhit session was Siona Mallick, who was assisted by Srinika Roy. The relevant issues destroying the physical and mental health of the youth and the ways to be safe from

those, were put forth by Bobby, ranging from smoking, alcoholism, vaping, smart phone addiction, abusive language, obscenity online to gain viewership etc. Relatable true incidents were quoted by Bobby from the recent past, where lives were lost

and families were destroyed, under the clutches of addiction, including his own. The awakening among the soldiers of Bobby was noteworthy, as the session became exceedingly interactive with spontaneous participation from them. The all important

designation of 'the 1st soldier' went to Aratrika and 'the trendsetter' went to Srinika. The fun contest at the end had Aratrika, Aparajita and Gayatri as the winners, who along with Siona, were given special prizes, HCF t-shirts and community service certificates by their beloved Bobby Dada.

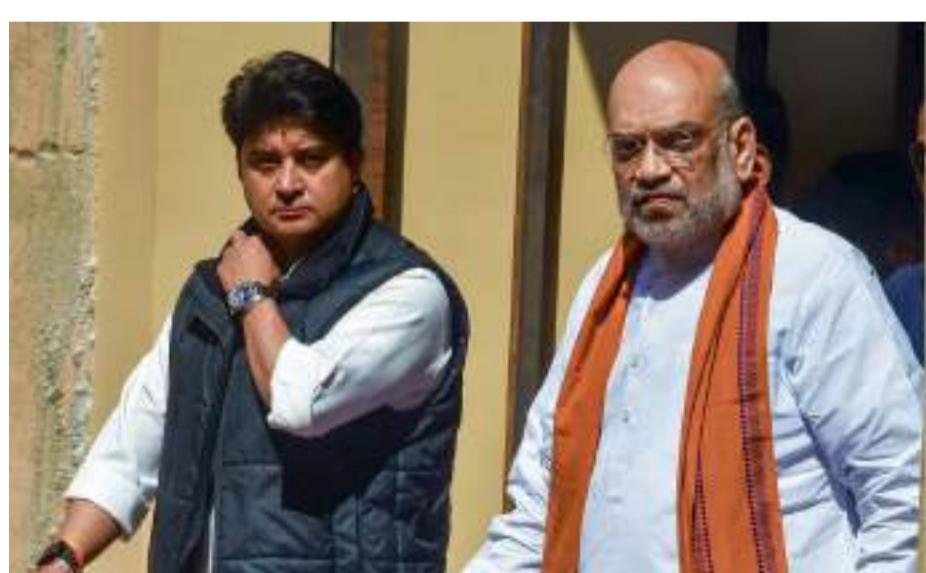
The session ended with everyone in the auditorium shouting out the soldier's mantra 'I am the king of my mind', with their hands raised. The Principal and every respected teacher were filled with appreciation towards Bobby's selfless efforts for the society and wished him good luck, before he drove off from the beautiful campus.



New Delhi (KCN): Bansuri Swaraj, the daughter of former foreign affairs minister Sushma Swaraj, is set to make her poll debut in the upcoming elections. In its first list of candidates, Bharatiya Janata Party announced that Ms. Swaraj would contest from the New Delhi Lok Sabha seat. Soon after her name was announced, Ms. Swaraj said that she will try to live up to the legacy set by her mother, who

convenor of the BJP Delhi's legal cell. Bansuri Swaraj boasts a formidable fifteen years of experience in the legal profession, having been enrolled with the Bar Council of Delhi in 2007. After completing her undergraduate studies in English Literature from the University of Warwick, she pursued a law degree at the prestigious BPP Law School in London. Her academic journey includes qualifying as a Barrister at Law and being called to the bar from the Hon'ble Inn of Inner Temple, London. Further enhancing her legal credentials, she completed her Masters of Studies from St. Catherine's College at the University of Oxford.

Minister J Scindia Named For Lok Sabha Seat He Lost To BJP In 2019 Polls



New Delhi (KCN): Union Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia will be contesting the upcoming Lok Sabha polls from Guna in Madhya Pradesh, the seat he lost to the BJP in the 2019 elections. Mr Scindia has a deep-rooted connection with this region and his 2019 loss was seen as a marked shift from the Guna's historical loyalty to the Scindias.

The Guna Lok Sabha seat was traditionally represented by the Scindias since 1957. In 2001, Jyotiraditya Scindia entered politics

after the death of his father and former Union minister, Madhavrao Scindia, in a plane crash. The next year, he contested from the Guna Lok Sabha seat. His switch to the BJP, co-founded by his grandmother Vijaya Raje Scindia, soon after was rewarded with a Rajya Sabha seat and a berth in the Union Cabinet. His two aunts - Vasundhara Raje and Yashodhara Raje - are also in the BJP. In a much-anticipated announcement, the BJP this evening released the first list of 195 candidates. The list

includes PM Modi from his constituency Varanasi and 34 ministers from the Centre and states.

The party has finalised 24 names for Madhya Pradesh for the Lok Sabha elections. Senior BJP leader Shivraj Chouhan, who was replaced by the party leadership as Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister with Mohan Yadav after assembly elections last year, has been fielded from Vidisha constituency. This is being seen as a win for Mr Chouhan who, sources say, was offered the Bhopal seat which he rejected and conveyed his desire to fight from Vidisha.

The list comes days after the BJP's Central Election Committee (CEC) met on Thursday night to deliberate on the Lok Sabha candidates. In the last general elections, the BJP-led National Democratic (NDA) won a total of 303 seats, leaving the Congress behind at 52 seats.

Press Registration Goes Online



Press Sewa Portal

Information and Broadcasting, had launched the Press Sewa Portal (presssewa.prgi.gov.in), the online portal of the Press Registrar General of India - PRGI (erstwhile Registrar of Newspapers for India - RNI) shall be carrying out the purposes of the new Act. In tune with the ethos of Digital India, the new Act provides for an online system for facilitating the registration of newspapers and other periodicals in the country. The new system replaces the existing manual, cumbersome processes involving multiple steps and approvals at various stages which were causing unnecessary hardships to the publishers. Earlier, Anurag Singh Thakur, Minister of

periodical as "any publication including a newspaper which is published and printed at regular intervals containing public news or comments on public news but does not include a book or a journal of scientific, technical, and academic nature." Therefore, "book, or a journal including a book or journal of scientific, technical and academic nature" does not require registration with PRGI.

As per the new Act, all applications for registration of periodicals shall be made in online mode through the Press Sewa Portal only. Accordingly, publishers intending to bring out periodicals need to register their title before publishing it. As the registration process will be online and guided through the software, the chances for discrepancies in the application will be drastically reduced resulting in faster processing of applications. The status of application will be updated at all stages and the same will be informed to the applicant through SMS and email ensuring transparency and eliminating delay due to miscommunication.

Will BJP upset applecart of BJD, Congress in Rajgangpur?

OURKELA: The Rajgangpur Assembly constituency of Sundargarh district is likely to witness a triangular contest with a possibility of BJP upsetting the applecart of the ruling BJD and Congress. The BJP used to be relegated to third place in the constituency with a paltry share of votes ranging between 16,000 and 28,000. But in 2019, the party almost doubled its vote share with the BJD and Congress believing that the Modi wave worked in favour of the saffron party. With around 2.25 lakh registered voters, Rajgangpur is a Scheduled Tribe (ST) seat. While BJD's Mangla Kisan has

pocketed the seat five times since 1985, the Congress has won it thrice. In the 2019 election, Dr CS Razzen Ekka emerged victorious from Rajgangpur. If reliable sources are to be believed, the constituency has 34,000 to 36,000 tribal Christian voters and over 50 per cent of them traditionally vote for the Congress while BJD gets a majority of the remaining chunk followed by other parties except the BJP.

The BJP's traditional mainstay are Kisan and Oram tribes which have around one lakh voters. Other tribes including Kharia, Munda,



Badaik, etc and the Scheduled Castes account for 25,000 votes which are divided. Similarly, around 14,000-15,000 Muslim voters in the constituency tilt towards the party that has the best

chance to defeat BJP. There are around 50,000 general category voters of different linguistic origins in Rajgangpur town where Hindutva is a dominating factor for the Hindi-speaking population.

Political observers say in 2019, Ekka of Congress secured 53,918 votes and won with a slender margin of 946 votes over BJD veteran Kisan who pocketed 52,972 votes. Surprisingly, BJP's

Narsingh Minz secured 52,896 votes with the party witnessing a jump of 12.42 per cent in its vote share. In 2014, the BJD had secured an all-time high of 28,694 votes. Against the backdrop

of the thumping victory in rural and Rajgangpur municipality polls, winning Rajgangpur should be a cakewalk for BJD's Kisan. But a swing of fortunes cannot be ruled out. Ekka is up against anti-incumbency and retaining the seat will be a challenge for him.

In 2019, tribal leader George Tirkey as the Congress candidate for the Sundargarh Lok Sabha seat enabled consolidation of Christian votes in favour of Congress which ultimately helped Ekka. With Tirkey quitting Congress, a split in Christian votes is inevitable.

CV Raman Global University convocation held, 17 students get gold medal



BHUBANESWAR (KCN): As many as 17 UG and PG students of CV Raman Global University (CGU), Odisha, received gold medals in the 4th convocation of the varsity recently. The university also conferred doctorate, master's and bachelor's degrees to 934 students on the occasion. Co-founder of HCL Technologies Ajai Chowdhry was

conferred with a Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) for his outstanding contribution to society in the field of IT, during the convocation. In his address, Chowdhry appraised the students on how the latest and emerging technologies such as quantum computing, nuclear science, space engineering, AI, and big data will impact the educational and economic development of society in the future. CGU founder and president Sanjib Kumar Rout, who presided over the function, encouraged the students and projected the plans of the university including setting up multiple sports and hobby clubs. He also said that the Board of Governors of CGU has taken a

decision to give more emphasis on start-ups and entrepreneurship and also committed to expanding the Nidhi TBI incubation centre to accommodate around 500 start-ups. CGU's board members Sarat Chandra Bhadra, Hiranmay Mahanta, Shailja Rout, Prof Sunil Kumar Sarangi and Sasanko Sekhar Mohanty were present.

Omega-Sanjivani launch AI-enabled endoscopy in Odisha



BHUBANESWAR (KCN): Patients can now avail the benefits of artificial intelligence (AI)-enabled endoscopy in Odisha. Omega Healthcare and Sanjivani Gastro Liver Clinic have brought this advanced facility to the state for

diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal (GI) disorders. Senior consultant and head of gastroenterology and hepatology at Omega Healthcare Dr Sushant Kumar Sethi said patients will immensely benefit from the identification and treatment of cancerous, precancerous and even non-cancerous lesions with the help of the advanced technology-assisted endoscopy procedure. "The success rate is very

high as it detects and rectifies human errors. If an endoscopist misses something during a procedure, the machine picks it up by its deep learning mechanism and computer-assisted detection (CAD) technology to ensure that the error is minimised and corrected," he said. Gastroenterologist Dr Rajat Khandelwal said the technology now aids in diagnosing and treating many complex GI disorders with absolute ease and precision. "AI-enabled endoscopy was limited mostly to Japan and the United States. Now this is available in our state," informed Dr Sethi.



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

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

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

Seed Oil that unite in a perfect base to provide complete protection from Blue Light rays and promoting overall skin health. The range is 100% vegan, paraben & cruelty free and dermatologically tested.

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

SpiceJet and Axis Bank launch co-branded credit card

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

Through this collaboration, the two

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

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

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

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

Nexus Esplanade and Atypical Advantage hosts a 'specially abled' Independence Day performance

Bhubaneswar : Nexus Esplanade has always been known for coming up with unique and special activations, which are relatable. This Independence Day, they have joined hands with Atypical Advantage to curate a unique Independence Day activation where there will be LIVE performances by specially-abled children. The collaboration between Nexus Esplanade and Atypical Advantage will fructify on 15 August 2023, where shoppers and music enthusiasts came together to witness the talent of singers with disabilities. Atypical Advantage, a leading platform that empowers persons with disabilities, for an extraordinary collaboration that

celebrates the power of music and inclusivity. Around 13 singers and bands with different disabilities, joined Raj to perform across the Nexus Malls portfolio during this Independence week.

Mr. Jayen Naik, COO for the Nexus Malls portfolio said, "We have always taken great pride in curating events which are different and have always been at the forefront when it comes to providing a platform to talent. For this Independence Day, we have joined hands with Atypical Advantage to ensure our patrons get to experience the amazing talent that these kids with special abilities have. I am confident, this activation will be something that will create a lasting memory for not

just our customers, but also for our retail partners and team."

"I am thrilled to

witness the wonderful collaboration between Nexus Esplanade and Atypical Advantage, as we unite to promote incredible singers with disabilities across some of their malls. This exceptional initiative demonstrates the power of inclusivity and the belief that every

voice deserves to be heard and celebrated," says Geetika Mehta, Co-founder & COO, Atypical Advantage

24 with Strength Q1FY24 GBR at INR 2,371 Crores, an All-Time High

New Delhi: GBRin Q1FY24, which stood at INR 2,371.0 Crores, reporting a remarkable 42.6% growth, from the corresponding quarter's GBR of INR 1,663.1 Crores.

Adjusted Revenues have also recorded a significant growth of 46.9% YoY, reaching INR 193.2 Crores in Q1FY24, as against INR 131.5 Crores in Q1FY24. The company recorded its highest-ever quarterly

% of GBR were at 8.2% as compared to 7.9% in Q1FY23.

The company has continued its tradition of being profitable since inception as it reported an EBITDA of INR 37.5 Crores in Q1FY24. EBITDA Margin for Q1FY24 stood at 29.6%. Profit after Tax (PAT) for Q1FY24 stood at INR 25.9 Crores with PAT Margin for Q1FY24 at 20.5%.

PARADEEP PHOSPHATES LIMITED INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING TO OPEN

Mumbai: Paradeep Phosphates Limited (The "Company") to open its initial public offering (the "Offer") on May 17, 2022. The Anchor Investor Bid/Offer Period is one Working Day prior to Bid/Offer Opening Date, that is, May 13, 2022.

the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India. (The "Promoter Selling Shareholders" and GoI Selling Shareholder)

The Equity Shares offered in this Offer are proposed to be listed on both BSE Limited ("BSE") and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE", together with BSE, the "Stock Exchanges").

Axis Capital Limited, ICICI Securities Limited, JM Financial Limited and SBI Capital Markets Limited are the Book Running Lead Managers to the Offer.

The Price Band of the Offer has been fixed at ₹39 per Equity Share to ₹42 per Equity Share of ₹10 each. Bids can be made for a minimum of 350 Equity Shares and in multiples of 350 Equity Shares thereafter.

The Issue offer comprises (i) fresh issue of equity shares face value ₹10 each share aggregating to ₹10,040

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Rachin Ravindra drags New Zealand ahead in tall chase

NEWDELHI: Another fast-paced day at the Basin Reserve in Wellington has left New Zealand in a precarious position in the series opener against Australia, as they slumped to 111/3 in chase of 369. Glenn Phillips hastened the end of Australia's innings with a five-wicket haul - the first New Zealand spinner to do so in 18 years - earlier in the day but the hosts then lost three quick wickets, including that of Kane Williamson, by the end of Day 3. The hosts fell to 59 for 3, from where Rachin Ravindra and Daryl Mitchell saw the final session through. New Zealand still need 258 runs to win.

Australia began the day on 13 for 2 with nightwatch Nathan Lyon batting alongside Usman Khawaja. Lyon was the

first to fall on the third day, but not before making a valuable 41 off 46. That effort would go on to be the best of Australia's second innings line-up as the middle-order succumbed to the off-spin of Glenn Phillips. Phillips kick-started his fifer with a full, tossed up delivery outside the off-stump to Usman Khawaja and lured him out to get him stumped. Australia rebuilt quickly through Cameron Green and Travis Head but their alliance too was broken by Phillips. While looking to establish his dominance in the tussle against Phillips, Head took a risk that didn't pay off, as Scott Kuggeleijn moved to his right from long off to settle under a catch. Phillips then saw the back off Mitchell Marsh on the very next



ball, getting him caught at short leg for a golden duck.

Tim Southee gave his

and stationed himself at short cover. There were dividends to that move as Alex Carey fell for a tossed up full ball and

drove it straight to the New Zealand captain to become Phillips's fourth victim. It was down to Will Young's excellent

reflexes at short leg that Phillips completed his fifer - sending the first-innings centurion Green packing for 34. Australia

folded for 164, and yet set New Zealand a mammoth target on the basis of their first-innings advantage.

The Australia bowlers then proceeded to rattle New Zealand further by running through their top-order. Spin continued to be the currency as Nathan Lyon, who was brought on in the fifth over, struck right away to remove Tom Latham. Shortly after Tea, Lyon made a sizeable dent with the prized wicket of Kane Williamson, getting him caught at leg slip. Australia could smell blood and were razor sharp on the field in their quest to make further inroads. Travis Head provided the next, although it was more down to a one-handed stunning catch from Steve Smith at first slip that led to the dismissal

of Will Young who had slowly but steadily grown into the innings till that stage.

In the company of Daryl Mitchell - New Zealand's crisis man, Rachin Ravindra scored a stubborn half-century and dragged the hosts to stumps without further damage. This however, will need to be kept up for longer periods on Day 4 with New Zealand still having a steep mountain to climb in chase.

Brief Scores: New Zealand 179 (Glenn Phillips 71; Nathan Lyon 4-43) & 111/3 (Rachin Ravindra 56*; Nathan Lyon 2-27) trail Australia 383 (Cameron Green 174*; Matt Henry 5-70) & 164 (Nathan Lyon 41; Glenn Phillips 5-45) & 164 (Nathan Lyon 41; Glenn Phillips 5-45) by 258 runs

SRH eye new bowling coach as Steyn seeks break

NEWDELHI: Dale Steyn will not be a part of the SunRisers Hyderabad coaching team for the upcoming season of the Indian Premier League (IPL). Cricbuzz has learnt that the South African pace legend has requested permission to take a break from the IPL duties this year. He is expected to return next season, pending all necessary arrangements and requirements.

The 40-year-old pacer, who had played 93 Tests, 125 ODIs, and 47 T20Is in an illustrious career, is said to have informed the franchise management about his unavailability this year. The franchise has initiated the search for a new bowling coach, with an announcement anticipated soon.

The onus of appointing a new bowling coach for the side now falls to coach Daniel Vettori, who is believed to be



looking for a suitable candidate. However, the former New Zealand skipper did not respond to inquiries regarding this matter. Steyn too did not respond to messages from this website.

As a player, Steyn had played for both Deccan Chargers (now defunct) and Sunrisers Hyderabad. After a brief stint with the Royal

Challengers Bangalore, he returned to Hyderabad in the capacity of a bowling coach in 2022. He is credited with playing a significant role in the development of Umran Malik from a rookie pacer to an international bowler. Umran recently earned a fast bowler contract from the Board of Control for Cricket in

India (BCCI). Meanwhile, the franchise is expected to announce Pat Cummins as the new skipper for the upcoming season. The Australia captain was acquired for Rs 20.5 crore in the last auction in Dubai and is highly regarded as an international captain. The change was expected for quite some time since Cummins is highly

respected in international cricket. The fact that Cummins works with franchise head coach Vettori in the Australian national team also increases his chances to be appointed as the skipper. Aiden Markram led the side in the last two IPL seasons but without significant success. Despite this, Markram's successful leadership of SunRisers Eastern Cape, a subsidiary of the franchise, during the first two seasons of the SA20, bolsters his credentials. Cummins too has not done much in the IPL. However, his illustrious achievements at the international level, including his contributions to Australia's triumph in the World Test Championship (WTC) and World Cup, both at the expense of the Indian team, may ultimately influence the decision of the management to place faith in his leadership.



NEWDELHI: Lucknow Super Giants have brought in Lance Klusener as assistant coach for the upcoming season of IPL. Klusener joins the backroom staff that will be helmed by head coach Justin Langer. The former South Africa allrounder is the head coach at LSG's SA20 side, Durban Super Giants

who made it to the final in the just-concluded season. Klusener already has IPL coaching experience, having been part of the coaching staff at Mumbai Indians and Delhi Capitals. Klusener was also the head coach of Guyana Amazon Warriors in 2023, when they won their maiden CPL title.

He has even had a coaching gig at the Bangladesh Premier League, with Rajshahi Kings as well as the Lyca Kovai Kings in the Tamil Nadu Premier League. In the international circuit, Klusener has had stints with Afghanistan as head coach while also coaching Zimbabwe and South Africa in different capacities.

For me to return, lot of things have to be right: Tamim Iqbal on national side comeback

DHAKA: Former Bangladesh captain Tamim Iqbal insisted that lot of things need to be in the right order for him to make a comeback in the national set-up. Tamim played a crucial role with the bat and led from the front to help Fortune Barishal earn their maiden Bangladesh Premier League T20 tournament title as they defeated four-time winners Comilla Victorians by six wickets at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium on Friday.

Bangladesh cricket had gone through a lot of changes during the last one year since Tamim unretired a day after

retiring but eventually decided not to make himself available for the ICC World Cup.

Tamim, who asked the board not to keep him in the national contract, was expected to sit down with BCB president Nazmul Hasan to give a clear picture about his international career but that is on hold for the moment.

"I would like to say one thing clearly. For me to come back, a lot of things have to be right otherwise there's no point for me to just come back and play," Tamim said.

"I am at a stage of my career where I would probably play for another

two years. So I need to tell them such things and since I did not have a final talk with them, it won't be appropriate for me to comment here," he said.

"I haven't spoken with him (new chief selector) yet. I was in communication with Jalal bhai (Jalal Yunus). I was available for a talk but unfortunately, we didn't get the opportunity. I will be travelling abroad tomorrow morning and hopefully after I return, we will sit," he said.

Tamim, who was the highest run getter in the tournament with 492 runs in 15 matches that also helped him to get the man-of-the-tournament

award, added that he was not looking to prove anything to anyone as it would have put unnecessary pressure on his shoulder.

"During my international career I have gone through lots of ups and downs and there were times when there was lot of talks like whether I will

be in the team or not and I wanted to prove people wrong and actually by trying to do that I learnt that I was building pressure on myself.

"From cricket the most important thing that I learnt is that whenever I tried to do that (trying to prove something to someone), I put pressure on myself and

I didn't understand it. In the next match, when I was going to bat, I was full of pressure. There were also times when the same talks were there and I didn't take it seriously. This is the learning from 17 years of my career and I just tried to do it this time. I know if I didn't score there would be lot of talks but that's fine we had a fantastic environment to take care of it," he said.

"Look if I was thinking that I need to give an answer in that case I might not have done it (becoming the leading run-getter of BPL this year). Whatever I have done is there for everyone to see," he said. "What I wanted was to create a very good team

part and they were happy for each other," he added.

"Certainly winning a trophy is great but this time there was a different challenge like there were young cricketers like Soumya or Miraj and there were senior cricketers like Riyad(Mahmudullah) bhai and Mushfiq (Mushfiqur Rahim). They have served this nation for a long time but they didn't get the trophy, so I had this wish that if Allah gave us this trophy, I would dedicate it to them," he said, and went on to praise Mushfiq's hands-on approach.

