

## There's no 'lehar', only 'zehir' in PM's language: Jairam Ramesh

broadcasting advertisements across the country with hardly any benefit to Punjab, why can't it take similar loans for providing relief to farmers?" he asked, while remarking, whether it is AAP, the BJP or the Akalis, they have been doling out only 'jumlas' (fake promises). He said, people can cross check that the states like Karnataka and Telangana, where Congress has formed the government, all the guarantees like Rs 2000 cash assistance to women have been fulfilled within months of the government formation. In contrast, the AAP has been in power for two and a half years now, it has simply forgotten to pay Rs 1000 each to every woman. He said, the Congress delivers what it promises as it does not believe in fake and false promises.



# KIIT Climbs Higher in Times Young University Rankings 2024

**Bhubaneswar, May 14(KCN):** The annual Times Higher Education Young University Rankings has been announced today. In a notable achievement in its academic rankings, KIIT Deemed to be University has ascended to the 11th position in India in the Times Higher Education Young University Rankings for 2024. This move demonstrates KIIT's continuous improvement and commitment to excellence in higher education. KIIT Deemed to be

University, which is just 20 years old, has outshone many older and more established institutions, including several IITs. This achievement is particularly significant considering the youth of the institution compared to others that have been educational pillars for about half a century. In last year's rankings, KIIT was placed in the cohort of 151-200 globally. KIIT's global rank has significantly improved to 168 in this year's rankings. Out of the 673 universities



worldwide evaluated in this year's ranking, 55 were from India,

placing KIIT in the elite top echelon of young universities. The

Times Higher Education Young University Rankings

specifically lists the world's best universities that are

50 years old or younger, assessing them across their core missions: teaching, research, knowledge transfer, and international outlook. KIIT's rise in the rankings is a testament to its robust academic framework and innovative educational practices. The university has consistently been recognized for its dynamic approach to education that emphasizes not just academic rigor but also the holistic development of its students. Faculty, students, and staff at KIIT and KISS have expressed deep gratitude

towards the Founder Dr. Achyuta Samanta. His visionary leadership and dedication have been pivotal in KIIT's rapid rise and substantial impact on both national and international levels. Dr. Samanta commented on the achievement, stating, "This ranking is a reflection of our relentless pursuit of academic excellence. At KIIT, we are committed to providing world-class education and preparing our students to be global leaders." He also congratulated all teachers, staff, and students for this achievement.

## Jindal Stainless supplies high-strength stainless steel to India's first Vande Metro train



**Kalinganagar, (Sapan Kar) :-** Boosting inter-city travel services in India, the Indian Railways recently unveiled its first Vande

Metro train from the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) in Chennai. Jindal Stainless, India's largest stainless steel manufacturer, has

supplied the tempered 201LN grade of high-strength stainless steel for this prestigious project. The Vande Metro train is a shorter-distance

version of the Vande Bharat Express. Compared with the conventional ferritic stainless steel grade, the thickness of the external panels of trainsets has been reduced from 3 mm to 2 mm, resulting in lighter, more energy-efficient, and therefore, more cost-effective trains. The stainless steel 201LN grade is also extremely corrosion resistant, has higher strength and superior durability, and exhibits better crash-resistant properties, thereby providing the best-in-class safety to passengers.

## “Exceptional Success Achieved by Nalanda Public School in CBSE Examinations.”

**Cuttack, (KCN):** In a remarkable feat, students of Nalanda Public School in Cuttack have attained outstanding results in the CBSE 12th and 10th class examinations, showcasing excellence and dedication. With a stellar 100% pass rate, the school has shone brightly in the academic arena. Pyosini Sahu has emerged as a standout achiever with an impressive 96% in the science stream, while Nehal Agarwal excelled in commerce with an impressive 95%. In the 10th grade, Skarnika Sahu's remarkable score of 96% has further added to the school's accolades. What sets Nalanda Public School apart is its commitment to inclusivity and empowerment. Notably, more than 50%



of students have scored 90% marks in the 12th standard, whereas more than 80% of the students secured 90% mark in 10th Grade reflecting the school's dedication to nurturing talent across diverse backgrounds. Ms. Yashshini Patnaik,

the esteemed Principal of the school, extended heartfelt congratulations to the students for their exceptional achievements. She expressed optimism for their future endeavors and emphasized the importance of continued

dedication and hard work. This remarkable success not only brings pride to Nalanda Public School but also underscores the importance of quality education and inclusive learning environments in shaping the leaders of tomorrow.

## Contentious Kotia witnesses robust voter turnout of 76.53% in Odisha polls

**Koraput (KCN):** The disputed Kotia panchayat area, which both Odisha and Andhra Pradesh claim to be part of their territory, witnessed a robust voter turnout of 76.53 per cent in the simultaneous assembly and Lok Sabha elections in the eastern state Monday. The turnout was better than that of 2019, when 74.77 per cent of the voters had exercised their franchise. In this election, 4,217 of 5,502 registered voters in Kotia exercised their franchise at nine designated polling stations, officials said,



adding a total of 2,172 of 2,913 woman electors cast their votes. “People of Kotia participated in the general elections very enthusiastically and exercised their franchise without any pressure or fear,” state Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Nikunja Bihari Dhal said. Twenty one of 28 villages in Kotia gram panchayat, which falls

under Pottangi assembly segment of Koraput Lok Sabha seat, have been the focal point of the dispute between the two states. Koraput District Election Officer cum Collector Keerthi Vasani said that comprehensive security arrangements were made for the polls. “Adequate security arrangements were made in Kotia for voting

and no untoward incident was reported during the poll process,” the collector said. Talakanti polling station recorded the highest turnout at 89.51 per cent, followed by 89.47 per cent at Gumel Padar. The dispute over the ownership of these villages dates back to 1968 when the case first reached the Supreme Court. However, the apex court in 2006 ruled that inter-state boundaries fell outside its jurisdiction, leaving the matter to be resolved by Parliament and imposing a permanent injunction in the disputed area.



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## Shefali Jariwala misses abs despite working for 15 years

Actress Shefali Jariwala, who is fondly remembered as the 'Kaanta Laga Girl', has raised a valid point as she discussed how people have abs but no "muscle definition" anywhere else."

Shefali took to her Instagram stories and shared a note without naming anyone, where she expressed, "I really wonder how people have abs and no muscle definition anywhere else!"

She added: "I've been working out for 15 years with the best... What am I missing!!"

Shefali gained the spotlight after appearing in the famous music video 'Kaanta Laga' in 2002.

The actress was then seen in the Akshay Kumar and Salman Khan-starrer 'Mujhse Shaadi Karogi' in 2004. The actress has also participated in several reality shows, including 'Nach Baliye 5' and 'Nach Baliye 7', along with Parag Tyagi.

In 2013, she was featured in the controversial reality show 'Bigg Boss 13' hosted by Salman.

Shefali was also seen in the web series 'Baby Come Naa'. Currently, she is seen in the supernatural series 'Shaitani Rasmlein'.



## Lok Sabha Elections 2024: Chiranjeevi And Wife Surekha Konidela Cast Vote



Padma Vibhushan awardee Chiranjeevi cast his vote at the polling booth in Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad on Monday. The polling for the fourth phase of the Lok Sabha election is underway. Chiranjeevi arrived with his wife Surekha Konidela at the designated polling station in Hyderabad to get

their fingers inked.

Polling began on Monday at 7 am and will continue till 6 pm across all Lok Sabha constituencies as well as for assembly seats. It is being held in 96 Parliamentary Constituencies.

Polling for all 175 seats of the State Legislative Assembly of Andhra

Pradesh and 28 seats of the State Legislative Assembly of Odisha also started simultaneously with the Lok Sabha polls.

Of the 96 Lok Sabha seats, 25 are from Andhra Pradesh, 17 from Telangana, 13 from Uttar Pradesh, 11 from Maharashtra, eight each from Madhya Pradesh

and West Bengal, five from Bihar, four each from Jharkhand and Odisha, and one from Jammu and Kashmir.

According to the poll body, a total of 4,264 nominations were filed for 96 parliamentary constituencies.

The fourth phase is witnessing key contests in various constituencies with leaders such as AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, West Bengal Congress chief Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, TMC leader Mahua Moitra, BJP leader Giriraj Singh, JDU's Rajiv Ranjan Singh (Lalan Singh), TMC leaders Shatrughan Sinha and Yusuf Pathan in the fray.

## 'Fateh' Actor Sonu Sood Receives Deepfake Video From Follower; Urges Fans To Be Aware Of Cyber Criminals



Actor Sonu Sood was in for a rude shock when he received a screen recording of a deep fake video call from a follower recently. In the deep fake video call featuring Sood, the impersonator interacted with a family in need of funds for medical treatment, assuring them of financial assistance. The actor-philanthropist took to his social media handle to voice his concerns about cybercrime.

The post read: "My film FATEH is inspired by real life incidents involving Deep Fake and fake loan apps. This is the latest incident where someone tried to extract money from an unsuspecting family, by chatting with them through video call pretending to be Sonu sood. Many innocent individuals fall into this trap. I request all of you to be vigilant if you receive such calls. #fateh"

Interestingly, inspired from such events, the actor turned writer and director for his new thriller, Fateh. Sood wrote the story after one and a half years of research and interviews with victims, cybercrime police officers, and ethical hackers. He essays the role of a tech-savvy investigation agent who is on a mission to protect the country from cybercrime.

## Grammys Reduce Nominees From 10 to 8 In Top 4 Award Categories

Grammys has announced to reduce the number of nominees in four of its award categories - Album, Song, Record of the Year, and Best New Artist - from 10 to 8, Variety reported on Friday. An announcement in this regard was made after the Recording Academy updated its rules and guidelines following its semiannual board of trustees meeting. The number of nominees for those categories was increased from eight to ten in November 2021, just before the nominees for 2022 were announced -- a surprising and perplexing turn of events, given that such changes usually occur after the annual board meetings, Variety reported. While three new award categories were announced earlier this week, the reduction in the number of nominees in four award categories was announced on Friday. An Artificial Intelligence (AI)-related rule was also introduced, effectively stating that only human creators are eligible for awards; however, as with all things AI, the vast possibilities that the technology makes possible in this still-developing area necessitate an extensive series of caveats, Variety further reported. While Recording Academy CEO Harvey Mason Jr. stated at the time that the change was "an incredible opportunity for us to honour more artists and shine a light on more great music, and potentially offer a greater chance for more genres of music to be honoured", some speculated that it was done to ensure Taylor Swift received a best new album nomination for her album 'Evermore' and thus increase the chance that she would appear on the show and boost its rating, as reported by Variety.

## Aayush Sharma Shares BTS Video Of His Hardcore Workout On The Streets Of Azerbaijan

Having recently wrapped the Azerbaijan shoot schedule of his upcoming film AS04, Aayush Sharma shared a throwback video of his last-minute grind to ace the perfect body shot physique to shoot a shirtless scene.

Aayush recently announced the wrap of his straining schedule packed with action in Azerbaijan, which also included a body shot flaunting his washboard abs and toned muscles. The actor shared a video presenting the grind needed minutes before the main shot, to define the abs and muscles more prominently.

Ever since his jaw-dropping transformation from the lean, guy-next-door look from his debut film to the beefed up, toned,



physique with washboard abs for Antim: The Final Truth, Aayush Sharma has bagged his permanent spot amongst the fittest actors of the business. Further surprising everyone with his muscular built, Aayush Sharma regularly treated his

fans and followers with glimpses into his rigorous workout routine as he gears for his upcoming film AS04. Launching debutante Sushrii Mishraa with AS04, Aayush Sharma also roped in veteran South Indian actor Jagapathi Babu for the film.

Produced by KK Radhamohan, under the banner of Srisathyasai Arts, the yet untitled action entertainer AS04 stars Aayush Sharma as the lead, co-starring debutante Sushrii Mishraa. Directed by Katyayan Shivpuri, the film is slated for release in 2023.





It is sheer chance that Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who is a bridge between the Narendra Modi's government and the Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) has been living in the same house where BJP patriarch Atal Behari Vajpayee and Harbert Baker, the architect of old Parliament House as well as South and North Block had lived in the past. It is no secret that while working from his official residence, he would be thinking of Atal Behari Vajpayee for an inspiration. It is no secret that from deciding the sale of Air India to the repeal of Article 370 (ending Jammu and Kashmir's special status), appointing Arif Mohammad Khan as the Governor of Kerala it's Amit Shah who is the embodiment of Modi 2.0's Goals. It is most likely that he would be the key player in implementing the promises of his boss in future too.

Arguably Amit Shah has been the closest confidant and chief strategist of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Modi and Shah work together smoothly. He is among the most trusted person of Prime Minister Modi as he knows how

to implement the goals and programmes of his Prime Minister. For some unknown reasons, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has started a baseless debate that Amit Shah to replace Narendra Modi in the near future. Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday returned fire at Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal over the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief's swipe that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is setting the ground for Mr Shah to take over as Prime Minister in future. Amit Shah has made it clear that Modi ji would remain Prime Minister in future too.

It's been a decade since Amit Shah entered national politics. Much has been said and written about his personality, temperament, and goals. He has been dubbed the modern-day Chanakya, a tireless worker, and an exceptional organizer. Yet, despite the abundance of commentary, Amit Shah himself remains tight-lipped. He is perhaps the only figure in Indian politics whose actions speak louder than words. Amit Shah may not be flashy, but his actions are unique and impactful. Before 2014, few in Delhi knew him. When the Lok Sabha election results arrived in May 2014, and the BJP secured 71 out of 80 seats in Uttar Pradesh, people finally realized that a masterful electoral

strategist had emerged from Gujarat – his name, Amit Shah. He was the one entrusted with the responsibility of managing Uttar Pradesh during the Lok Sabha elections. His aversion to modern political ostentation became evident in early 2014 when he was stationed in Lucknow. One late evening, while waiting to board a flight from Lucknow to Delhi, he stood alone, briefcase in hand. There was no entourage, no fanfare. Someone recognized him from afar and offered to carry his briefcase as a formality. He politely declined, expressing his gratitude. He then proceeded towards the plane, carrying his own briefcase. Even the airline staff refrained from approaching him with any formalities. Upon landing in Delhi, the same individual again requested to carry his briefcase to

the car as a gesture of respect. Amit Shah, once more, politely declined. It wasn't as if he was a newcomer to the BJP before 2014. He had been active in electoral politics since 1997, holding numerous positions, including Home Minister of

made by the RSS and the party proved to be astute. Upon assuming the presidency, he faced elections in four major states: Maharashtra, Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana, and Jharkhand. The BJP emerged victorious in all four states. If Prime Minister Modi was credited as the primary architect of this success, Amit Shah followed closely behind. Amit Shah entered politics through cooperative elections, and today, as the country's Home Minister, he still operates with the spirit of cooperation. It's no surprise that he has admirers within the BJP. Remarkably, he also has well-wishers within opposition-ruled states, particularly among Chief Ministers of border states or those grappling with Naxalite insurgency. Amit Shah, too, readily acknowledges the good

work of his opposition counterparts. He has publicly praised Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik for curbing Naxalism and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann Singh for his adept handling of the Khalistani Amritpal Singh situation. This is not merely a display of magnanimity but also reflects Amit Shah's awareness of his role as a steward of the federal system. In the 2009 general election, the BJP secured 18.80% of the total votes cast nationwide. With Modi's entry into national politics in 2014, the BJP's vote share increased to 31%. However, the subsequent five years witnessed an unprecedented surge in BJP membership and votes. In the 2019 general election, they garnered 37.36% of the votes. This period coincided with Narendra Modi's full five-year tenure as Prime Minister and Amit Shah's leadership as BJP President. Their partnership not only delivered a second consecutive majority government to India but also bestowed upon the BJP the distinction of being the world's largest political party. The BJP boasts an official membership exceeding 18 crores (180 million). It holds 301 seats in the Lok Sabha, 93 seats in the Rajya Sabha, and over 4,000 MLA seats. Even though the BJP operates on the principle of collective leadership,

no one can deny that Amit Shah has remained a true grassroots worker, from pasting party posters on the streets of Gujarat to his tenure as National President. Party workers and leaders who interact with him still attest that very few possess his attentiveness in listening to people's concerns and his concise yet insightful way of presenting his perspective. The concept of "ruling" is absent from Amit Shah's vocabulary. His inherent nature is to work. Consequently, tasks that seem insurmountable to others become manageable for him. Who could have predicted that the centuries-old movement for the construction of the Ram Temple would be resolved by any government without a hitch? Who believed that the issue of Triple Talaq, considered taboo in Indian politics, could be boldly addressed by a government and abolished through a bill passed in both houses of Parliament? Was anyone convinced that Article 370 could be revoked from Kashmir? Yet, all of this came to pass. While the Prime Minister's firm resolve deserves recognition, Amit Shah's adept strategy should be equally acknowledged. As the nation's journey is perpetual, so too are the challenges it faces. However, it is crucial to

observe and analyze who, how, with what intent, and for whom solutions are sought and problems are eliminated. Amit Shah is not inherently harsh. His leadership style naturally involves uniting party workers and keeping them consistently engaged. However, to certain opposition leaders, he appears as a tough and uncompromising politician. This is because he is a man dedicated to his goals, not a politician beholden to individuals. No one's cunning tactics work on him, be it a fellow politician or a journalist. While he adheres to the decorum of language, he masterfully counters disrespectful language with straightforward yet fitting words that silence his detractors. He pays no heed to frivolous matters or individuals. He is unfazed by Lalu Prasad Yadav's accusations of him being a fascist or his jabs about his weight. Amit Shah is a leader of unwavering character. He stands by his decisions. His role as a coordinator between the organization and the government remains unchanged. This ensures that there are no contradictions between party and government decisions. Amit Shah is a leader in a league of his own.

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Special on International Family Day 15 May 2024

The Role of Families in Combating Climate Change



International Day of Families is celebrated as an annual celebration on 15 May to celebrate the importance of families and their role in society. The United Nations adopted it as a resolution in 1994 to raise awareness of the importance of families, highlight the challenges they face, promote the ideals of solidarity, and demonstrate efforts that strengthen family units around the world. This year we are celebrating the 30th anniversary of the International Day of Families, the theme of which is Families and Climate Change. Its goal is to raise awareness of the effects of climate change on families and encourage them to take action to reduce these impacts. Family and community initiatives aim to raise awareness about the threats to the environment and life from climate change and

to clean up the environment by providing education, information access, training and community participation. Family is the smallest unit in the animal world and social organization. It is difficult to even imagine running a human society in the absence of a family, we have understood this very well during the Corona crisis. Every person is able to make his life journey pleasant, prosperous and development oriented only by being a member of some family. Its existence cannot be thought of apart from it. Our culture and civilization has been refining itself by going through many changes, but there has been no impact on the existence of the family institution. They may have been created or broken, but their existence cannot be denied. Its form changed and its values changed but its existence cannot be questioned. No matter how much modern ideology we are growing up in, but in the end we experience satisfaction and fullness and meaning of life only in converting our relations into a family by linking them with the institution of marriage. The importance of family

is not only in India but everywhere in the world, that is why International Family Day is celebrated with the aim of strengthening the family institution. The main objective of this day is to make the youth aware of the family so that the youth do not get away from their families in the flow of so-called modernity. The family institution continues to exist despite facing many struggles and changes. If we talk about old eras or even on the basis of religious beliefs, then like today, there used to be disintegration of families earlier too. But in modern society disintegration of the family has become a common thing. In such a situation, International Family Day is celebrated with the mission and vision that families should not break. By living among the family, you remain stress-free and happy, and you also do not become a victim of loneliness or depression. The concept of society is incomplete without family and to create a family it is very important for people to live together and connect. There are two types of families – one is nuclear family and the other is



joint family. Father, mother and children live in a nuclear family. In a joint family, father-mother, children, grandparents, uncle, aunt, elder father, elder mother, aunt etc. The first celebration of this day was announced by the United States of America on 15 May 1994. This day holds great importance for the people who are suffering the tragedy of breakdown and disintegration of joint families. In fact, the unique identity of human civilization is the joint family and wherever it is, there is heaven. Old age shudders due to the actions of family members who destroy the importance of relationships and love and the so-called modernist thinking. While the disintegration of joint families and the emergence of the nuclear family has

caused pain to the elderly, it has also deprived the children of many events. The power to bear sorrow and endure hardships which is seen in joint families is not found in those who live alone. In today's modern era, in view of rising inflation and increasing needs, joint families can be called the need of the hour. India is a country of villages, a country of families, perhaps this is the reason that despite not wanting to, we have emerged as the world's largest population nation and perhaps this is the reason that despite the challenges arising from population pressure ;as a 'family', did not feel the need to formulate population policy. A part of the land surrounded by walls made of brick, stone and lime is called a household, with which 'I' and 'me' are associated. The

organizational unit of relationships committed by values is each member of that household. The happiness and sorrow of every member touches each other's heart. The mind is affected by feelings of love. Where the sun rises every morning in the struggle for food, clothing, shelter, education and proper medical care, and every evening the family comes and stays at home carrying the burden of half-fulfilled worries. Sometimes profit, sometimes loss, sometimes happiness, sometimes sadness, sometimes coincidence, sometimes separation, the cycle of life moves between these dualistic situations. There is a struggle between luck and effort. Every effort of a man is to create a 'home and family'. In the true sense, home and family are the place where life values like affection, harmony, c o o p e r a t i o n , organization, sharing of joys and sorrows, acceptance of lessons in everything are lived. Where there is complete freedom to tolerate and understand everyone. There is

creative freedom with discipline, the right to make decisions with integrity & where childhood is nurtured in good values. Youth is lived by a relative lifestyle. Old age remains tolerant and balanced while sharing the experiences lived among everyone. Such a family definitely becomes a temple of worship. Family is like a resource. Then what is the reason that if we look into the atmosphere of any family today, we will see the shadows of sorrow, worry, discord, jealousy, hatred, partiality, dispute, opposition and rebellion moving around. There would be a feeling of alienation even among our own people. Difference of opinion will lead to discord. Faith will descend into doubt. In such a crowd of untold tensions, man yearns for a moment of happiness. No one tries to tolerate/understand anyone. Because in that family, within the scope of its own existence, the changing peripheries of objectives, ideals, expectations, faith and belief go astray, obliterating the centre. To control this

fragmentation and disintegration, we launched the “ Sukhi Pariwar Abhiyan” under the leadership of GaniRajendraVijayji, through which extensive initiatives are being taken to strengthen the family institution. The concept of Nuclear Family is not yet widespread in India. Even today, there are many families in India whose generations live together and support each other at every step. But the situation is gradually worsening in metropolitan cities like Delhi and Mumbai. It is expected that soon the importance of joint family will start increasing again in the society and awareness will spread among people that they should live together in a family which has many benefits. This step and resolution of life taken in the name of human relationships and family tradition will be a unique gift to the family in welcoming tomorrow.

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recovering gradually and she might be the live example for this superlative hospital indeed. My “Mother” has received such noticeable “Human Reciprocations” which are following:

1. Flawless medical evaluations and engagements of Dr. Joydeep Banerjee Chowdhury in a befitting manner.
2. Remarkable behaviors, cares and exemplary regards from “Attendants, Sisters, House Keeping Staff Members” and so on.
3. Rejoicing environmental niceties.
4. Profound medical and non-medical supports and cooperations.



the veteran “Scientific Leader” brings out his participations which are equivalent to a number of decisive medical solutions along with his errorless team under his sublime guidelines. E - Everlasting Reinforcement of Work: This glorious methodical platform has truly been successful just because of their “Participative Leadership Approach” where each associate participates not only for the noticeable organizational developments but to secure the patients’ welfare in the end.

E-Emergence of Organizational Paradigm: It is having astounding and significant impacts. This great hospitable community has implemented the best scientific protocols of operation for the patients’ and their amicable treatments at all times. Therefore, each one of us is really blissful and proud from the perspective of their unblemished plan of actions based upon their superlatives visions and trained approaches in all the regards. They invariably aspire for their collective “Research-Based” attainments.

P-Pathway of Cooperative Relief:

up to the elbows with your broad occupations. I, Dr. Rudrarup Gupta would like to draw your mute attention for conveying you about my proud manifestation in favour of “JOINT AND BONE CARE HOSPITAL” only. My iconic “Mother” Dr. Rumki Gupta (Eminent Former Scientist, Psychology Research Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata) has got the exemplary treatment along with the best painstaking scientific deliverables right from the very first day in a conforming manner. We are extensively indebted and proud for “Referred Personality” Respected Dr. Joydeep Banerjee Chowdhury for his inestimable “Scientific Brilliance” along with his rewarding occupational culmination in style. He has produced an astounding refinement which is in connection with my “Mother” through “Knee Replacements”. The said have already been entirely successful and Dr. Rumki Gupta has really been emboldened to initiate her all-round movements based upon the real qualitative operations and evaluations of Dr. Chowdhury and his applaudable team in the end. My “Mother” is

5. Upright floor management and its impactful effects.
6. Community leadership approaches.
7. Disciplined occupational determinants such as collective responses and actions.
8. Sufficient logistics and its exclusive implications.
9. Health friendly diets along with its qualitative statures.
10. High-end “Human Values” alongside its consequential reflections.

J-Jovial Advancements of “Human Life”. B-Benevolence of Scientific Treatments”. C-Culmination of Success. H - Histrionic Occupational Legacy. Therefore, I firmly recommend to all of us for coming over here (Joint Bone Care Hospital) not only for your destined treatments but to bring out your sustainable “Metamorphosis of Life” within a very short while which is one of the best collective determinations for our imperial “Human Existence” in style.

Kolkata, India

# Celebration of International Day of Plant Health by RCIPMC, Kolkata



**Kolkata, (KCN):**Plants are the foundation of our ecosystem, providing us with food, clean air and countless other essential resources. However, they face numerous threats, including pests, diseases and the malice of climate change, which may have devastating consequences for agriculture, biodiversity and human livelihoods. Recognising the significance of the existence of plants, this year, International Day of Plant Health was celebrated on Sunday, (May 12, 2024) with a theme “Plant health, safe trade and digital technology”.

To mark the importance of this day, the Regional

Central Integrated Pest Management Centre (RCIPMC), Kolkata, Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage; Union Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare chalked out concerted programmess like:

1. Organising a one-day Kishan Ghostis on importance of Plant Health and IPM
2. IPM exhibitions
3. Organising activities involving school children about theme “save plants-save planet”
4. Webinars with Experts
5. Community engagement activities- Organising tree plantation drives; plant health awareness rally/

campaigns; social media campaigns.

In this connection, the Regional Central Integrated Pest Management Centre, Kolkata, organised a Kishan Ghosti cum IPM exhibition cum experts talk at Deganga, North 24 Parganas. The participants included officials from RCIPMC, Kolkata, APEDA Eastern region, State Agriculture Marketing Department, Agri-exporters, pesticide dealers and progressive farmers.

Dr. Pabel Mazumder, Assistant Director, RCIPMC, Kolkata in his welcome address elaborates the theme

which emphasised the importance of digital technology to monitor and manage plant health effectively, thereby ensuring food safety, promoting safe trade practices and supporting sustainable economies and livelihoods. Sh. Priyabrata Mohanta, PPO(WS) discussed safe and judicious use of pesticides and effect of indiscriminate use of pesticides in agriculture and human health.

Subsequently, other dignitaries discussed topics like: “save plants-save planet”; “Healthy plant means a healthy planet”; “Conserve natural bio-control agents for sustainable agriculture”; “Safe and judicious use of pesticides”; “Plant Quarantine Regulations”. RCIPMC, Kolkata also put on a small exhibition of various cost effective and environment friendly IPM inputs to encourage farmers’ pesticide dealers toward alternatives of chemical pesticides. Various literatures viz; methods of seed treatment, production of Bio-pesticides, 5% NSKE, Concept of IPM, Safe use of pesticides etc. were also distributed.

# PM Modi Files Nomination From Varanasi, Then A Massive Show Of Strength

**NewDelhi, (KCN):**Prime Minister Narendra Modi filed his nomination for the 2024 Lok Sabha election from Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi Tuesday morning - after a flashy six km roadshow last evening - accompanied by a phalanx of senior leaders from the Bharatiya Janata Party and its alliance partners, including party boss JP Nadda, Home Minister Amit Shah and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, as well as Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and his Meghalaya counterpart

Ganges, with UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath present, and visited the Kaal Bhairav Temple. Before visiting the temple he said, "My relationship with my Kashi is amazing, inseparable, and incomparable... it cannot be expressed in words!" "I am overwhelmed and emotional! I did not even realise how 10 years passed under the shade of your affection. Aaj Maa Ganga ne mujhe god le liya hai (today, Maa Ganga has adopted me)."

from the BJP bastion; the party has won this seat eight times since 1991, with only RK Mishra of the Congress, in 2004, managing to break the stranglehold. In the 2014 election Varanasi saw a high-profile clash between the Prime Minister and Aam Aadmi Party boss Arvind Kejriwal, who gathered a little over 20 per cent of the votes on his debut in the BJP fortress. This time around (on paper) the PM's rival is the Congress' Ajay Rai. Mr

The BJP, also bidding for a third consecutive term, has set itself a target of 370+ seats (400+ with its allies), and the Prime Minister has led the party's charge, with strident attacks on the Congress-led opposition, including controversial references to Muslims that were widely condemned and drew cautious reprimands by the Election Commission. The poll panel sent notices to BJP chief JP Nadda and, responding



Conrad Sangma. Alliance partners present included Rashtriya Lok Dal chief Jayant Chaudhary and Lok Janshakti Party leader Chirag Paswan, as well as Apna Dal (Sonelal) boss Anupriya Patel and the Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party's Om Prakash Rajbhar.

This morning, en route to filing his papers, Mr Modi prayed at the city's iconic Dashashwamedh Ghat, on the banks of the

After filing his papers Mr Modi went to the city's Rudraksh Convention Centre and interacted with party workers.

On Monday, after his roadshow, the Prime Minister said, "The love and blessings my family members of Kashi showed during the road show became an unforgettable moment in my life."

Mr Modi is seeking a third consecutive term

Rai contested in 2019 and got 1.52 lakh votes, and an improved vote share of 7.04 per cent. Hindus make up around 75 per cent of Varanasi's demographic. Muslims make up 20 per cent.

An estimated 10 per cent of the population belong to Scheduled Tribes and only 0.7 are from Scheduled Castes. The rural-urban split of the population is 65 to 35 per cent.

to complaints filed by the saffron party, also to Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge. Back in March, while announcing the dates of the seven-phase election, the EC had warned politicians not to cross the "red line" during campaigning. The poll panel told political parties it was putting them "on notice" and said informing their star campaigners of the guidelines was their responsibility.



# Kendrapara villages face extinction

**Kendrapara(KCN):** The absence of a long-term plan to prevent natural calamities is posing serious threats to several villages under Mahakalapada block of Kendrapara district.

Locals alleged that every year the administration holds meetings to tackle the situation in the aftermath of natural calamities. However, no concrete steps have ever been taken to prevent impending danger. "The effort is always to act after destruction, but not to prevent it," pointed out a local.

The frequent ingress of seawater into residences located in villages under

Satabhaya, Lanjuda, Suniti and Babar panchayats is giving sleepless nights to the inhabitants. They stated that unless preventive measures are implemented quickly the sea will gobble up the villages in these panchayats within the next four to five years. They added that even a slight increase in the speed of wind gives rise to tidal waves at many places of the 48-kilometre-long coastline resulting in rapid soil erosion.

Environmentalists and scientists pointed out that if soil erosion continues in the manner it is happening



now, the day is not far when many villages will be swallowed up by the sea. They blamed the district administration for

the current state of affairs. "We have been harping on development of mangrove plantations in a planned manner to

stop soil erosion, but nothing has been done to combat the situation," they stated. The

environmentalists warned that 90 per cent of land under Satabhaya panchayat has

disappeared into the sea and other panchayats will face the same fate.

Bhuban Mohan Jena, president of 'Zilla Jana Adhikar Manch', local intellectual Ganesh Chandra Samal, farmer leader Gayadhar Dhal, educationist Khitish Kumar Singh and environmentalist Hemant Kumar Rout pointed out that this district is always prone to natural disasters due to its long coastline and seven major rivers and scores of other water bodies flowing through it. However, instead of turning into a blessing, this factor has turned into a curse for this district.

The rivers and water bodies are responsible for the devastating floods that plague the district every year. Locals said that as preventive measures to tackle floods have not been put in place, they have to suffer huge losses. Moreover, the district has also been identified as Tsunami-prone, they added.

When contacted, ADM Pitambar Samal said the river embankments are being strengthened on downstream to control floods, while mangrove plantations are being created to prevent erosion. He added that results will soon be seen.

## Healthcare services hit in Jharigaon as hospital staff sent for poll duty



**Jharigaon(KCN):** Healthcare services at the community centre and all the primary health centres at Jharigaon in Nabarangpur district have been badly hit as more than 30 per cent of the staff working in these places have been entrusted with election duties.

Polls to the Nabarangpur Lok Sabha constituency and the seven Assembly segments including Jharigaon were held Monday.

Sources informed that due to the lack of qualified staff, patients at the community health centre

(CHC) and the five primary health centres, are suffering. Officials informed that it will take 4-5 days for restoration of normalcy.

The matter came to the fore when 18 persons suffered injuries, some of them seriously, in an accident on the Jharigaon-Chandahandi road when an auto-rickshaw collided with a car, Sunday. All of them were rushed to the CHC here, but treatment got delayed due to the absence of doctors and other qualified staff in the Emergency department. The situation sparked

tension among the relatives of the victims and the locals who had brought them to the CHC.

Hospital authorities expressed helplessness as they pointed out that staff had been asked to attend poll duties.

There are five primary health centres (PHC) and one CHC in this block. A total of 105 people, including doctors and pharmacists, are employed in these six centres.

Officials informed Monday that eight employees have been sent on deputation to

other hospitals. They added that out of the remaining 97 employees, 31 have been entrusted with election duties. Officials pointed out that all the seven pharmacists in the CHC and PHCs have been pulled out for poll duties. Others who have been put on the election roster include 15 multi-purpose health workers (male), one senior helper, three attendants, three sweepers and two laboratory technicians. Such is the situation that at times nurses are providing emergency healthcare services to patients. Doctors after checking patients are distributing medicines themselves due to the shortage of staff. Even medical officers working at the CHC and PHCs are doing elementary jobs that have nothing to do with the treatment. They informed that the situation will turn normal once those who have been sent on election duty return.

## 253 Olive Ridley hatchlings released at Dagara beach



**Baliapal(KCN):** Forest department staff released Monday hatchlings of 253 Olive Ridley turtles into the sea at Dagara under Baliapal block in Balasore district.


It should be stated here that the stretch of the sea beach from Chaumukh to Haskara has turned into a favourite and mass nesting place for

Olive Ridley turtles. Officials said that every year hundreds of turtles arrive at the beach to lay eggs and then return to the sea. The hatchlings are usually born two-three months later. This year also was no exception. After the hatchlings emerged on the surface, the Forest Department officials facilitated their passage

into the sea. Officials informed that this year, the number of adult turtles visiting the beach had decreased substantially. Only 400 eggs were laid by the turtles, of which 253 hatchlings were born, they added.

It was indeed pleasing to the eye to see employees of the Forest department,

namely Hrushikesh Pradhan, Durjaya Karan, Manmath Dalai and Amulya Jena escorting the baby turtles safely back into the sea. Who knows some of these hatchlings may visit the same beach again when they become adults to lay eggs and continue the natural process.



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## CarDekho's launches 2nd Mega Refurbishment Centre for Used Cars

**New Delhi :** CarDekho, India's leading auto-tech company, has opened its mega refurbishment centre in Mumbai for Used Cars. This is the company's second mega refurbishment centre in the country after NCR. The Mumbai centre will take full control of the refurb process and set quality benchmark through advanced state-of-the-art infrastructure while optimising cost through scale of operations. The company plans to open 20 such refurbishment centres across India in near future.

With 1000 cars monthly refurbishment capacity, the centre will employ 100+ employees once fully operational. As a result of having best-in-class inhouse refurbishment centers, Cardekho ensures that all vehicles sold on its platform are of the

highest quality.

CarDekho offers a 7 days 'No Questions Asked' money-back guarantee on all cars where customers can test-own the car and return it if not satisfied. Also included are 6 months of warranty, and complementary Pan-India roadside assistance (RSA) for all car buyers. A free insurance package and RC transfer are also included with the car.

Sharad Saxena, CEO - Used Car Business, CarDekho Group, said, "The opening of our mega refurbishment centre in Mumbai marks another milestone for the company in its quest to provide the best pre-owned vehicles to its customers. The cars refurbished at this centre will carry CarDekho's trust that offers reliability, affordability and unmatched satisfaction.

This centre integrates the Group's best know-how and reinforces our vision to disrupt the personal mobility space in India. We want our customers to live our promise of 'Bharosa Kar Ke Dekho'."

The refurbishment centre is equipped with State-of-the-art Brake, Suspension & Side Slip Tester, Hitech Pneumatic Tools & Equipment, 3D Wheel Alignment, Wheel Balancing, mechanised Tyre changing, Air Conditioning Service, Injector & Spark Plug Cleaning and a fully mechanised Bodyshop with Electric Dent Pullers, Double action sanders with vacuum extractors, Infrared heating Machine & full functional heated Downdraft Paint Booth along with inhouse paint mixing facility for high-quality painting.

## Flipkart clocks over 200 Million Fashion products in the Spring-Summer

**Bhubaneswar:** As the Spring Summer season 2022 draws to a close, Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, has recorded a sale of over 200 million fashion products across close to 19,200 pin codes. The Spring Summer Season also played a key role for customers and sellers and saw close to 175,000 fashion sellers participating. These sellers came from not just metros but from tier 2 and tier 3 towns as well. Customers shopped for fashion and lifestyle products including sarees, men's t-shirts, watches, sunglasses, women's kurtis and footwear, from national, international and homegrown fashion brands.

The season saw customers shopping for fashion products from across the country including metros and a majority of these customers also from tier 3, 4 and 5 cities shop for fashion products from cities like Ranchi, Ernakulam, Kanpur, Medinipur, Cuttack to

name a few; and a substantial number of the overall customer base were first-time fashion shoppers.

Sandeep Karwa, Vice President, Flipkart Fashion, said, "We are extremely delighted with this overwhelming response from the customers, who consistently choose Flipkart for all their fashion and lifestyle needs. This year's spring-summer season saw a resurgence in consumption on the back of renewed economic recovery post-pandemic and we are pleased that lakhs of sellers saw a phenomenal response during this season. It is also a testament to our efforts to bring unparalleled value in fashion shopping to our customers. With a range of technology-led innovations that are making shopping experiences personalised and seamless for our customers, we are bringing India and Bharat closer ushering in considerable growth opportunities for lakhs of

sellers and brand partners."

Ayush Baid, a Flipkart Fashion seller who sells Women's ethnic wear from Surat, Gujarat, said, "We have grown on Flipkart by 500% during the spring-summer season and this was possible due to the technology and power of ecommerce. Growth on Flipkart has led to the overall growth of the company."

Harish Dadwani, a Flipkart Fashion seller partner from Agra, Uttar Pradesh, said, "It has been 4 years since I joined ecommerce and through the Flipkart platform have seen a growth of over 10X since then.

I had launched several new products in the spring-summer collection which has seen a 50X growth spike. I am very positive to set new milestones and garner new opportunities in the coming years and feel that I can achieve much more through ecommerce, technology and Flipkart."

## IIT Delhi Student Wins Coveted TCS CodeVita Season 10

**MUMBAI:** Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) (BSE: 532540, NSE: TCS), announced the winners of Season 10 of its flagship global coding contest, TCS CodeVita, at a virtual grand finale. CodeVita, holder of the Guinness World Records™ title as the world's largest computer programming competition, has been inspiring students across the world to build and test their coding expertise for the past 10 years. The contest promotes programming as a sport and encourages participants to pit their skills against each other and solve intriguing real-

life challenges.

The winner claimed the grand prize of \$10,000, while the first and the second runners-up were awarded \$7,000 and \$3,000 respectively. In a first, the third runner up, Michal Stanik from Czech Republic, was also recognized by TCS with a prize of \$1,000. Moreover, all four winners earned an internship opportunity with TCS' Research & Innovation organization. Registration for Season 11 of TCS CodeVita will commence soon.

"Season 10 of CodeVita has been remarkable in harnessing the passion

for coding among the youth. We were thrilled to see how the four finalists solved all the 10 problems, which has never happened before. I am happy to see CodeVita is encouraging youngsters to write good code and apply it to solve challenging problems," said K Ananth Krishnan, Chief Technology Officer, TCS. Winner Kalash Gupta said, "Thank you so much. it's unbelievable! When I started with the contest, I never thought I would even be in the top 3 but this is a very humbling experience. I'm very excited about the

## Odisha records 20x growth in job applications in the last 90 days

Bhubaneswar,: As one of the fastest-growing states in terms of economy in India, Odisha has been witnessing a steady growth in job opportunities across sectors and industries and has emerged as a popular destination for job seekers. apna.co- India's largest jobs and professional networking platform - recorded 20x quarter on quarter growth in job postings in the state's capital, Bhubaneswar in the previous quarter. The platform has also noted increased job openings for multiple roles in the last three 90 days.

After recording an economic rating higher than India's GDP, Odisha has become a promising destination for employers to invest in, strengthening the state's economy and creating more job opportunities. apna has become a trusted partner for various popular companies such as Zomato, Bharti AXA, Burger King, TeamLease, Byjus, and Delhivery amongst others in the state to fulfill their hiring requirement. In the last quarter, there has been an increased hiring momentum for roles such as telecallers/BPO, sales, computer/data entry operator, delivery persons, and business development executives amongst others. The capital city continues to be one of the top commercial hubs in Eastern India.

With more than 25 percent female users from Bhubaneswar, apna has become a default partner for women to build their professional networks and participate in helping India unlock its economic potential. According to the platform, there has been a quarter-on-quarter increase in women joining the workforce from the state and participating in uplifting Odisha's economy. Telecalling and business development have consistently been the most popular role amongst women in Bhubaneswar followed by data entry operators. Interestingly, women also opted to get on the field by joining the sales workforce for various organizations after COVID cases dropped drastically.

Commenting on the growth, Manas Singh, Chief Business Officer, apna.co said, "Odisha is witnessing tremendous growth in the past quarter, emerging as one of the key markets with a rise in both workers and employers on apna. We will continue creating more hyperlocal opportunities to help accelerate the economic growth of Bhubaneswar."

## FURO Sports Shoes welcomes Shahid Kapoor as its Brand Ambassador

Bhubaneswar: FURO Sports Shoes, (from the house of Red Chief Shoes), is thrilled to announce its much-coveted collaboration with the Bollywood Superstar, Shahid Kapoor. Shahid's youthful and sporty personality of an affable boy gels with the aspiring core values and ethos of FURO Sports Shoes. Shahid appeals to a wider audience across all age groups. While his exceptional fitness lifestyle, dancing prowess, and romantic-action-oriented movies attract the youth, his responsible family guy persona connects with relatively mature age groups as well. Mr. Manoj Gyanchandani (Managing Director) expressing his views on the collaboration, shares, "We are extremely honored to welcome Shahid Kapoor as the newest FURO family member. We couldn't have asked for a better partner in 2022 who comes with such high credible energy which is much needed in such dynamic times to inspire the youth towards athleisure lifestyle. We look forward to a successful partnership with him and hope to have a mutually beneficial long-term relationship."

Mr. Rahul Sharma, (Marketing Head) further shared "To continue leveraging our association both in mass media & digital platforms - Shahid would be part of our forthcoming Brand campaigns, which are back to back lined up starting few weeks from now."

## BOB Financial crosses the 1 Million Credit Cards mark

Mumbai: BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL), wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda (Bank) that issues and manages Bank of Baroda Credit Cards, has crossed the 1 Million Credit Cards mark.

As per Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, Bank of Baroda Credit Cards have grown 9X over the last four years - from 0.12 million cards in March 2018 to over 1.1 million cards in March 2022. Further, the monthly spends on credit cards have grown 10X over the same period - from Rs.80 crore in March 2018 to Rs.830 crore in March 2022.

In CY2022, cobranding with IRCTC, HPCL, Defence Services, and partnerships with fintechs have been some of the key initiatives in the ongoing transformation journey.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Shailendra Singh, MD & CEO, BFSL said, "In 2017, we started on a journey of transforming BOB Financial into a leading credit card issuer in India. Crossing the 1 million credit cards mark is an important milestone. However, while we celebrate this achievement, our ultimate aspiration is to become one of the largest Credit Card issuers in the country, serving customers of every demographic and socio-economic classification."

BFSL has been focusing on investing in people, processes and technology to enhance customer experience.

## OKAYA EV Unveils Exclusive Dealership Center in Sambalpur



Sambalpur, : Okaya EV, a leading electric vehicle manufacturer announced the grand opening of its state-of-the-art Exclusive Center in Sambalpur. This innovative space promises to revolutionize the way consumers interact with electric vehicles, showcasing Okaya EV's commitment to sustainable transportation and cutting-edge technology.

Visitors to the

exclusive center will be immersed in a world of electric mobility, where they can explore Okaya EV's diverse product portfolio firsthand. Okaya EV's scooter portfolio includes high-speed and low-speed models such as the Faast F4, Faast F3, F2B, and F2T in the Faast series product line. While Classic+ and Freedom models are part of the low-speed segment

Notably, Okaya EV's product lineup

## Ambuja Cements introduces Cool Walls, a special product that keep homes cool in summers and hot in winters

**Mumbai :** Ambuja Cements Ltd, one of India's most sustainable cement manufacturers, is now offering an innovative green solution for constructing strong walls. Ambuja Cool Walls is a unique wall solutions that keeps the house cool during summer and retains inside temperature to make the house warmer in winter. Ambuja Cements is among the first Indian cement companies to offer this unique block and mortar solution to individual house builders.

Ambuja Cool Walls is a sustainable product made with an innovative heat-barrier technology that is far superior to any other products available in the market. The 'heat barrier technology' of this product helps to maintain inside temperature of any house lesser by 5°Celsius as compared to external temperature. These innovative heat barrier technology,

consistent quality and enhanced strength (>5 MPa) are the main differentiators of this product.

Ambuja Cool Walls is an innovative solution to the problem faced by traditional construction with non-sustainable products. The challenge posed by traditional construction today are efflorescence on walls, termite attack, water absorption and highly prone to earthquakes. Ambuja Cool Walls along with unique jointing mortar makes the wall stronger and eliminates the problem faced by traditional construction practices. This helps the consumers in cost saving on electricity due to thermal insulation, low frequency of repeat painting because of no efflorescence, lesser repeat maintenance and lower construction cost. Additional benefits include noise reduction, high fire resistance etc.

Also it enables speedy construction and reduces project completion time by ~30%.

Ambuja Cool Walls is a sustainable product as it consumes large volume of fly ash in its manufacturing. The walls does not require curing during construction and thus saves 5000 liters of water for a 1000-square feet house. Mr. Neeraj Akhoury, CEO India Holcim and MD & CEO of Ambuja Cements Ltd., said, "Ambuja Cements has always pursued innovation to provide customers with eco-friendly solutions for a better and a greener future. It's our endeavor to provide world class solutions to customers in India. Ambuja Cool Walls is a testimony to our commitment to provide sustainable, high strength and durable solutions to our customers".

## This Diwali, brighten up your health by adopting these 5 habits

Bhubaneswar : Consider presenting them with assortments of nutrient-rich almonds that not only reflect your affection but also promote their well-being during this festive season. Almonds make for a perfect, healthy gift option, especially during festive seasons like Diwali. Moreover, their versatility allows for various creative gifting options, from beautifully packaged almond assortments to homemade almond-based treats. While traditional sweets hold a special place in our hearts during this festive season, gifting a pack of nutrient-dense almonds can be a thoughtful gesture that not only aligns with the spirit of giving but also promotes a healthier

lifestyle. Almonds, known for their rich reserves of essential nutrients such as vitamin E, magnesium, and healthy fats, offer a convenient and delectable way to boost one's overall well-being. Whether coated in festive flavors or presented in their natural form, these versatile nuts not only symbolize good fortune but also serve as a reminder to prioritize health and mindfulness during the jubilant Diwali celebrations. Attributable to Ritika Samaddar, Regional Head - Dietetics, Max Healthcare, Delhi Amidst the hustle and bustle of the festive fervor, it's crucial to carve out time for physical activity. Whether it's a brisk walk in the morning, a quick yoga

session, or engaging in traditional dance forms, incorporating exercise into your daily routine can help counterbalance the effects of indulgent eating and promote overall well-being. By making the conscious switch to include almonds in your fitness routine you can get a quick energy boost before a workout or as a replenishing source of nutrients afterward, almonds offer sustained energy and aid in muscle recovery, helping you achieve your fitness goals more effectively. Almonds serve as an excellent pre- or post-workout snack, you can have them in between meals as well without compromising on your taste and nutrition.



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Cricket Ireland's Chair Brian MacNeice held discussions with PCB Chair Mohsin Naqvi about their tour of Pakistan in 2025. MacNeice indicated the discussions were healthy and it had been agreed that Ireland would tour Pakistan next year, in what would be the first visit of their men's side to the Asian country. "We are delighted to have welcomed Chairman Naqvi to Dublin and we had a very productive meeting. The presence of the



ongoing series between Ireland and Pakistan is currently locked at one game apiece, with the third and final match of the series scheduled to be held in Dublin on Tuesday.

"The Pakistan squad have been excellent ambassadors for their country over the last week and have been very generous in their interactions with fans throughout their time in Ireland. We very much look forward to the deciding game in the series tomorrow and of

course our meeting in the T20 World Cup next month," MacNeice added. "The cricketing friendship between Ireland and Pakistan runs very deep - indeed, the first meeting between the two sides was in 1962 here in Dublin, and Pakistan has been our opponent for both our inaugural women's and men's Test matches. "We look forward to this auspicious tour and thank Chairman Naqvi and the PCB for their ongoing friendship and support."

# Lamine Yamal shines as Barcelona leapfrog Girona to reclaim second spot in LaLiga



league title, sitting on 90 points with three games left.

"There is still a long way to go. It will be a battle to the end. Girona are very strong," Barcelona defender Inigo Martinez told Movistar.

"It's in our hands now. I think the team is very good. Three valuable points. We had some mistakes in the first half. In the second half I think we could have finished it off earlier."

Yamal put Barcelona

ahead in the 40th minute when he coolly slotted home from Ilkay Gundogan's pass after a quick breakaway for his fifth LaLiga goal this season. "It was an important game to regain second place and we have to try to make it a nine-point week," the 16-year-old Yamal said referring to the upcoming games. "Real did very well in the first half but then we were able to improve. There was good feeling

in the whole team." Raphinha's penalty in stoppage time sealed victory for the hosts after a VAR review for handball, leaving the Basque side in seventh place with 54 points, one behind Real Betis in the last Europa League spot.

"Real always make it difficult for us. They are always very organised, aggressive, you don't create danger for them," Xavi told reporters. "It's an important victory for us. We played a good game in general."

It could be well argued that such a scenario is a long shot given that June is a month of summer in the Caribbean but the fact is that the International Cricket Council (ICC) and the Cricket West Indies (CWI) have scheduled reserve days. There may, well, be a little abnormal scenario. Should the second semifinal spill over to the next day (June 28), the winners of the contest will have to play the final in less than 24 hours. Additionally, they will have to travel from Providence in Guyana to Bridgetown in Barbados in that period. More pertinently, the affected team could be India if they go on to reach the



As per the schedule, India are to play their semifinal on June 27 at 8.30 pm IST (if they qualify). A CWI official said the ICC are also in control of the playing regulations for the tournament and the West Indies board cannot comment. Cricbuzz reached out to the ICC for a reaction. Through a March 15 media release, it did, though, confirm the reserve days for the last three games of the 55-match tournament. "It was also confirmed during the meetings that ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 would have reserve days scheduled

for the semi-finals and final," the ICC said through a media release after a board meeting. Should such a scenario emerge, the ICC may have to move the final to its reserve days, June 30. But it has not stated this in as many words as yet. The World Cup kicks off on June 1. It is an unprecedented situation as there were sufficient gaps between the reserve day of the second semifinal and the final in the previous global events. In the last year's World Cup in India, the second semifinal between South Africa and Australia was played on November 16 and the

final was on November 19 in Ahmedabad. In the last Twenty20 World Cup in 2022 in Australia, the second semifinal, between India and England, was played on November 10 and the final was on November 13. If one were to go further back, the second semifinal of the T20 World Cup in 2021 in UAE was played between Pakistan and Australia on November 11 in Dubai with the final between Australia and New Zealand at the same venue on November 14. Never before in recent years was the semifinal and the final so closely scheduled.

# Klusener plays down Rahul-Goenka animated chat, refutes captaincy rumours

dented LSG's net run-rate and playoffs qualification hopes, following which Goenka was captured on TV having an animated discussion with Rahul. Klusener, however, referred to the incident as a 'storm in a teacup'. "I don't see any problem with some robust discussion between two cricket lovers. I don't see any problem with that. For us, I guess, it's just a storm in a teacup. We love a robust discussion, I think that's how teams get better. So, it's not a big thing for us," the South African said. While Rahul has had a stellar few seasons with the bat, aggregating in excess of 1000 runs since IPL 2022, his strike-rate has been a

point of contention. In IPL 2024, Rahul is LSG's leading run-getter with a tally of 460 and an average of 38.33 but he has been slow to get going in a few games. Fellow opener Quinton de Kock's poor run hasn't helped either. Klusener, however, defended his captain stating that Rahul has often had to assume the responsibility of resurrecting the innings, courtesy an underperforming batting order around him, rather than scoring freely like others in the competition. "I think everybody's got their own style. KL's got his own unique style, which has made him a fantastic player not just here in India but around the world and respected



probably feels like he's always having to rebuild. So I think as a batting unit around KL we haven't been as good as we should. So I think it's just been extremely tough conditions for him in that

way.  
"It's something we've  
chatted about as well is  
that we've just kept losing  
wickets at tough times  
and batters coming in  
seem to have to be  
rebuilding the whole time

and not just coming into a platform. So by KL's high standards he probably would have liked to have kicked on in a few more games and probably would have liked to have at least one or two hundreds that haven't worked out for him. But, there's still a couple of games and he's still in a good space. So we've got our fingers crossed for him." LSG face an uphill task in order to finish in the top-four, with only 12 points from as many games. Not only do they have to win both their remaining games, against DC and Mumbai Indians, by significant margins to up their NRR, which is currently -0.769, they

also have to hope for other teams to do them a favour. Klusener chose to look at the controllables ahead of the do-or-die clash in Delhi.

"We've got two games to go. It doesn't really matter what's happened in the past, whether we've won or lost, it makes no difference to us. We're focusing on the next two games. And how best we can get over the line in both of them. Whether we then qualify or not, I guess, that's of our making from the way we played. But, our focus really is just to get over the line tomorrow and then we'll worry about Mumbai after that," the 52-year-old said.