

Mercury likely to soar past 40 degree Celsius in Odisha over next four-five days: IMD

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The India Meteorological Department (IMD) Friday forecast hot and humid weather conditions in Odisha over the next four to five days, with the mercury likely to soar to 40 degrees Celsius.

The Met department, in a statement, said that due to prevailing dry weather conditions in major parts of the state and high solar insolation, the maximum temperature is likely to increase by two degrees Celsius at a few places in interior Odisha over the next two days, and there would be no major change thereafter.

"Consequently, the maximum temperature is likely to remain between 38 and 40 degrees Celsius at many places in interior Odisha and between 36 and 38 degrees Celsius in coastal Odisha over the next four to five days," it



said.

The IMD stated that the minimum temperature may also rise by 2-3 degrees Celsius over the next four to five days at many places in the state. "It is likely to remain between 24 and 26 degrees Celsius in most parts of coastal districts and between 21 and 23 degrees Celsius in interior districts of Odisha," weather scientist Umashankar Dash said. He said the IMD has issued an advisory for people to take precautionary measures while going outside during the daytime.

For the first time this

summer, the mercury has soared to 40 degrees Celsius in Titilagarh, Bolangir, Boudh, Bhawanipatna and Nayagarh towns. Besides, Talcher recorded 39.8 degrees Celsius, followed by Phulbani (39.2), Jharsuguda and Angul (39.1) and Nabarangpur (39). Bhubaneswar recorded a temperature of 37.4 degrees Celsius, while it was 37.5 degrees Celsius at Cuttack. Meanwhile, the IMD has also issued a 'yellow warning' (be updated), predicting thunderstorms with lightning at one or two places in

Senior Odisha Police official threatening leaders to stay with BJD: Pradeep Panigrahi

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Bharatiya Janata Party's candidate for the Berhampur Lok Sabha seat, Pradeep Panigrahi on Friday brought serious allegations against government officials and a former IG, alleging they are creating an atmosphere of fear and intimidation.

"During my two days of stay in Ganjam, I came to know that a former IG has been threatening voters of different constituencies. He is asking them to be with the BJD. He is also threatening leaders, workers and contractors," said Panigrahi.

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Ganjam, Panigrahi trained his gun at the BJD-led government and said some influential government officers are acting like ruling party's workers. "Some senior officers of the district are posted here (Berhampur) and they work for the party. After the election, they are transferred," said Panigrahi, who was expelled from the BJD and later joined the BJP. Meanwhile, the Congress too joined the BJP in

accusing the BJD of using government officers for its own purpose.

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"I feel a sense of relaxation that comes naturally to me. I find my inner peace through a spiritual practice instilled in me by my teachers, which energises me greatly," PM Modi said. The Prime Minister said that his commitment to his mission keeps him going.

"This energy doesn't come from physical strength, but from my dedication and my emotional connection to the mission at hand. My commitment to my mission keeps me going. My body is now trained



to what I do. For example, I can work late into the night and wake up early morning. I don't have to make an extra effort to relax, it happens on autopilot," PM Modi said.

Recalling his days in the Himalayas, PM Modi said that he used to follow the

tradition of bathing in the "Brahma Muhurat." "In the Himalayas, I followed the tradition of bathing in the Brahma Muhurat which is between 3:20 am and 3:40 am. These things have conditioned my body over time. I don't

methods to relax but this also means I lack engagement another activities outside my work," PM Modi told Gates.

In an interaction with Bill Gates, Prime Minister Modi talked about India's culture of recycling waste and said the half-

Odisha MLA
Sukanta Kumar
Nayak quits BJP

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The devotees entering Srimandir through the Western gate had a harrowing experience on Friday as some servitors allegedly violated the entry rules and took some West Bengal visitors along with them through the gate.

Of the four gates of the Puri Jagannath temple, while devotees enter the shrine through the Lion's Gate (Singha Dwar), the Western gate is open only for Puri residents.

"I do hereby tender my resignation today (i.e 29.03.2024) from the primary membership of the Bharatiya Janata Party," he said.

However, Nayak, who is considered a powerful leader of the Balasore district, has not given any reason for his sudden decision to snap all ties with the BJP.

"Today I resigned from the primary membership of the Bharatiya Janata Party and will soon hold discussions with our members to decide the future course of action.

Puri Srimandir 'entry rules flouted', devotees suffer in heat



According to local residents, on several occasions, outsiders are being allowed into the shrine through the Western Gate by flouting the rule.

A devotee from Balasore alleged that the servitors and policemen deployed at the gate are in cahoots.

"We are seven members and we entered the shrine by paying Rs 700. First, a servitor approached us and demanded Rs 200 per person. Then another servitor came and asked for Rs 100 per person. With no other option, we coughed up Rs 700 and went into the shrine,"

Odisha has seen massive development under Naveen Patnaik: Dilip Tirkey

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Former Indian hockey team captain Dilip Tirkey, who has been fielded in Sundargarh Lok Sabha seat by the BJD, asserted that Odisha has witnessed massive development under Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik.

In an interview with PTI

Video, the former Rajya Sabha MP, who lost to BJP heavyweight Jual Oram in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, thanked Patnaik for reposing faith in him once again.

"Odisha has seen a lot of development under CM Naveen Patnaik.



There has been a huge transformation in the health and education sectors. Many have benefitted from health schemes of the state government," he said. In the area of sports, the world's largest hockey stadium, the Birsa Munda Stadium, has been constructed in Sundargarh district and a World Cup was successfully organised in it last year, Tirkey, the Hockey India president, said.

Besides, 70 astro turfs have been built in Sundargarh and coaching programmes have started

and hope that the result in Sundargarh Lok Sabha seat will be our side," he said.

On how he would manage both hockey and politics, Tirkey said, "Hockey is my passion and has taught me many things. Today, whatever I am is because of hockey. On earlier occasions too, MPs and MLAs have held posts in national bodies. I am involved in the development of hockey at the grassroots level. We also working on organising a women's hockey league for the first time."

Bill Gates Asks PM Modi What He Does To Relax. He Says "Happens On Autopilot"



jacket he was wearing was made of recycled material with a speciality that it had been made using spare cloth pieces at tailors' shops and also using recycled plastic bottles.

"Recycling and Reusing are inherent to our nature. This jacket is made from recycled material. Even this has speciality. There are waste cloth pieces at tailor's shop, all this waste material has been collected. It has been made of old clothes and thirty to forty percent waste plastic bottles have been used and all this has been recycled to make the cloth (for the jacket)," PM Modi said.

In a 45-minute interaction, PM Modi and Gates spoke to each other on several topics including Artificial Intelligence, technology, Statue of Unity and more.

"When Government Changes...": Rahul Gandhi After 1,800 Crore Tax Notice



New Delhi(KCN): Congress leader Rahul Gandhi today promised the party will take exemplary action against those who have destroyed democracy - "when the government changes" - after the party received a ? 1,800 crore income tax notice which it called "tax terrorism".

The fresh tax notice is for the assessment years 2017-18 to 2020-21, and includes penalty and interest. "When the government changes, action will definitely be taken against those who are destroying democracy. And the

the best of the BJP. The Congress is preparing to fight a long legal war to scrap the tax demands. Congress leader Ajay Maken said the BJP has in the past few years got donations from thousands of people, and their income tax should also be calculated. Congress General Secretary Jairam Ramesh told reporters the BJP is also in serious violation of income tax laws, and requested the tax department to raise a demand of ? 4,617.58 crore from the BJP.

Congress treasurer Ajay Maken said political parties have to fill up Form 24A, in which two basic and important pieces of information have to be given -- the names and addresses of donors. "We have analysed all the submissions of the BJP to the Election Commission. The party has faltered every year," Mr Maken alleged.

National Seminar at CUO Explores Economic and Management Challenges for India to become a developed country by 2047

Koraput,(KCN):The Central University of Odisha recently hosted a two-day National Seminar titled "Viksit Bharat @ 2047: Economic and Management Challenges," organized by the Department of Business Management. The seminar concluded successfully with a valedictory programme on March 28, 2024.

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, extended his best wishes and congratulations to Dr. Padma Charan Mishra, Head of the Department of Business Management and Dr. Prasant Kumar Behera, Assistant Professor of Economics and Organizing Secretary, along with Dr. Subash Chandra Pattnaik, Coordinator of DBM, and the entire organizing team for their commendable efforts. Prof. Tripathi appreciated the creativity

and event management skills displayed by the MBA students and assured continued support for organizing similar events in the future, aiding students in academic excellence and placement opportunities. Dignitaries such as Shri Sanjeev Kumar, Retired Executive Director (Corporate Services) of MECON Ltd, Ranchi; Prof. Irala Lokananda Reddy from University of Hyderabad; Prof. Pabitra Kumar Mishra from Central University of Punjab; Dr. Manoranjan Biswas, Executive Director, MECON Ltd, Jagdalpur, along with Dr. Padma Charan Mishra and Dr. Prasant Kumar Behera, graced the valedictory programme. The seminar featured two technical sessions where over 70 papers



were presented by faculty members and research scholars from CUO and various institutes across the nation, both physically and virtually. Additionally, six theme-based sessions were conducted by distinguished speakers covering a range of topics related to the seminar theme.

These sessions included lectures on "Arrow has Left the Bow: Challenge is Hitting the Target," "Harnessing Technology for Viksit Bharat," and "Organized Labour: Touchstone for Industrial and National Progression" were delivered by Prof Pabitra Kumar Mishra, Prof Irala Lokananda Reddy and

Dr. Manoranjan Biswas respectively. Prof Bidhu Bhusan Mishra, Vice-Chancellor, Sambalpur University delivered a lecture on "Viksit Bharat @2047: Economic Implications" on the first day of the Seminar. Prof. Narayana Sethi, Professor and Head, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, NIT Rourkela

delivered a lecture on "India's Aspirations for Five Trillion Economy: Dream or Reality? "through online mode. A panel discussion was also conducted, where speakers and students engaged in brainstorming sessions on the concept of Viksit Bharat @ 2047. During the seminar, a book titled "Compendium of Management Research and Cases" edited by Dr. Prasant Kumar Behera, Dr. Subash Chandra Pattnaik and Dr. Sitanath Raiguru was released by the Vice-chancellor. Certificates were awarded to presenters and distinguished speakers were felicitated. A placement brochure was also unveiled. Dr.

Prasant Kumar Behera presented the seminar report, while Dr. Padma Charan Mishra provided an overview of the experts' talks and panel discussion sessions, and Dr. Subash Chandra Pattnaik proposed the vote of thanks. Ms. Pritinanda Sahoo hosted the programme. Dr Sitanath Raiguru, Mr Srinivas Rao K and Mr Nitin Kumar Hotha, faculty members of the Department played proactive roles in managing the programme smoothly. The programme witnessed active participation from faculty members and students within and outside the University.

Writer Subhasmita honored with international Kalki Gaurav Award 2024.

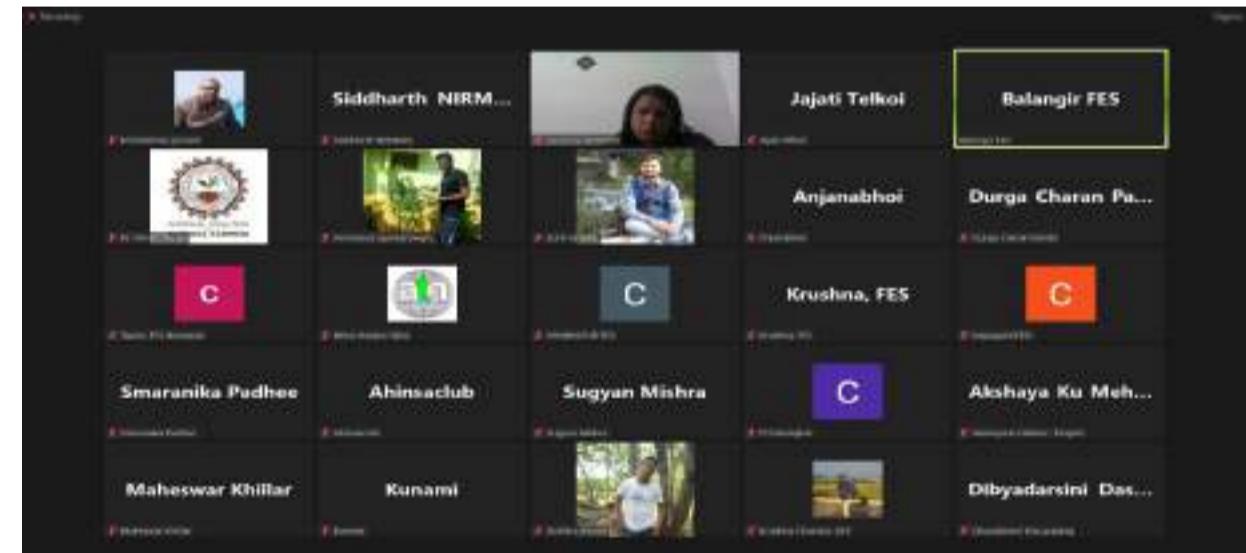
Bhubaneswar(KCN):- Odisha writer Subhasmita Mohabhoi has been awarded the Kalki Gaurav Samman for the year 2024 by Kalki News and Kalki Foundation Trust, Noida (Uttar Pradesh) for his remarkable contribution in the works of society and country. Let us tell that Subhasmita Mohabhoi is known for his hard work and

honest image in the Writer, Literature in writing of Odia Poems & Stories. Varun Rastogi, founder of Kalki Foundation Trust,



told that writer Subhasmita Mohabhoi is an inspiration for all of us. Along with this, we have been honoring the personalities who have played an important role in nation building with the prestigious Kalki Gaurav Samman for the past several years. The aim of the organization is to increase the feeling of patriotism among the countrymen.

Webinar on Organic Haat Organised by NCNF, Odisha



Bhubaneswar,(KCN):A webinar on promotion of organic/ naturally produced products through organic haat corners was organised by the National Coalition for Natural Farming-Odisha chapter on virtual mode. Mrs. Arunima Swain from NIRMAL moderated the webinar and spoke about the importance of the said webinar.

Mr. Nirmal joined as chief speaker and elaborately discussed the need of sustainable agriculture or natural farming. He discussed about the organic haat protocol which is developed by FES. He mentioned, from Gram Panchayats to women SHG federations and from local farmers to media persons, there is huge support for organic

haat initiatives. Consumers are now sensitised, they value organic products & our agenda is to promote local products in local markets. The farmers themselves should eat safe food which is produced by them, Mr. Nirmal remarked. Mr. Siba Prasad Sahoo explained about his experiences from Ahinsa Club and discussed various challenges for the promotion of such organic haat. Dr. N.K. Mahakud and Mr. Sushil Kumar Dash from SEWA mentioned the idea of promoting chemical free products through rural marts. Mr. Ekadashi Nandi, discussed various certification processes used for natural/organic farming.

Mr. Maheswar Khillar has discussed various steps taken by Kitchen Gardener's Association for the promotion of organic products produced by city farmers. All the members of N C N F - O d i s h a unanimously decided to initiate awareness campaigns pan-Odisha with the call "we will neither eat nor feed poisonous food. NCNF Odisha has decided to create grassroots level awareness among people for safe food. More farmers will be connected to adopt natural farming for the greater cause of health and environment. Rural daily & weekly markets/ haat will be connected, Gram Panchayats, Women

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How to Preparing for professional entrance exam

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Entrance Test (NEET), Common Admission Test (CAT) and Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) are some popular entrance exams for admission to undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral courses in various fields.

These exams test students' academic prowess and evaluate their ability to handle pressure and time management skills.

The primary reason for the competitiveness of these entrance exams is the limited number of seats available in top-tier colleges and universities. Students unable to secure admission to these institutions have limited options, which can be a significant setback for their future career prospects.

The lack of quality education and opportunities in many parts of the country adds to the competitiveness. As a result, students from less privileged backgrounds have to work harder to compete with their more privileged counterparts.

Tips and strategies

Time management: This is crucial for success. Students should make a study schedule and stick to it. Allocate time for each subject and topic and study accordingly.

Self-discipline: These exams require discipline and dedication. Set realistic goals and work towards achieving them.



Avoid distractions and focus on your studies.

Regular practice: This is essential for success in these exams. Solve as many practice questions and previous year's papers as possible. This will help you understand the exam pattern and improve your problem-solving skills.

Seeking guidance from mentors: Mentors can provide guidance and advice to students.

Students should seek the help of their teachers, coaching centres, or online tutors if they face

difficulties in their studies.

Online study materials: These are easily accessible and can be an excellent resource for students. They can refer to online study materials for revision and practice questions, watch online videos and lectures to understand complex concepts.

Coaching centres: Coaching centres can provide a structured learning environment and help students prepare for the exams effectively. They can provide guidance, study materials, and mock tests to help students perform well in the exams.

Mock tests: Mock tests are an essential tool for exam preparation. Students should take mock tests regularly to assess their preparation level and identify areas of improvement. They should analyse their performance and work towards improving their weaknesses.

Stress and anxiety: Preparing for competitive exams can lead to high stress and anxiety among students. This can affect

their performance and lead to burnout. Students should take regular breaks, practise mindfulness and engage in physical activities such as yoga or meditation.

Lack of motivation: Preparing for competitive exams requires hard work and dedication amid a lack of motivation sometimes.

Set achievable goals, reward

themselves for small

successes, and remind

yourself of long-term

goals.

Health issues: Long hours of sitting and studying can lead to various health problems, such as back pain, eye strain and insomnia. Students should maintain a healthy lifestyle by eating a balanced diet, exercising regularly, and taking breaks frequently. 'National Test Abhyas' is a mobile application launched by the Ministry of Education to provide free online practice tests for students preparing for competitive exams like JEE Main, NEET and other engineering and medical entrance exams. Students can use this.

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important aspect of teenage life is education. For many teenagers, this is the time when they begin to think about their future careers. They start to think about what kind of job they want to have and what kind of life they want to lead. Education is important for teenagers so that they can make informed choices about their future. Relationships are another big part of teenage life. Whether it is with friends, family, or romantic partners, relationships are a central part of most teens' lives. Teenagers need to learn how to communicate effectively, how to resolve conflict, and how to build strong and healthy relationships. Finally, teenagers need to learn how to make responsible decisions. This includes things like choosing not to engage in risky behavior, such as drinking or using drugs. It also means learning how to manage money and other resources responsibly. Making good decisions now can help teenagers set themselves up for success in the future.

The life of a teenager seems to change daily. Constantly exposed to new ideas, social situations and people, teenagers work to develop their personalities and interests during this time of great change. Before their teenage years, these adolescents focused on school, play, and gaining approval from their parents. The teenage years can be both enjoyable and challenging. By learning how to take care of themselves, getting a good education, building strong relationships, and making responsible decisions, teenagers can set themselves up for a bright future.

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themselves in selfless service.

The individual, society and the world - all the three are inextricably inter-connected. The individual's welfare is dependent on the state of the nation. Everyone should strive to develop his spiritual qualities and utilise them for

promoting the interests of the community and the country. Service to society should become the constant concern of the individual. There is no greater quality in man than selfless love, which expresses itself in service to others. Such love can be the source of real bliss. The relationship between karma and karmayoga should be properly understood.

Ordinary karma done with attachment or desires causes bondage. But desireless, selfless action becomes karmayoga. Our life should become a yoga rather than a 'rog'a'. Today most of our actions result in 'rog'a' because they are related to sensuous pleasures.

Freedom from this disease can be obtained by pursuing the spiritual path. The spiritual path does not consist merely in singing bhajans or reciting hymns. These are good deeds. Only actions performed as a complete offering to the Divine can be regarded as spiritual. The man who is in a state of ignorance about the Self is like the bud of a flower that has not yet

blossomed. When the flower blossoms, it sheds its fragrance all round. Likewise, the man who has realised the Divinity within him becomes a source of light and strength.

There is nothing greater than this love. If we follow this path, we will also derive this ineffable ananda. We will realise peace of every kind. Look with an equal mind on good fortune and misfortune, on happiness and sorrow, loss and gain. These are products of nature like heat and cold, summer and winter. They have their purposes to serve. Similarly the ups and downs of life have lessons to teach us. In fact, without reverses in life, we shall not be able to experience Divinity. Without darkness, we cannot value light. Without experiencing difficulties, we will not enjoy benefits. It is the lack of peace of mind which compels us to seek the means to realise enduring peace. The Upanishads have declared that through renunciation alone is immortality to be attained. Men should learn to practise renunciation so that they may discover the secret of enduring peace and bliss.

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Liver Cancer : A Life-Threatening Illness

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idea of what increases someone's risk of developing liver cancer. With that in mind, healthcare providers are intent on identifying who may be at increased risk so they can catch and treat primary liver cancer as early as possible.

No, it's not common, but liver cancer cases are steadily increasing. Healthcare

cases. Angiosarcoma: This type is very rare, representing about 1% of all primary liver cancer cases. This cancer begins in the lining of blood cells in your liver.

Your liver is the largest organ in your body, helping you digest your food. It's also one of the most important organs, as no one can live without their liver. Some of the

affects healthy liver cells' DNA. DNA carries the genes that tell our cells how to function. We all have genes that tell cells when to grow, multiply and die. For example, oncogenes help cells grow and divide. Other genes, called tumor suppressor genes, monitor cell activity, keeping cells from multiplying uncontrollably and making sure cells die

Several types of cancer can form in the liver. The most common type of liver cancer is hepatocellular carcinoma, which begins in the main type of liver cell (hepatocyte). Other types of liver cancer, such as intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma and hepatoblastoma, are much less common.

Primary liver cancer is a life-threatening illness and one of the fastest growing cancer types. Most primary liver cancer is cancer in your liver and cancer in bile ducts in your liver. Both cancer types have common causes, risk factors, symptoms and treatments. Like many kinds of cancer, healthcare providers can do more to treat liver cancer during the disease's early stage. Unlike many kinds of cancer, healthcare providers have a good

providers estimate about 1% of all men and women in the United States will be diagnosed with a form of liver cancer during their lifetime.

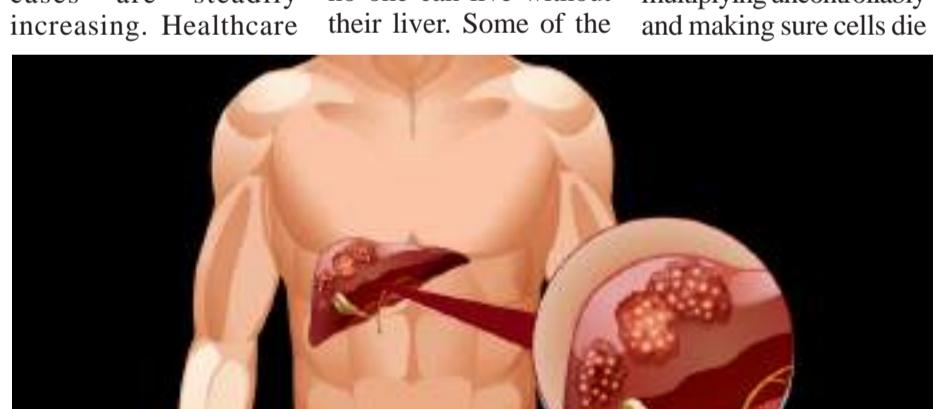
There are three kinds of primary liver cancer: Hepatocellular carcinoma : This is the most common form of liver cancer, representing nearly all liver cancer cases. Intrahepatic cancer : This is a form of cholangiocarcinoma. IHC is cancer in your liver's bile ducts. It represents about 10% to 20% of all primary liver cancer

essential tasks your liver manages include: Collects and filters blood flowing from your intestines, Processes and stores nutrients that your intestines absorb, Changes some nutrients into energy or substances that your body needs to build tissue, Makes bile, a fluid that helps digest fat, Digests and stores other nutrients from food like sugar, which makes energy, Makes substances that help your blood to clot.

Liver cancer happens when something

when they're supposed to die. When liver cancer is in its early stages, you might have no symptoms at all. Hepatocellular carcinoma and intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma have similar symptoms: A lump below your rib cage or pain on the right side of your abdomen, or pain near your right shoulder. Jaundice (a disease that causes skin and eyes to yellow). Unexplained weight loss, nausea, or loss of appetite. Fatigue. Dark-colored urine.

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Why did Lawyers Write A Letter against Lawyers?

-Lalit Garg-



condemned. There is also a question: why did the lawyers have to write letters against the lawyers?

The concern of 600 lawyers against these dangerous and anti-national attempts to influence the judiciary is not unwarranted. This awareness of lawyers has become necessary for the prestige and fairness of the justice process. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appreciated this meaningful and relevant effort of the lawyers. He said that intimidating and threatening others is the old Congress culture. Five decades ago, the Prime Minister said he had called for a committed judiciary - they shamelessly seek commitment from others for their self-interests but avoid any commitment towards the nation. No wonder 140 crore Indians are rejecting him. This is the sacred responsibility of the judicial fraternity of our nation and all the lawyers take an oath in the witness of God and the soul to fulfill this responsibility with devotion and honesty. But for the past few years we have been seeing that a certain section of our lawyers are ignoring the sanctity and dignity of the Indian judicial process. The big reason for concern is that this group is creating such pressure in its favor, which is creating a threat to the integrity



of the judiciary. But in the last two decades, more responsibility, awareness and sensitivity have been seen among the judges and they have not accepted to bow down to any economic or political pressure in the interest of the country. Since independence, a special kind of group of lawyers has developed in our country, which has been getting the protection and encouragement of the ruling parties. They have become adept at covering up crimes and saving hardened criminals and political criminals facing serious charges and are earning huge sums of money and holding big positions in politics. Such big lawyers often appear in the cases of big people and politicians and the income disparity among lawyers also shows that politically and

economically capable people have more chances of getting justice than the common people. The law and order system becoming expensive for the general public and the hopelessness of fair justice also stems from such selfish lawyers. This big discrepancy and irony has also encouraged crime in politics. Due to this, the profession of lawyers has become controversial and the credibility of the judicial process has also been questioned. The question is, why did the lawyers feel the need to write such a letter? Because these days some politicians are standing in the dock and a special group of lawyers is active to save them, who, while trying to cover up the truth, work in various ways to save the so-called criminals in political

interest. Such selfish lawyers, in a special way, create false stories of the so-called better past and the golden era of the courts, comparing it with what is happening in the present. These are nothing but deliberate statements made to influence court decisions and to embarrass the courts for some political gain. It is disturbing to see that some lawyers defend politicians during the day and then try to influence judges through the media at night. The statement by such self-serving lawyers that it was easy to influence the courts in the past shakes public confidence in them. That is why there was a need for the lawyers to write a letter to the other side. There is no political purpose in writing such a letter, but there is a moral and national urge. In this letter, the

Supreme Court has been requested to take strict and concrete steps to protect our courts from such attacks. Lawyers expressed concern that 'special groups' were trying to obstruct the proceedings of the courts. Especially efforts are being made to create obstacles on those issues which are related to politicians and political parties. Such tactics are damaging our courts and endangering our democratic structure. The lawyers allege that their actions are spoiling the atmosphere of nationalism, development, trust and harmony, which is the fundamental characteristic of the functioning of the judiciary.

In the letter, the lawyers have called for a united, equitable, impartial stand in support of the

judiciary to ensure that the judiciary remains a strong pillar of democracy. Certainly, judges should behave equally in front of well-known lawyers or powerful accused, without any political bias or prejudice and our judges do the same. Still, there remains scope for complaint and if some lawyers together feel the need to write such letters, then it only shows the country's awareness and loyalty towards the country. Such letters cannot be criticized, such letters are tools to control the corrupt winds of politics. Such letters demand more awareness and sensitivity especially from the judges. If something goes against the values and standards anywhere in the society, in any part of the country, then we should not remain neutral thinking what should we do? Remaining silent after seeing something wrong is also a crime. Therefore, there should be no escape from evils and inconsistencies; there should be refinement of them. This letter of the lawyers is indicative of such sophistication which is required to maintain democracy as well as the well-established Constitution.

Another group of lawyers has become active against the group of lawyers who wrote the

letter, it is natural for them to be active because their wrong intentions have been thwarted along with their huge earnings. The mutual allegations and counter-allegations between the two groups of lawyers are also quite serious and sad. In the election season, this is an issue on which debate may continue for some days to come. The matter is really serious. Keep in mind, the letter of 600 lawyers also raises concerns about the fabricated theory of bench fixing, whereby attempts to influence the composition of judicial benches and question the integrity of judges is perhaps not new. In such a situation, it must be said that the dignity of any pillar or constitutional institution in the country should not be tarnished. The platforms that provide justice to the public should not be clouded by injustice, selfishness and demands. As a people working to uphold the Constitution while building a New India and a Strong India, it is time for our courts to stand up and keep a strong guard against attempts to blur its existence and identity.

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FORLORN HUMANITY

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Human civilization has entered 21st century having struggled for existence since prehistoric periods. Truly, speaking, modern civilized human beings have become machines that hearts are devoid of values. Jealousy, hatred, ill will and indifference have banished virtues like kindness, love, fortitude and forbearance from hearts. As a result, arrogance and imperialism is ruling the roost. The weak are overpowered by the so called powerful. Exploitation and hunger for power, self and glory is leading to a chaotic world and survival of human beings is next to impossible. Sometimes the builders of the nation are helpless to protect the interest of mankind, and

sometimes the leaders are shedding crocodile tears. It's evident that humanity is thrown into the air and the crafty politicians and leaders are taking the advantage of gullibility of common folk. War has become the go of the world, and violence and bloodshed is experienced in every nook and corner of the world.

The Britishers came to India and established The East India Company with a view to setting up trade and commerce. Gradually, they took the reins into their hands taking the disunity of Indians. They not only weakened the unity of Indians having adopted 'Divide and Rule' policy, but also suppressed the self confidence of the proud nation when he himself was

living in luxury. When the Roman Empire was set to fire, the Roman emperor Nero was busy in playing the violin sitting on the top floor of the palace. In fact, he was a self-styled emperor and was so pompous that he was quite indifferent to the subjects of his kingdom. He compelled his relatives and courtiers to witness his acting in the plays he acted. Even the France emperor Louis 14TH was drunk with power and always proclaimed "I am the state and my word is law". History has witnessed that people experienced severe drought even during the reign of Nicholas-II in the period of czars. He passed the orders to fire the bullets on the hungry and starving people of his country

when he himself was

What would happen if China joins the world war. The same violence and bloodshed is also being repeated even in the 21st century. The war between Ukraine and Russia and Israel - Palestine has created an equally abominable massacre of the 20th century. One thing is clear that 3rd world war is imminent. If the third world war takes place, the entire mankind will be depleted. It seems as if Israel has taken a vow to destroy Hamas. The war having started on 7 October has come to no end. The countries empowered by nuclear weapons should not forget that destruction of all the weak and politically unstable countries will lead to the destruction of humanity. The way USA is supporting Ukraine, that the bombardment on China cannot be ignored.

The most shocking incident is that 11550 were killed in Palestine war, out of which 4700 were children. So war should come to a full stop. Initiatives should be taken from every quarter across the globe to end the war, or else only global catastrophe can be avoided. There are more than 100 members in the global south bodies

and all should aim for peace and universal brotherhood. 'Vasudeva Kutumbakam' is the only panacea for today's world. War is never solution to the peace rather love and amicable understanding among the countries will bring the desired results.

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Letter to Editor

Dear Sir/Ma'am

Stimac unacceptable

During the FIFA World Cup Qualifiers held in Guwahati, the Indian football team encountered a disheartening setback, enduring a demoralizing 1-2 defeat against Afghanistan. This loss marks the first defeat to Afghanistan in over 15 years, highlighting the struggles of Afghan football, despite being underdogs. It signifies a new low for Indian football, illuminating the pervasive challenges the sport faces within the country.

Igor Stimac's poor team management and coaching are the main reasons one can ask for his dismissal. Even Sparking widespread criticism across the country makes one completely understandable that Stimac's performance is unacceptable. Additionally, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) administrators are also held accountable for the dismal state of Indian football.

Vijaykumar H K Raichur



The Vice President of India and Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar paying floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) campus, in New Delhi

Opposition Finalises Seat-Sharing In Bihar, 1 Constituency To See Friendly Fight



New Delhi(KCN): After some consternation over the Rashtriya Janata Dal unilaterally announcing the names of candidates for the four constituencies going to polls in the first phase, the opposition Mahagathbandhan, or Grand Alliance, in Bihar has finalised seat-sharing for the Lok Sabha elections. One constituency will still, however, witness a friendly fight between Lalu Yadav's RJD and the Congress, who are also allies in the INDIA bloc. The RJD, which had not won a single seat in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, will contest from 26 of Bihar's 40 seats while

the Congress has got nine and the Left parties have been left with five - three for the CPIML and one each for CPI and CPM. Seat-sharing talks, which were expected to be much easier since Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal United returned to the NDA fold, turned out to be protracted, but a resolution has finally been achieved. At a press conference on Friday, RJD Rajya Sabha MP Manoj Jha, who was flanked by leaders from the Congress and other parties, said, "We have arrived at a unanimous decision and we will win". Experts said, however, that the Congress has

not been able to drive a hard bargain, as is evidenced by seats like Purnea, Supaul and Madhepura going in the RJD's kitty. Jan Adhikar Party (Loktantrik) chief Pappu Yadav had merged his party with the Congress last week and was slated to be nominated from the Purnea Seat, while his wife Ranjeet Ranjan won from the Supaul seat in 2014 as a Congress candidate and had contested from there in 2019. NDTV spoke to Mr Yadav, who has said that he will be filing his nomination as a Congress candidate from Purnea, and the RJD has all but finalised new

campaigning ends 48 hours before polling day). Organise yourselves well, connect with the voters, highlight our achievements and hold tiffin or lunch meetings amongst you to discuss the next step," the prime minister said. Referring to the government's focus on women-led development, Modi sought to know from a party worker the schemes that have been the most liked and talked about by women. The PM expressed happiness that the party worker has been working at the grassroots level. A woman participant from Tiruvarur spoke specifically about schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana

BJP Candidate Against Rahul Gandhi In Wayanad Has 242 Cases Against Him

Kochi, Kerala(KCN): BJP state chief K Surendran, who is also the NDA candidate pitted against Congress MP Rahul Gandhi in Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency, has 242 criminal cases against him.

As part of the statutory requirements, Surendran had recently published the details of his cases in the party mouthpiece which ran for three full pages. Similarly, the saffron party's Ernakulam constituency candidate K S Radhakrishnan has around 211 cases against him.

"Most of the cases are

related to Sabarimala protests which were held in 2018. Most of the cases are in court. When party leaders call for a strike or a protest, the police register a case in connection with that," George Kurian, the state general secretary of the BJP told PTI. He said it's mandatory to publish the details of the cases against the candidates.

Meanwhile, BJP national general secretary B L Santhosh on Friday tweeted details of the cases against Surendran, Radhakrishnan, the party's Alappuzha

candidate Shobha Surendran and Vatakara candidate Praful Krishna and said it was "hard to be a nationalist in some parts of Bharath." "It's hard to be a nationalist in some parts of Bharath. It's everyday struggle. But it's worth the struggle.

Form C7 of Sri @surendranbjp, WAYANAD candidate. One person...Hundreds of cases," Santhosh posted on X.

Giving a breakdown of the number of cases against the BJP state chief, Kurian said 237 cases were related to Sabarimala protests while five were registered in connection with various agitations in Kerala. The BJP and affiliated parties had organised statewide protests in 2018 against the Kerala government's decision to implement the Supreme Court order on women's entry to the

hilltop Sabarimala shrine in Pathanamthitta district.

The case details of other party candidates are yet to come out. The last date for filing nominations for the Lok Sabha elections is April 4. Scrutiny will be conducted on April 5 while the last date for withdrawal of nominations is April 8. As of today, the Election Commission has received 18 nominations. Left candidate M Mukesh from Kollam and BJP candidate from Kasaragod, Ashwini M L are prominent names who have filed their nominations.

52 Smuggled Indonesian Birds, Animals Rescued In Assam, 2 Arrested



Hailakandi, Assam(KCN): In a joint operation, Assam Police and forest department officials today rescued 52 smuggled Indonesian birds and animals. The rescued birds and animals include Black Lori birds, Red and Blue Lories, Babirusa Swine and Hornbills.

The seizures were made near the Assam-Mizoram border in Hailakandi with cops arresting two smugglers during the operation.

"A four-wheeler had tried to flee by breaking police barricades. Accordingly, we informed the forest department, chased the vehicle and caught it. We also caught two persons from the vehicle and rescued bird species. As per the initial investigation, these species are Indonesian-based but we are waiting for the experts to confirm," Shamirdapar Baruah, Additional Superintendent of Police of Hailakandi District, told news agency ANI.

According to the forest

officials, among the fifty-two rescued creatures forty-two of them are Red and Blue Lories, six black lories, two hornbills and one Babirusa (Indonesian swine). According to the officials of Bilaipur Police Station, the arrested people have been identified as Moinuddin Ali and Samsul Haque. Both are residents of Assam's Hojai area. "Further investigation is on and we are trying to find out further linkage", the police officer said.

"The consignment came from Indonesia country through Myanmar and entered India from Mizoram. They were on their way to West

Bengal. We are keeping the rescued species in a safe place," the police officer said.

Police handed over the birds and animals to the forest department, and registered a case.

The police officer further said that, the apprehended persons hail from the Hojai area of Assam.

"Further investigation is on and we are trying to find out further linkage", the police officer said.

In September last year, at least eight rare animals, including a black macaque and gorillas, were rescued from a vehicle near the Assam-Mizoram border.

"Connect With Voters, Hold Meets": PM's Advice To Tamil Nadu BJP Workers



Chennai(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday interacted with BJP workers through the Namo App and discussed fieldwork at the booth level for the Lok Sabha polls with them, encouraging them to devise a strategy for the party to win the elections.

Discussing ways to win the election at the 'Enathu Booth Valimaiyana Booth' (My booth is the strongest) programme, he encouraged the party workers to strive towards ensuring the victory of the BJP and NDA candidates.

"I understand you are facing a paucity of time owing to the general election scheduled for April 19 in Tamil Nadu. You hardly have 15-16 days left (since election

(PMUY) and Jal Jeevan Mission. She said she and others from the area are farm workers and that these schemes have helped them carry on their work with ease. Sharing his experience of his initial years in the party, PM Modi urged the booth-level workers to organise themselves into small groups of three members each having at least one woman in it, and meet 10 families daily.

"Sit with those families, discuss with them and even extend what help you possibly could. And in the night discuss among yourselves the people's requirements and plan your strategy accordingly," he said and added that this

would ensure the party an easy victory.

PM Modi also told them to hold a meeting once in three or four days with women, first-time voters, fishermen, farmers and even beneficiaries of the central schemes to explain the achievements of the BJP government.

Further, they were told to take advantage of the anti-incumbency sentiment against the DMK government. "Governance in Tamil Nadu has been in bad shape since the DMK government and its allies came to power in Tamil Nadu," he said, alleging that the ruling party was responsible for corruption, law and order problems and the drug trade.

"All such issues need to

be communicated to every family in the booth," PM Modi said. Drugs destroyed the lives of our children, he said. "A huge cache of drugs was seized recently and its godfathers are linked to Tamil Nadu, which is worrisome. Therefore, you should make people aware of the menace of drugs, and fight against it," he emphasised.

He said that political analysts believe the BJP would turn the tables in Tamil Nadu and that the "anger against the ruling party" in the state will be vented out during the election. "These dynastic political parties mean of the family, by the family and for the family". This very expression sums up the dynastic parties," he said.

BJP Targets Officers

Bhubaneswar(KCN): With the announcement of elections for Lok Sabha and Assembly, Model Code of Conduct (MCC) is in force in entire parts of the State. The BJP today moved to Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) alleging misuse of government machinery by ruling BJD with a target on government officers.

A delegation of State BJP led by vice-president Lekhshree Samantsingh submitted a memorandum to the office of the CEO alleging blatant violation of model code of conduct by the ruling BJD in the State for electoral gains. The party sought immediate intervention of the Chief

Electoral Officer to stop it.

The Biju Janata Dal, which has been in power for 24 years in Odisha, has been trying to suppress the opposition by misusing government machinery. Due to favoritism by Government officers, the BJD attacks the Opposition, the party alleged.

Hitting out at the ruling party, Lekhshree Samantsingh alleged that BJD leaders and workers are indulging in violence and attacking BJP workers in different places. Murderous attack was made on a BJP leader in Keonjhar recently, but the police took no action and allowed the culprits to go scot-free, she claimed.

Moreover, many Government officials have been posted in different places of Cuttack, Bhadrak and Ganjam districts for long years, definitely more than three years, she claimed, demanding immediate steps to transfer these officials. However, it is very worrisome that no action has been taken even though the BJP has repeatedly complained to

the state election officials with facts and evidence about the ruling party's goondaraj and violation of code of conduct, she alleged.

"Such undemocratic and unconstitutional acts will



CS Asks For Enforcement



Bhubaneswar(KCN): In view of the upcoming general elections-2024 in the state, another coordination meeting of the State Level Enforcement Committee was held today under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Pradeep Kumar Jena at Lok Seva Bhawan.

Earlier, a meeting was held in this regard, but in today's meeting, the latest situation was deliberated with the members of the Enforcement Committee.

The members of the state-level committee, which has been constituted to ensure that the upcoming general elections are held in a peaceful manner and strict adherence to the model code of conduct, participated in the discussion on various issues.

Chief Secretary Shri Jena stressed on the need for investigations and raids in various systems to take strict action

against the defaulters of the law.

The meeting was attended, among others, by Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue & Disaster Management and Forest & Environment, Satyabrata Sahu, Additional Chief Secretary, General Administration and Public Grievances, Surendra Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary Home, Deo Ranjan Kumar Singh, Principal Secretary, Excise, S K Lohani, Principal Secretary, Commerce and Transport, Usha Padhee, Transport Commissioner Amitabh Thakur.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Commissioner of GST, Sanjay Kumar Singh, Director General of Police, Arun Sarangi, Commissioner, Transport, Amitabh Thakur, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief of Forest Force, Odisha, Debidutta Biswal, PCCF Wildlife Susanta Nanda and

others. In the meeting, the Police Administration has so far held the law and order situation in the state, in the context of the peaceful conduct of the elections, infiltrators and extremists.

Information about the action taken by the police to deal with the activities was presented.

In various criminal cases, the police provided information about the activities taken so far, seizure of arms, ammunition etc. since the announcement of elections, steps being taken in liquor and narcotic cases.

Police deployment in various districts, strict vigil at police check posts, excise check posts, forest department check posts, etc., infiltrators indulging in anti-social activities, illegal drug smuggling and illegal cash.

Similarly, the GST Commissioner presented information related to the action taken against the defaulters of the Goods and Services Tax Act.

He informed that regular inter-state coordination meetings are being held in this regard and joint raids are being conducted in coordination with the Departments of Commerce and Transport.

The meeting emphasized on keeping a close watch on transactions. In view of the general

SUMUM On Organ Service

Bhubaneswar(KCN): For the second time in nine months, multiple organs retrieved from a brain dead patient at the SUM Ultimate Medicare (SUMUM), a quaternary care hospital here, were flown to other cities on Monday for transplantation providing a new lease of life to two critical patients.

The liver and heart were retrieved from Krishna Chandra Mahabhoi, a CRPF jawan, who was pronounced brain dead in the hospital on March 23

night. The 48-year-old patient, who had suffered kidney failure and was on dialysis, was admitted into the hospital on March 20 and was undergoing treatment in the ICU, hospital sources said.

His condition deteriorated subsequently leading to subdural haemorrhage. The treating team conducted an Apnea test on Sunday morning which confirmed he was brain dead.

The family members of the patient then decided

to donate his organs and informed the hospital authorities accordingly. The hospital quickly got in touch with the State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (SOTTO) in this connection following which the information reached the Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (ROTO) and National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO).

As per the allocation of organs made by NOTTO the liver was taken to Sir H.N. Reliance Foundation Hospital and Research Centre at Mumbai for transplantation on a patient while the heart was flown to Kolkata for transplantation on another patient under treatment at the Medica Superspeciality Hospital there.

be repeated if the State election officials do not take immediate action to make general elections free, fair and impartial," the BJP said.

Even after the implementation of the "Model Code of Conduct", the state government has arranged foreign trips for leaders of women's SHG groups, which is a clear violation of the MCC, the party further alleged.

As general elections are coming up, the BJD has done this to lure SHG women and make them work as party workers. Many officers who have been stationed in Bhadrak, Cuttack and

Ganjam for many years or more than 3 years are visible. The government officials should be replaced immediately, the party demanded.

The BJP leaders urged the CEO to take necessary steps to ensure free and fair elections and prevent the ruling BJD from misusing police and administrative machinery. It seems that the Government Officers have become soft targets of the BJP as Model Code Of Conduct (MCC) is in force. Earlier, Election Commission of India (ECI) had ordered transfer of two SPs and one Collector for free and fair polls.



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Capri Global Appoints Coaching Beyond as Consultant for UAE ILT20 League

Mumbai: Capri Global has announced an association with Coaching Beyond, a premier cricket coaching institute, as a consultant for the franchise team of the UAE ILT20 League. The institution will assist Capri Global in appointment of coaching staff and matters related to cricket operations. R Sridhar, former fielding coach of the Indian Cricket Team and one of the founding members of Coaching Beyond, will be the Director of Cricket for Capri Global during the UAE ILT20 League. Capri Global intends to strengthen the cricket ecosystem on the global platform by engaging the right sporting talent and nurturing them. The company aims to play a vital role as an enabler by empowering deserving talent to showcase their sporting strength to the globe. Speaking on the association, Mr. Rajesh Sharma, Director, Capri Global, said, "Capri Global aims to reinforce the visibility and

popularity of sports nationally and globally and popularize homegrown sports to create opportunities for aspiring talent. We are pleased to associate with Coaching Beyond, a brainchild of sports stalwarts who will assist us in evaluating the deserving talent and offer state-of-the-art sports training infrastructure, world-class technology, and training to sportspeople. Mr. Sridhar's experience as a player and coach is almost unrivaled and his strategic insights, coaching approach, and collaborative style will be invaluable for our franchise team. We see great synergy coming through this alliance, including a host of exciting moments that are set to elevate the cricketing experience for the Indian audience on the global platform."

Coaching Beyond is a premier cricket coaching institute in India that provides performance-driven cricket coaching, training, and education to individuals, teams, and coaches from the grassroots to various experience levels. It has recently launched its first high-performance cricket academy in Hyderabad and is on track to launch its second project in Chennai by August.

R Sridhar, Co-Founder of Coaching Beyond, said, "We are delighted to announce our partnership with Capri Global for the upcoming UAE ILT20 League. It is an exciting opportunity to work and do justice to the enormous cricketing talent and add value to the international platform. With a focused team effort, inclusive vision, and holistic approach, we can achieve consistent success during the tournament. We are confident that the League will be a grand success and are looking forward to a successful season".

Ashok Leyland launches industry first 8-wheel truck – AVTR 2620

Chennai: Ashok Leyland, flagship of the Hinduja Group and India's leading commercial vehicle manufacturer, today, launched the industry first 8 wheeler truck – AVTR 2620. With this launch of AVTR 2620, Ashok Leyland becomes the first and only player in the country to have a full range of trucks based on lift axle technology from GVW of 25.5 to 47.5T. This new product can be operated as 25.5 T (6x2) truck with the lift axle down (offering

payload closer to regular 6x2 MAV truck) and a 4x2 truck (18.5T GVW) with lift axle up (lower fuel and operating cost similar to 4x2) during light load/partial load/return empty. This new product thus offers an excellent operational flexibility to customers to choose the option based on their load, offering best-in-class Total Cost of Operation (TCO) benefits.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Head - M&HCV, Ashok Leyland, said, "Ashok

Leyland has a history of introducing products which have disrupted the CV industry. AVTR 2620 with its unique lift axle configuration offers higher TCO advantage to our customers operating in Ecom, Parcel & tanker. AVTR 2620 is a testament of Ashok Leyland's technological prudence & our commitment towards providing better logistical solutions to our customers, aligning with our philosophy of AppkiJeet, HamariJeet."

Seagram's Royal Stag BoomBox presents a sensational music festival in Bhubaneswar



Bhubaneswar: Travelling through four youth hubs in India this year, Royal Stag Boombox – The Original Sound of Generation Large – is set to offer a spellbinding musical experience intertwined with art and culture in Bhubaneswar, Odisha on March 30th, 2024. The music festival will bring together the best-loved melodies of Bollywood and the pulsating beats of hip-hop with artists Badshah, Ikka, Neeti Mohan and Ali Merchant. Get Ready to Live it Large with one-of-its-kind music, art and cultural experience. Tickets available on BookMyShow, PayTM Insider and Ticket Genie.

Nuvoco Vistas Launches Its Second Ready-Mix Plant in Patna



Bhubaneswar(KCN):

Nuvoco Vistas Corp. Ltd., India's fifth-largest cement group has widened its operational presence with the inauguration of its second state-of-the-art Ready-mix Concrete Plant (RMX) as Patna-II. Situated strategically at Ranipur Milk Chak,

Begampur bypass, this plant marks Nuvoco's continued commitment for providing top-quality building materials to the Patna region. Strategically located approximately 24 kilometers from the first plant, Patna-II is positioned as Nuvoco's regional flagship plant. It

capitalizes on untapped market potential by providing quick access to Nuvoco's Cement Plant in the region. Its proximity to nearby Industrial, Commercial, and Residential developments guarantees high-quality concrete solutions on time.

Mr. Prashant Jha, Chief of the Ready-Mix (RMX) Concrete and Modern Building Materials business at Nuvoco Vistas expressed his excitement at the inauguration of this latest plant, stating, "The launch of the Patna-II plant underscores Nuvoco's dedication to providing

Union Bank of India signs MOU with SIDBI for Co-Financing arrangement of MSMEs

Mumbai : Union Bank of India today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for a Co-Financing arrangement for MSMEs. The MoU was signed by Shri Lal Singh, Chief General Manager, Union Bank of India and Shri Vivek Kumar Malhotra, Chief General Manager, SIDBI. SIDBI is country's principal financial institution

engaged in the Promotion, Financing and Development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME). Under the MoU, Union Bank of India would consider Joint financing/Co-Financing with SIDBI to Projects/Units in the MSME. This MoU would help the Banks to increase their customer base, while helping the MSMEs to meet their funding requirements. The key highlights of the arrangement include joint

identification of viable projects and term loan and working capital financing to MSMEs. Initially the arrangement would be at specific centers and once the arrangement stabilizes at these centers, more locations would be covered. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Lal Singh, CGM (MSME), Union Bank of India, said "MSME is one of the key sectors of our Indian Economy contributing to GDP, Exports, Manufacturing Output, Employment, Women Empowerment etc. MSME is one of the focused areas of the Bank and at Union Bank of India, we aim to become Bank of 1st choice for MSMEs. This tie-up with SIDBI aids in realizing the Bank's vision to have increased credit flow to the MSME sector and extend operational convenience to the MSME clientele. Under partnership, Union Bank of India through its Pan

India to see largest increase in energy demand worldwide over the next 20 years, says Infomerics

Bhubaneswar: Unacademy, India's largest learning platform*, today announced that 178 out of 685 rank holders of UPSC CSE 2021 are Unacademy Learners. Among the top rankers from the Unacademy platform are Gurni Singh (AIR - 3), Aishwarya Verma (AIR - 4), Utkarsh Dwivedi (AIR - 5) and Yash Chaudhary (AIR - 6). 3 Learners have secured ranks between 1-5, 32 have secured ranks from 6-100 and 143 have secured AIRs from 101-685.

From the 178 Rankers, 45 Learners were Unacademy's Plus/ Iconic subscribers guided by India's Top Educators. The other rankers were guided by Unacademy's Last Mile Programme for UPSC CSE 2021 Interview. Last Mile Programme is an interview guidance program for the last stage of the UPSC CSE exam that helps Learners who have qualified the Mains exam to crack the Personal Interview stage. The questions are asked by retired bureaucrats, former UPSC members and Top Educators in a mock set-up. In last year's Unacademy's Interview Guidance Program 170+ Rankers qualified the Interview stage by securing AIR 2.

Bhubaneswar: Blue Dart, South Asia's premier express air and integrated transportation & distribution company and a part of the Deutsche Post DHL (DPDHL) Group has signed the 'Climate Neutral Now' (CNN) pledge by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The pledge highlights the organisation's commitment to ambitious CO2 reduction targets. Deutsche Post DHL Group has adopted a package of measures worth up to 7 billion to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 in line with the Paris Climate Agreement, primarily to expand the use of sustainable technologies and fuels in its fleets and buildings. Its long term goal is to reduce GHG emissions to net zero by

2050. The Climate Neutral Now Initiative encourages and supports interested stakeholders to act now in order to achieve a climate neutral world by 2050 as enshrined in the Paris Agreement. The initiative is a tool to promote voluntary action on climate change. Blue Dart has already invested extensively in remaining a Sustainable Provider of Choice by being the first

from tariffs. These are some major findings of a report titled Power Sector in India: New Emerging Opportunities and Challenges released by Infomerics Valuation and Rating Pvt Ltd., the well-known SEBI-registered and RBI-accredited financial services credit rating company.

The report explores the opportunities and challenges ahead for India as it seeks to ensure reliable, affordable and sustainable energy for a growing population. During FY20 and FY19, the growth of electricity generation was lower than in the previous financial years because of the impact of COVID-19. The report quotes the International Energy Agency (IEA) stating that during FY21 recovery in electricity demand from the COVID-19 pandemic was faster and stronger in India than in EU countries.

India is the third-largest producer and the third-largest consumer of electricity in the world.

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developed a Sustainability Roadmap that supports the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. We are constantly working towards introducing innovative green logistics solutions that improve our carbon footprint. I am delighted to share that representing the DHL eCommerce Solutions Division in India, Blue Dart has been delivering high on its sustainability initiatives.



Corey Anderson, Harmeet Singh named in USA squad, Unmukt Chand snubbed

New Delhi: Former Blackcaps allrounder Corey Anderson has been named in the 15 man USA squad for the 5 match T20I series against Canada. Anderson is one of the many fresh faces to be inducted in the USA squad as a slew of players who immigrated to America after the announcement of MLC now stand eligible to represent USA. The new inductions among them include former Harmeet Singh, Milind Kumar, Andries Gous, Shadley Van Schalkwyk and Nitish Kumar. The 33-year-old Anderson is set to make a comeback to international cricket after a hiatus of more than 5 years, after having

played his final game for NZ in November 2018. Anderson moved to America in 2020 and has been stellar in the domestic T20 competitions. Since his arrival to America Anderson has amassed over 900 runs in 28 innings striking at 146 in the Minor League (MiLC) and was the pick of the domestic batsmen in the MLC that included a whirlwind knock of 94 against a power packed MI New York. Former India U19 fame Harmeet Singh has been rewarded for his relentless performances in domestic competitions, famously leading his MiLC team Seattle Thunderbolts to the silverware in 2022. Singh, then turned out to be the number 1 domestic draft pick in MLC history after being snapped by Seattle Orcas. His former team mate from the Thunderbolts, Andries Gous makes his way into the team on the back of prolific MiLC seasons and a few explosive knocks on the world stage in Abu Dhabi T10 and the ILT20. His countryman and pace bowling allrounder Shadley Van Schalkwyk has also been brought into the mix. Van Schalkwyk, a recipient of over 80 first class games in South Africa was one of the important cogs in the wheel for Singh's triumphant Thunderbolts in 2022.

Former Delhi and RCB batsman Milind Kumar breaks into the squad owing to a consistent fine



showing in the MiLC (over 1100 runs in 35 innings) and a couple of lucky knocks for the Texas Super Kings. Ex Canada captain Nitish Kumar is set to make an emotional return to

international cricket against his former side after hopping over the border in 2021. Kumar is perceived as one of the surprise picks in the squad dodging some heavy competition from the likes of Unmukt Chand. While Kumar hasn't really brought down the house in the MiLC, he makes the cut thanks to some quality knocks in the national T20 and the practice games scheduled in the training camp thereafter. Among the incumbents, Monank Patel is set to lead the side alongside his deputy Aaron Jones. Big hitting Steven Taylor commanded his place in the side with a couple of brutal knocks in the national t20 and the practice games. 36 year old Gajanand Singh hangs onto his spot in the squad. Contrary to modern T20 playbook, USA also chose to go in with as many as 4 finger spinners. Nostush Kenjige returns to T20Is after 6 years. Allrounder

Nisarg Patel and Usman Rafiq form the rest of the spin options. Ali Khan's injury also means added work for old war horse Saurabh Netravalkar and Jessy Singh, forming the pace battery alongside Van Schalkwyk. Chand may feel left out in the cold after 3 prolific MiLC seasons which saw him spiral runs for fun. With over 1500 runs in 45 innings, Chand stands second on the run charts in the history of the MiLC. After enduring a quite run at the National T20 and the first 3 practice games thereafter, Chand wrapped up the training camp with a 70 odd to stake his claim for selection. Similarly, the mystifying omission of Shayan Jahangir, the highest scorer in USA's last assignment at the 50 Over World Cup Qualifiers and the first choice opener for MI New York is set to strike a nerve in the American cricket circles. It also seems increasingly likely that World Cup prospects of Shehan Jayasuriya, who was given the boot for failing the yo-yo test are all but over after being overlooked for training camp and the Canada series.

USA Squad: Monank Patel (captain), Aaron Jones (vice captain), Corey Anderson, Gajanand Singh, Jessy Singh, Saurabh Netravalkar, Nisarg Patel, Steven Taylor, Andries Gous, Harmeet Singh, Shadley Van Schalkwyk, Nostush Kenjige, Milind Kumar, Nitish Kumar, Usman Rafiq

Virat Kohli asked the owners to 'honour the girls' at RCB Unbox event: Kate Cross

New Delhi: RCB allrounder Kate Cross revealed that it was Virat Kohli, who asked the team owners to 'honour the girls' after the historic Women's Premier League (WPL) 2024 triumph. Earlier this month, RCB beat Delhi by 8 wickets in the final at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi. Left-arm spinner Sophie Molineux won the Player

of the Match award after she ran through the opposition's top order and picked up 3 wickets. Shreyanka Patil also picked up 4 wickets as Bangalore restricted Delhi to 113 in 18.3 overs. Thereafter, Bangalore chased down the target with 3 balls to spare on the back of Smriti Mandhana's 31, Sophie Devine's 32 and Ellyse Perry's unbeaten 35. On Tuesday, March 19, the RCB Unbox event took place at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru. During the event, the men's team gave the women's side a guard of honour, showing their appreciation for their achievements.

Cross, who did not play a single match this season, said that it was Kohli's idea to give the girls their due respect.

Sanju Samson backs Riyan Parag to give 'something special' to Indian cricket

New Delhi: Assam allrounder Riyan Parag was the hero for Rajasthan as they beat Delhi by 12 runs at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur to extend their winning run in the 2024 season of the Indian Premier League. Rajasthan captain Sanju Samson heaped praise on Parag following his heroics in Jaipur, saying he could give Indian cricket something very special in the future.

Parag scored his third IPL half-century to guide Rajasthan to a fighting total of 185 for 5 in the first innings. The home side then restricted Delhi to 173 for 5 to win the match by 12 runs. Speaking at the post-match presentation, Samson said there's something really special that Parag can give to Indian cricket. Parag scored an unbeaten 84 off 45 balls, hitting seven boundaries and six

maximums. This was Parag's highest score in the IPL, which took him into the top-two run-scorers in IPL 2024. He only trails Heinrich Klaasen of Hyderabad (143 runs) in the race for the Orange Cap. "Riyan has been a big name in the last 4-5 years. Whenever I go back to Kerala, everyone keeps asking me about him and it's great to see him delivering for us. The season hasn't begun yet.

Miami Open 2024: Rybakina sets up final with Collins, Dimitrov stuns Alcaraz

New Delhi: Fourth seed Elena Rybakina overcame a second-set meltdown to beat Belarusian Victoria Azarenka 6-4, 0-6, 7-6 (2) on Thursday and secure a return trip to the Miami Open final.

In Saturday's title clash, Rybakina will face off against American Danielle Collins, who beat Russian 14th seed Ekaterina Alexandrova 6-3 6-2 in the other semi-final.

Rybakina, the highest seed remaining in the women's draw, won nearly 82% of her first-serve points but converted only two of her 11 break-point chances en route to securing victory in two hours 33 minutes. In the opening set, Rybakina squandered her first five break-point chances before solving Azarenka's serve to grab a 4-3 lead and she leaned on her astonishing power before closing out the 51-



minute set with a hold to love. Azarenka refused to go quietly, however, conjuring up a flawless display in the second set in which she limited Rybakina to five points and broke her serve three times to force a decider. Rybakina, after a change of outfit, opened the third set moving much better and broke at the fifth attempt in the fifth game to move 3-2 up when Azarenka splashed a backhand into the net. Rybakina crumbled in

her first chance to serve out the match, however, as Azarenka got a break to get to 5-5 after she chased down a drop shot before her opponent sent a backhand volley into the net. Rybakina, serving to stay in the match, held to love to force a tiebreak and she won the first three points of it before closing out the win. Carlos Alcaraz's hopes for a Sunshine Double came undone in spectacular fashion as the top-seeded Spaniard fell 6-2, 6-4 on Thursday

days ago but fell three wins shy of becoming the first man to clinch the Sunshine Double since Roger Federer in 2017. Zverev attacked Marozsan's serve and converted three of his seven break-point chances, swatted aside the two break points he faced and won 80% of his first serve points en route to the last four in Miami where he has yet to drop a set. Despite not dropping a set in windy conditions, Zverev had his hands full with Marozsan, who is making his Miami debut and enjoyed top-10 upsets over Holger Rune and Alex de Minaur on the way to the quarter-finals. Up next for Dimitrov will be German fourth seed Zverev, who overcame tricky conditions to beat Hungary's Fabian Marozsan 6-3, 7-5 in the day's first match on the Stadium court.

When the Parag promise took flight

Jaipur: It was the same venue where the same promise had crashed many a time last season. It was the same venue where a day earlier Kumar Sangakkara, Rajasthan Royals' head of cricket operations, had asserted that 'Maturing, understanding his game more, taking on more responsibility is non-negotiable' for Parag. For 20 balls till then, stretching way past half an hour, it was all too familiar a tale. Not that Parag was struggling to bludgeon the Delhi Capitals bowlers while the scoring rate needed a boost. He was comfort-meandering his innings at less than run-a-ball, not even trying to disclose his attacking chops. A nudge here, a slap there, a knock everywhere. At times, beaten by Kuldeep

Yadav's googly, at times mistiming a pull off Anrich Nortje. Even R Ashwin, who was sent out to bat at the fall of the third wicket, had by then clubbed three sixes, taking down Kuldeep and Nortje with authority. Even then, Parag wore a familiar, comfortable look in the middle; exuding confidence like he was going to settle the fate of the match and sprinting between wickets with his tucked-out t-shirt as if he was gliding. No signs left in the middle that for most of the last two days, aided by painkillers, he was largely resting on the bed. And then in the middle of the 13th over, he rocked back to a shortish delivery by Kuldeep and pulled him over the deep mid wicket fence, for well over 70 meters. A



Their quick departure put their Impact Substitution plans in a bit of a concern. Moreover, with the ball holding on a bit to the wicket coupled with some tight bowling, run-scoring was becoming a task. For a team that packs arguably the weakest lower order, they fielded five frontline bowling options for a second game in a row despite batting first. The bargain they played with was that if they could avoid a

deep even as the pressure of the low scoring rate complicated the dynamic role he was left to handle. Royals' first roll of the dice in order to avert the situation was to promote Ashwin at the fall of the third wicket and lengthen the batting. With the team placed on 36 for 3 in 7.2 overs, and Delhi Capitals' two left-arm spinners - Axar Patel and Kuldeep - in operation, it was not the most surprising gamble. But the eventual success of that move not only proved handy for Parag and Royals, but Delhi Capitals' bowling coach James Hopes also admitted that Ashwin's

knock flipped the momentum of the contest. However, even when Ashwin departed in the 14th over, Royals were scoring only marginally more than run-a-ball, with only two more players with batting pedigree to follow. That's when Parag, who was cantering at a run-a-ball 26, unleashed. Not with brute force early on, but with timing and smart shot selection. Khaleel Ahmed, who has not enjoyed the best of times against RR historically, was the first one to be taken apart. A delivery on the hips picked up for a six, a low full toss carved behind square for a boundary and a slower ball tonked over covers for a four. Mukesh

Kumar and Kuldeep were met with similar disdain in the following overs as Parag muscled 24 runs in 8 balls to bring up his half-century, a mark he had previously reached in 2019 when he had announced himself at the most high-profile T20 league. Nortje and Mukesh pulled the momentum back briefly, and with 10 balls to go, Royals were still kept to 148 for 5. For a team that believed 150 would be a fighting total given how the surface had played in the first half of the innings, Parag had done enough to give the Royals bowlers what they desired to put up a fight. Yet, it was far from the par score at the tricky venue in Jaipur.