

Modi Guarantee For Odisha



Modi Guarantee For Women



- Subhadra Jyoti Jyoti**: ₹50,000 cash voucher to all women, which can be encashed over two years
- 25 lakh **Lakshmi Didi** and industrial clusters for all 500 SHGs
- Mo Medhabi Jyoti Jyoti**: ₹2,00,000 assurance certificate for all BPL girl children
- Matruvrat Suraksha Jyoti Jyoti**: ₹21,000 for 6 nutrition kits and financial support for pregnant women

Modi Guarantee For Farmer Prosperity



- Samruddh Krushak Niti**: Paddy procurement at ₹3,100 per quintal
- Payment within 48 hours through DBT, and end of kharif-chhatra
- 10 new irrigation projects and tripling of irrigated land
- Annual lean period allowance of ₹10,000 to every fisherman

Modi Guarantee For Good Governance



- End the dur-niti**: Zero-tolerance policy on corruption
- Return money to victims of chit-fund scam and fair use of DMF
- Puri Shri Jagannath Mandir**: bring back the missing key and publish audit of Ratna Bhandar
- Internet, education, health, skill development, and financial inclusion services in every village

Modi Guarantee For Tribal Welfare



- Kendu Patra Tolali Kalyana Jyoti Jyoti**: ₹2 per kerry, bonus to Kendu Patra Pluckers and Binders
- Madhu Singh Haath-Kharcha**: ₹5,000 annually to tribal students to reduce dropout rates
- Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Mahua, bonus to Mahua flower growers and new Mahua Trade Liberalisation Policy

Modi Guarantee For Youth



- Recruitment to 1.5 lakh government posts
- 3.5 lakh new jobs
- Educated youth will not go to Dadan now

Modi Guarantee For Social Welfare



- 15 lakh houses under PM Awas Jyoti Jyoti
- Water connections for 26 lakh households under Jal Jeevan Mission
- Monthly pension of ₹3,000 for all elderly, divyang, widows, and destitute
- ₹3,500 for elderly above 80 years and divyang with 80% disability
- PM-Surya Ghar**: Muft Bijli Jyoti Jyoti across urban and rural household
- Bunakara Samman Nidhi**: Monthly ₹3,000 for weavers aged 40-60 and ₹3,500 for weavers above 60 years

Modi Guarantee For Health & Nutrition



- 36,000 new beds in CHCs & PHCs
- Medical and nursing college, and a super-specialty hospital in every district
- 600-bed multispecialty hospitals in Sundergarh, Keonjhar and Jharsuguda



Modi Guarantee For Prosperous Odisha



- Promote MSMEs
- Setup new IT Park in four cities
- Make Odisha Top Performing state in industrial corridors
- Mega Food Park in each zone of Odisha
- Odisha to become 5th largest exporting state under Utkarsha Udyam Scheme

Our Odisha, Our Pride, Our Identity

- Odisha to become Top 3 in tourism with a booming tourist economy
- Mahaprasad Bitarana Centre in every district for distributing sukha Mahaprasad
- Allocation of land to recognised Mathas and ₹5 lakh one-time financial assistance to restore the foregone glory



Modi Guarantee For Infrastructure

- 75,000 km of rural and state highway roads connecting the whole of Odisha
- Setu Bandhan Scheme**: 500 new RCC bridges, old wooden bridges to be replaced



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Kalinga Literary Festival to Host Exclusive Book Release Ceremony and Author Discussion: "Nandini Satpathy: The Iron Lady of Orissa" by Pallavi Rebbapragada

Bhubaneswar, (KCN)- The prestigious Kalinga Literary Festival (KLF) is set to illuminate the literary landscape with a special event dedicated to celebrating the remarkable life and legacy of Odisha's first woman Chief Minister, Nandini Satpathy. The event, organized by the Kalinga Literary Festival, will feature the official release of the highly anticipated biography, "Nandini Satpathy: The Iron Lady of Orissa," authored by Pallavi Rebbapragada. This significant

occasion will occur at the KLF Corner within the esteemed Oxford Bookstore in Bhubaneswar on May 11. Renowned academic luminaries are slated to join the conversation, engaging in a stimulating dialogue with author Pallavi Rebbapragada. Published by the globally acclaimed publishing house Simon & Schuster, "Nandini Satpathy: The Iron Lady of Orissa" unveils the extraordinary journey of a trailblazing leader whose

indomitable spirit shaped the political landscape of Odisha and left an indelible mark on the nation's history. Nandini Satpathy, affectionately known as the Iron Lady of Orissa, emerged from a lineage of revolutionaries and intellectuals. Her early years were marked by acts of courage and defiance, including her brave stand during the freedom struggle, symbolised by the iconic act of pulling down the Union Jack



from Ravenshaw College.

Ascending through the corridors of power, Nandini Satpathy's meteoric rise saw her become the youngest member of the Rajya Sabha at the age of 31. Her tenure as the Minister of Information and Broadcasting in Indira Gandhi's cabinet witnessed pivotal moments in India's history, including her instrumental role in the Free Bangla Radio during the Bangladesh Liberation War of 1971.

However, Nandini Satpathy's political journey was challenging. Despite her close association with Indira Gandhi, her principled opposition to the Emergency marked a turning point, leading to her eventual political downfall. Nevertheless, her legacy endures through her fearless implementation of radical reforms and her unwavering commitment to social justice. "Pallavi Rebbapragada's

meticulously researched biography offers a compelling narrative that brings to light the resilience and fortitude of Nandini Satpathy," remarked Shri Rashmi Ranjan Parida, Founder & Director of the Kalinga Literary Festival. "Through this book release ceremony and author discussion, we aim to honor the legacy of a pioneering leader whose contributions continue to inspire generations," he mentioned.

AIIMS Bhubaneswar Achieves Milestone with Successful Rare Scalp Tumor Operation

- Second in India, collaborative effort from group of Doctors
- Provided New Life to a 51-year male from West Bengal
- Around 7kg Synovial Sarcoma tumor removed



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Providing a new lease of life to a 51-year old male person (Rabindra Bishui) from West Bengal, AIIMS Bhubaneswar conducted a successful rare scalp tumor operation, marking a significant milestone in medical innovation and collaborative healthcare efforts. An exceptionally rare tumor, synovial sarcoma, especially in the scalp, with only scant documented cases in medical literature. The surgery, only the second of its kind in India, was a collaborative endeavour led by a dedicated team of medical professionals. AIIMS Bhubaneswar Executive Director Dr. Ashutosh Biswas congratulating the group of Doctors for such a rare operation, reiterated the commitment of the national institute to provide modern and quality health care service to the people of Odisha as well as the

neighbouring states. The patient has gone to different medical colleges and hospitals for treatment where it has been denied and ultimately reaches the department of Plastic surgery at AIIMS Bhubaneswar. A multidisciplinary team from AIIMS Bhubaneswar, comprising experts in Interventional radiology, Surgical oncology, Neurosurgery, Plastic surgery, Anesthesiology, and Pathology meticulously crafted a treatment strategy under the guidance of Dr. Sanjay Kumar Giri, Head of the department of Burns and Plastic Surgery, added Dr. Biswas. The patient, Mr. Rabindra Bishui, a 51-year-old resident of West Bengal, underwent the complex procedure to address a longstanding scalp swelling that had plagued him for over two

decades. The growth, later diagnosed as a 7kg Synovial Sarcoma tumor, posed a formidable challenge to conventional treatment methods. Medical Superintendent Dr. Dillip Kumar Parida has also conveyed best wishes to the team of doctors for such a wonderful work. The intricate procedure involved precise embolization of blood vessels, targeting the bilateral superficial temporal arteries and the left occipital artery, by Dr. Manoj Kumar Nayak from the Radiodiagnosis department, followed by surgical excision by Dr. Rabi Narayan Sahu (Neurosurgery), Dr. Kanav Gupta, Dr. Anil Kumar, Dr. Phanindra Kumar Swain (Surgical Oncology), Dr. Dinesh, Dr. Sanjay K. Giri, Dr. Santanu Subba, Dr. R K Sahu, Dr. Aparna Kanungo (Plastic Surgery), Dr. Gopika Jith,

used for flying applications in the next-generation missile-based light-weight torpedo delivery system were supplied to the country's military research arm Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), which designed and successfully flight-tested it off the coast of Odisha last week. The specialised sheets can withstand both high pressure and high temperature during the flight, and were indigenously developed by Jindal Stainless' strategic vertical, Jindal Defence and Aerospace, at the company's Hisar facility in record turnaround time. Commenting on the landmark development, Managing Director, Jindal Stainless, Mr Abhyuday Jindal, said, "The successful flight-testing of the Navy's SMART system is a significant milestone in India's strategic defence

Jindal Stainless supplies special alloy steel sheets in DRDO's SMART system for Navy

Kalinganagar, (Sapan Kar) :- Jindal Stainless, India's leading stainless steel manufacturer, today announced it has developed and supplied 3 mm special alloy steel sheets for structural application in the Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART) system, aimed at enhancing the Navy's anti-submarine warfare capabilities. The specialised grade sheets

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BJP will provide pension to journalists if voted to power in Odisha: Pradhan



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan Tuesday said the BJP will provide pension to journalists if the party is voted to power in Odisha. "We believe in the motto

of 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vishwas'. In accordance with it, we will make a provision of pension for journalists," Pradhan told reporters at Sambalpur. The journalists' accreditation policy will be

modified to expand its purview so that individual scribes, working at the subdivision level, are also included, he said. Certain restrictions on the entry of media persons in various government offices will be lifted, too, Pradhan, the Minister of Education, said.

"A proper guideline will also be issued so that journalists can report on the performance of the government," he said. Simultaneous Lok Sabha and assembly elections will be held in Odisha in four phases, starting May 13.

Maoist surrenders before Odisha Police



Phulbani(KCN): A member of the outlawed CPI (Maoist) surrendered before the Odisha Police Tuesday, an officer said. Samaya Madkam, who was the commander of a team of the Kandhamal-Kalahandi-Boudh-Nayagarh (KKBN) division of the Maoist group, surrendered before Berhampur Southern Range IG JN Pankaj and Kandhamal

SP Suvendu Kumar Patra at Phulbani. He is a native of Sukma district of Chhattisgarh, the Odisha police said in a press statement. Madkam joined the Maoist organisation in October 2005 and is involved in a series of offences and violence in the state. At least 17 cases have been registered against him in Kandhamal, Boudh and Nuapada districts.

He is likely to have been involved in several cases in neighbouring Chhattisgarh, the police said. "I left home at the age of 10. Later, I joined the Maoists. Due to harassment and exploitation by seniors, I left the organisation so that I could spend the rest of my life with my family members," Madkam told reporters at Phulbani.

'No Drone Zone' At Venues During PM Modi's Odisha Visit On May 10

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to hold a massive roadshow in Bhubaneswar on May 10 as per the party sources. The roadshow will be held from Master Canteen Square to Vani Vihar at 6 pm on Friday. Not only PM Modi, but top leaders of the BJP are also lined up to hit the campaign trail in Odisha. Modi will come to Odisha on May 10 for a two-day visit. During his visit, Modi will make road shows or rallies in Bhubaneswar on 10th May and is likely to address the gathering at Kandhamal, Bargarh and Bolangir on May 11. During his last visit, it was observed that media persons used drones to take his visuals at public meetings. So, for the security of the Prime Minister, Collectors and District Magistrates have been requested separately to declare the public places as "No Drone Zone" with proper display at all the venues. As a security measure, flying drones by media personnel or the organisers or event management team should be strictly prohibited near the vicinity of Modi.



Odisha Gets Respite From Heatwave As Mercury Drops Below 40°C

Thundershower Warning Issued till 9th May

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Severe heatwave conditions that prevailed across Odisha for 22 consecutive days have subsided from the coastal areas to the suburbs due to thunderstorms and rains across many districts on Tuesday. More than 20 towns have recorded the maximum day temperature below 35°C, while the mercury has dropped below 40°C in all districts. According to the Regional Meteorological Center, Bolangir and Titlagarh of Western Odisha recorded a fall in maximum day temperature by 10°C, while most places in the Interior Odisha saw a drop of 8 to

warning for 15 districts, the IMD regional centre expert said.

As per IMD's temperature forecast, the maximum temperature (day temperature) is very likely to fall by 2-3°C during the next 2 days and no large change thereafter at many places over the districts of Odisha.

As squally weather, strong gusty surface wind speeds reaching 40 to 50 kmph likely along and off Odisha coast during the next 12 hours, the weather agency has advised the fisherman not to venture into the sea along and off the North Odisha coast during the next 12 hours.

Arvind Kejriwal fails to get immediate relief from Supreme Court in money laundering case

New Delhi(KCN): Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal failed to get any relief from the Supreme Court Tuesday, with a two-judge bench rising without pronouncing an order on granting him interim bail to enable him to campaign in the Lok Sabha elections.

Kejriwal has been accused of money laundering in a case linked to the alleged Delhi excise scam. A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta, which reserved its order on grant of interim bail earlier during the day and said it will be pronounced at 2 p.m., rose without delivering its verdict.

The bench reserved its decision after hearing the arguments put forth by senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi and Additional Solicitor General SV Raju, who appeared for Kejriwal and the Enforcement Directorate, respectively.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who also appeared for the probe agency, staunchly opposed showing any leniency to Kejriwal on account of the Lok Sabha polls and said granting interim bail to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convenor would amount to creating a separate class for politicians.

The bench has divided the hearing on Kejriwal's petition against his arrest into two parts. His main petition challenges his arrest by the ED and seeks it to be declared as illegal, while the second aspect pertains to grant of interim bail keeping in mind the ongoing Lok Sabha polls. The court has reserved the order on the issue of grant of interim bail. Before rising for the day, the bench indicated that tomorrow the judges will

be sitting in different combinations, and if the hearing on matters listed for Wednesday gets completed and the judges have time in hand, they would resume hearing Kejriwal's plea against his arrest by the ED.

"If not tomorrow, then we may take up the matter Thursday. If not on Thursday, then we will be taking up this matter next week," said Justice Khanna, without specifying any time frame for pronouncement of verdict on the issue of interim bail.

Meanwhile, a Delhi court extended Kejriwal's judicial custody in the money laundering case till May 20. Special Judge for CBI and ED matters Kaveri



birthright and treated positions as their ancestral estates. Mann appealed to the people that in the 2022 assembly elections, you defeated stalwarts. This time the fort of Ferozepur also has to be demolished too, meaning that the Akali Dal should lose from Ferozepur.

Taking a dig at the Badal family, Mann said that all the people of the Badal family have lost the election. Only Harsimrat Kaur Badal is left. In this election, Harsimrat Kaur's security deposit is going to be forfeited from Bathinda. After that, everyone in the Badal family will be defeated,

cultivation. I ordered the officers at a time and said that they should get canal water by April 10 at any cost. Apart from this, he also said that all farmers should be provided with sufficient electricity during the day. I am very happy that my promise has been fulfilled. He said that the previous Finance Minister Manpreet Badal always used to say that the treasury is empty. We have never said this till date. We are filling the Punjab government's exchequer and we have given 43,000 government jobs in the last two years. 829 Aam Aadmi Clinics were built in which two crore people have gotten free treatment. Schools of Eminence are opened, today government schools have achieved 98 percent successful results. This year, about 2.5 lakh children changed their school and got themselves enrolled in government schools.

He said that I want to change your compulsion into your choice. Today, it is your compulsion to enrol your children in private schools and get treatment in private hospitals because you do not trust government schools and hospitals yet. In the coming days, I will make government schools and hospitals so good that choosing private schools and hospitals will be your choice, not compulsion. He said that after becoming the Chief Minister, I have not done corruption of even a single rupee till date because I have not come to politics to earn money. I used to do satire on how these Akali Congress people were looting Punjab. I felt, I should save the people of Punjab from them, so I entered politics. Mann also assured the workers of the Aam Aadmi Party and said

Bhagwant Mann urges people to make it 13-0 in AAP's favour

Chandigarh (JAG MOHAN THAKEN), May 7: Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has appealed to the people to give all the 13 Lok Sabha seats of the state in AAP's favour limiting all the opposition parties to zero.

Bhagwant Mann was campaigning in the Ferozepur Lok Sabha constituency on Tuesday. He addressed a huge public rally and appealed to the people to make AAP candidate Jagdeep Singh Kaka Brar win with a huge majority. Addressing the people, Mann said that your love and respect never lets me get tired. He said that I am also one of you. I have lived in the village and am still connected to my village. I understand your pain and suffering. What will those living in palaces know about the people of the village! Mann attacked Sukhbir Badal and said that he is a person who lives in AC.

He comes out after asking the temperature. When the temperature outside is 30-32°, he takes out his 'Punjab Bachao Yatra' for two hours. I have not seen him in Parliament till date. How will such people understand the pain and suffering of the common people!

He said that Sukhbir Badal looted Punjab while in power and ruined the young generation. He built a Sukh Vilas Hotel for himself in the mountains, the rent of one room there is Rs 7 lakh per night. Each room in that hotel has a private pool. Mann said that I will free that land from the Badal family and convert it into a school and that school will be the first school to have a pool with every classroom.

He said that dynastic and traditional politicians of Punjab are very sad that people from ordinary households became MLAs, ministers and chief ministers. These people considered power their

that he appreciates their efforts and support. I understand your feelings, you don't have to voice them. After June 4, you will get a position in the organization and government according to your merit. He said that we have made our common workers the chairmen of all the boards of the government.

Addressing the gathering, AAP candidate in Ferozepur Jagdeep Singh Kaka Brar thanked Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and all the people present in the public meeting and said that Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann strengthened the government institutions for the development of the people of Punjab. The Mann government bailed out institutions like Verka, Markfed and Sugarcane from financial crises. That is why today Verka's products are being sold in other states outside Punjab.

"Science of Laughter"

Dr Lokendra Singh Kot



There is a psychology of happiness behind laughing. If you are happy then laughter will burst from you immediately but if you are sad then it will take time for the laughter to burst. In childhood, we smile four hundred times a day for the first one year and as we grow up, this smile reduces. The unique gap between smiling and laughing is also a reflection of our personality. Smiles have great reasons but laughter has no great reasons. Therefore laughter has been considered the best standard of happiness. Laughing has existed since the first humans were born and is very contagious. There are several theories that explain laughter. Sigmund Freud created The Relief Theory and the gist of it is that it is a stress reliever. John Morial, a philosopher, theorizes that it is a shared expression to relieve the feeling of danger. Although, undoubtedly, laughter is the best medicine. There

are many ways in which chemistry is involved when laughing. When we laugh, endorphins are released from the pituitary gland into the blood and then into the brain and spine. When laughing, the chemical dopamine is released in the brain and is then sent as a signal to other nerves in the body. If you're a naturally happy person, you may be less prone to depression and anxiety. However, this does not mean that happy people are not vulnerable to mental health problems. Life can be o v e r w h e l m i n g sometimes. Even the strongest people break. A good sense of humor is a natural way to keep your stress levels under control. Laughing automatically causes positive physical and mental changes that help relax your mind. Short-term benefits of laughter include: A good laugh improves your intake of oxygenated air. This, in turn, stimulates organs like the heart, lungs and muscles. Your brain also releases endorphins – hormones that create feelings of happiness and relaxation. Laughing activates your body's stress response mechanism. This process changes your heart rate, putting you in a higher

mood. Laughing also increases blood circulation. When this happens, you may experience a calming sensation that melts away stress and tension. In addition to short-term benefits, humor has several scientifically proven long-term effects. Boosts the immune system: Positive thoughts trigger the release of neuropeptides. These are brain chemicals that are known to fight anxiety, stress, and other related mental conditions. Having negative thoughts can cause chemical reactions in the body that increase stress levels, which in turn works against your immunity. Pain Relief: A good laugh releases natural painkillers from your body, giving you relief from physical pain. Positivity: Having a good sense of humor can help you interact and connect with other people. Positive thoughts and good relationships can help you deal with difficult situations by taking your mind off them. Improves mood: Laughter can boost your spirits by reducing anxiety and depression, making you happier. Until recently, very little research had been done about humor. Few took the subject seriously, or paid much scholarly attention to this part of

the human experience. But now, researchers from a variety of disciplines are analyzing the functioning of humor in the human brain – and demonstrating that the purpose humor serves is no laughing matter. What is humor and why do humans experience this phenomenon? Despite its light-hearted nature, humor is actually a sophisticated stress-relief mechanism, uniquely evolved in humans. Most people appreciate and seek sensation. Perhaps because it is fun, enjoying a good laugh is sometimes seen as a futile, even frivolous activity. Robert Provine, professor of psychology at the University of Maryland, America, says that laughter is a human means of giving social signals. Laughter is about relationships. Professor Sophie Scott of the University College of London says that, through laughter, our subconscious mind signals that we are relaxed and feel safe. Research shows that when our mind is relaxed, more good thoughts come to our mind. When we work openly, we get better results and we become more creative. During a research, some people were shown a video of comedian Robin Williams' comedy. After this it was seen that those people

solved a puzzle more easily than the other group. According to the research of Vanderbilt University Medical Center of America, if you laugh openly for 10 to 15 minutes every day, then approximately 10 to 40 percent of calories are burnt, similarly, according to the International Journal of Humor Research, if a person laughs for 30 minutes a day. If you take it then you will get the benefits of going to the gym just by laughing. It is also said that there is no special exercise for the heart but laughing exercises the heart. Blood circulation improves. Psychologist Robin Dunbar of Oxford University says, our lungs expand and deflate when we laugh. When this happens, it has a positive effect on the endorphin system of the brain. As a result, the person himself finds himself in a very comfortable situation. The stress hormones produced inside the human being decrease and stress starts decreasing.

Emotional well-being
How many times have you asked someone: "Are you laughing or crying?" This confusion is no coincidence: physically and chemically, laughing and crying are closely related. Still, in a way these are two sides of the same coin. Scientists have long speculated about the role

of humor in the complex structure of human emotions. Most believe it evolved because, with our highly developed sense of self-awareness, we needed the perspective of humor to let our guard down. Humor is a great distraction and can take us away from our worries. It provides a long-lasting mood boost, and is sometimes "prescribed" to help treat depression and anxiety. Humor is also a powerful tool for gaining perspective that our personal challenges are part of the "human condition." It helps us keep our challenges in perspective. And although psychologists caution against using humor as a mask to avoid confronting sadness or other difficult emotions, laughter can help us cope with traumatic events. Some experts use therapeutic humor for patients who are facing the end of life. Even at funerals and memorial services, a classic example of the sharing of grief and laughter can often be seen when friends and loved ones share humorous, affectionate stories of the person they have lost. On those occasions, tears of sadness and happiness mix into a soothing mix. Humor heals not only physically but also emotionally.

Social Contract

Experts tell us that

socialization boosts seniors' well-being — but in our later years, we may experience barriers to social engagement. Anthropologists believe that a major function of humor is its ability to connect us to other people. Humor is actually a sophisticated mechanism that evolved so that humans, who traditionally live in close quarters, can reduce tension among those close to them. Humor helps when people are experiencing conflict. Can civilizations survive without it? Even in our modern daily lives, laughter helps us take ourselves less seriously and acts as a form of "social affection" to relieve tension between people. Humor also helped our early ancestors reduce hostility among strangers they encountered. Telling a good joke has long been known as an "ice breaker" that breaks down the guard between people.

Brain health

Did you know that when a person has early-onset Alzheimer's disease, one of the first changes loved ones notice is a difference in the person's sense of humor? Brain imaging shows that multiple areas of the brain work together in complex ways to produce the perception of humor. Many researchers believe that understanding humor helps gain insight into some of the basic

principles of human cognition.

Humor is a great tool for maintaining optimal intellectual function. It supports physical, emotional and social well-being – the three important building blocks of brain health. Apart from those benefits, humor can also give our brain a good workout. Despite its reputation as a form of reduced or even childish thinking, humor can actually be a highly developed mental exercise, training us to look at ideas in different, inventive ways. Even trivial sentences require the brain to change perspective.

Of course, humor is an individual thing—our individual sense of humor is as unique as any other part of our personality. What makes one person laugh may confuse or roll their eyes to another person. And of course, not every situation is an appropriate setting for laughter. Part of what we think of as a "good sense of humor" is sensitivity to the sensibilities of our audience.

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Laughter can unite the whole world!

-Lalit Garg-



enables you to be more invulnerable, more adventurous, more courageous, healthier and more authentic.

World Humour Day is not just an excuse to smile; but it is an inspiration and a life force. The credit for implementing this day goes to Dr. Madan Kataria, the founder of Hasya Yoga Movement, who celebrated World Comedy Day for the first time on 11 January 1998 in Mumbai. The main objective was to reduce increasing stress, unrest, anxiety and problems in the society, and to teach them to live a happy life. Because laughing is very helpful in everyone's physical, mental, emotional and intellectual development, laughter is also the key to success in our life, it is also the solution to many problems. Laughter is a balm that heals the wounds of a sad heart. This is also an exercise for our facial muscles and to rest our mind. Research reveals that as we grow older, we laugh less. On this, author Michelle Pritchard says, 'We do not laugh less, because we have grown old; but we become old, because we have stopped laughing. Today's busy man is forgetting his



smile and laughter; as a result he is inviting stress-related diseases, like high blood pressure, diabetes, migraine, hysteria, madness, depression etc. Laughing increases energy and oxygen circulation. Contaminated air comes out of the body. Always laughing openly strengthens and strengthens all the organs of our body. It also increases blood circulation in the body. Apart from this, the digestive system works more efficiently. That is why doctors also say that humour is useful for patients suffering from disease. People who make us laugh remain etched in our memories. We may like or dislike somebody for various reasons, but in the long run, the people who deserve our love are those who make us laugh and become the

smile on our faces. Perhaps that is why Victor Borg says, 'Laughter is the shortest bridge to cross the distance between two people.' Laughing is such a precious gift, which nature has bestowed only on humans. Humour is a universal language. It has the ability to integrate humanity irrespective of caste, religion, colour, gender and language. This is an initiative to connect man to man. Laughter is capable of creating new worlds by connecting different communities. This idea may seem imaginary, but people have a deep belief that only laughter can unite the world. When a person laughs in a group, the positive energy from his laughter spreads throughout the environment. Both happiness and sorrow come and go in the world like sunshine and

restlessness, the sunshine of laughter cannot bloom. Author Emily Mitchell says, 'A day without laughter is like living in darkness, you try to find your way, but you cannot see it clearly.' Laughing is a tremendous positive emotion and energy that a person possesses that makes not only the internal, but also the external appearance effective, prosperous and stunning. Humour is a powerful emotion that has the ability to energize a person and to make the world peaceful. It affects the electro-magnetic field of the person and transmits positive energy to the person. When a person laughs in a group, the positive energy from his laughter spreads throughout the environment. Both happiness and sorrow come and go in the world like sunshine and

shade. If a person remains cheerful in both situations, his mind always remains under control, and he can stay away from worries. Laughing brightens the soul. With this, you not only get pleasure, but also make others happy. Humour is the enemy of pain, and a sure cure for despair and anxiety and a panacea for sorrows. Laughter works as a great tonic. Professor Sophie Scott of the University of London says, 'Through laughter, our subconscious mind signals that we are relaxed, feeling safe.'

Hotei was Lord Buddha's disciple in Japan. He was a beggar of very humble nature. He believed in living life in a very detached manner. Whatever he was doing, he would become completely immersed in it. There is a belief in Japan that once Hotei became so enthralled, while meditating that he started laughing loudly, while meditating. Only after this amazing incident, people started addressing him by the name of Laughing Buddha. Thereafter, travelling, exploring the country, making people laugh and providing happiness became the aim of Laughing Buddha. In China,

environment should be one of harmony and laughter, so that enthusiasm for work can be spread among the team. Laughing can prove effective for a beautiful face. Laughing increases the body's immunity, which also increases a person's self-confidence. Medical experiments have found that laughing for 10 minutes leads to two hours of deep sleep. People who laugh make many friends and in this way a feeling of brotherhood and unity arises among them, which we never realize. There is chaos in every person's life. Then the great need of 'Comedy Day' is felt. Never before has this much unrest been seen in this world. In this busy, turbulent and stressful life, people should take out at least one day for them to laugh and make others laugh to the cockles of their heart. That's why Osho has said that when you calm down after laughing, you will realize that the whole world, these trees, plants, stars, stones, mountains, all are laughing with you.

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Misleading Ads Case: Supreme Court Terms Top Medical Body Chief's Comments "Unacceptable"

New Delhi(KCN): The Supreme Court today termed as "very, very unacceptable" the statements made by Indian Medical Association (IMA) president RV Asokan targeting the top court in a recent interview to PTI where he answered questions about Patanjali Ayurved's misleading advertisements case. Expressing displeasure over Asokan's comments a day before the top court was slated to hear the matter, a bench of Justices Hima Kohli and Ahsanuddin Amanullah sought his response on an application filed by Patanjali Ayurved Ltd. Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Patanjali, told the bench that they have filed an

application urging the court to take judicial notice of the "wanton and unwarranted comments" made by the IMA president.

"This is a very serious issue. They are trying to divert the course of justice... Your lordships asked one or two queries and see how they are reacting as if nobody can ask anything," Mr Rohatgi said.

Mr Rohatgi said at the last hearing, he had handed over to the court the transcript of the interview which was published in newspapers.

"You can't say you don't know," the bench told the IMA's counsel.

Later during the hearing, when senior advocate P S Patwalia appeared for

the IMA, the bench asked him about the comments made by Asokan.

When Mr Patwalia said it was "rather not very fortunate", the bench curtly told him, "You are very mild with your words".

"Your president gave an interview on the eve of the hearing. Why on the eve of hearing?" the bench asked.

Patwalia said he was called for an interview by the Press Trust of India on a host of other issues. "Then what happened, according to me, it was a leading question and he fell into it," he said.

"A doctor falling?" Justice Amanullah said testily.

In an interaction with PTI editors on April 29 for its programme '@4



Parliament Street', the IMA president had said it was "unfortunate" that the Supreme Court criticised the association and also some of the practices of private doctors. Asokan was replying to a query about the Supreme Court's observations during a hearing on April 23 when it had said while it was pointing one finger at Patanjali, the remaining

four fingers were pointed towards IMA. The "vague and generalised statements", Asokan added, have demoralised private doctors.

"We sincerely believe they need to look at what was the material before them. They perhaps did not consider that this was not the issue that was before them in the court. "You can say anything but still a majority of doctors are

conscientious... practising according to ethics and principles. It does not behove the Supreme Court to take a broadside against the medical profession of the country which, after all, sacrificed so many lives for the Covid war," he had said.

During the hearing on Tuesday, the top court observed the president of the IMA, which is a petitioner before it in the matter, goes to the press and makes statement in a matter that is sub-judice.

"You are the one coming to the court and saying that the other side are the ones misleading the public by advertisements, running your system of medicine down. What are you doing?" the bench said.

When Patwalia said the IMA president was actually "praising" the top court's order, the bench said, "We don't want any pat on our back from anybody. We are only doing our job".

"This court is aware of the fact and you should be aware of it that it has broad enough shoulders to handle it all," Justice Kohli said.

"Very, very unacceptable," Justice Amanullah added.

The bench told Patwalia that his reply has failed to convince the court. Patwalia said the IMA president was "feeling sorry" about it and he has realised that he should have kept his mouth shut. "We are not concerned about what you told him. We are concerned about

what was pointed out by the other side on the last date and your inaction," the bench said.

Patwalia requested the bench to give him time till next week to make amends. The bench asked the IMA president to respond to Patanjali Ayurved's application and posted the matter for further hearing on May 14. While hearing the matter on April 30, the top court had taken a strong note of the comments by the IMA president and warned that there may be "serious consequences".

The top court is hearing a plea filed in 2022 by the IMA alleging a smear campaign against the Covid vaccination drive and modern systems of medicine like allopathy.

"Glorification Of Violence...": India Slams Canada Over Khalistani Floats



New Delhi,(KCN): India on Tuesday again hit out at Canada over a parade by Ontario Gurdwara Committee that raised separatist slogans and floats, including an offensive one against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urging Ottawa to "stop providing criminal and secessionist elements a safe haven".

The latest reminder comes barely a week after New Delhi summoned Canada's Deputy High Commissioner over the Khalistan slogans raised at an event attended by

their Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. "Celebration and glorification of violence should not be a part of any civilized society.

Democratic countries which respect the rule of law should not allow intimidation by radical elements in the name of freedom of expression.

"We continue to remain concerned about the security of our diplomatic representatives in Canada and expect the Government of Canada to

ensure that they are able to carry out their responsibilities without fear," said the Ministry of External Affairs in a statement. Inflammatory speeches were delivered by Dal Khalsa's Paramjit Mand and Avtar Singh Pannu, declared a terrorist by the Indian security agencies, at the six-km Nagar Kirtan on Sunday. One of the floats displayed a map of Khalistan. "We again call upon the Government of Canada to stop providing criminal and secessionist elements a safe haven and political space in Canada," the statement said further.

Mallikarjun Kharge, told NDTV.

"Although the BJP will deny it and try to do whatever they want, no one makes 250 transactions at a time to one gram panchayat from one phone," he added.

The matter, he said, will be looked into.

"Digital transactions cannot be wiped away from forensics so soon," he added.

Earlier today, Mr Kharge had posted a list of what he alleged were recipients of bribes, on X, formerly Twitter.

"@BJP4Karnataka are

indeed taking PM @narendramodi's digital payment mission to the next level. BJP is bribing voters directly using PhonePe in Sedam and Chittapur constituencies. We are filing a complaint with more evidence of such transactions to the Election Commission," his post read.

There have been reports since last year that bribing of voters have gone online. For the authorities, it could be yet another challenge, given the high volume of online transactions taking place in the country in a day.

"PM Getting More Support, BJP Will Register Big Win": Rebel Karnataka Leader

Shivamogga (Karnataka)(KCN): Rebutting Congress leader Priyank Kharge's claim that "people are disappointed" with the BJP, expelled Karnataka BJP leader KS Eshwarappa on Tuesday said the party will register a "great win" in Lok Sabha polls. Recently, the BJP has expelled Eshwarappa from the party for six years following his decision to contest the Shivamogga seat as an Independent after his son Kanthesh was denied a

BJP ticket from the Haveri seat. Eshwarappa is contesting against former Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's son and current Shivamogga MP B Y Raghavendra. "This time, Congress will not win as many seats as it won the last time. In so many states, Congress is losing. In every state, the BJP is winning. PM Narendra Modi is getting more support than the last time. This time BJP will register a great win," the Congress leader said.



The Congress has fielded party chief Mallikarjun Kharge's son-in-law Radhakrishna Doddamani against BJP's Dr Umesh Jadhav from Kalaburagi. Shivamogga, a bastion of the Yediyurappa family since 2009, voted in the third phase of the ongoing Lok Sabha elections on Tuesday.

Shimoga comprises eight assembly segments Shimoga Rural, Bhadravati, Shimoga, Tirthahalli, Shikaripura, Sorab, Sagar and Byndoor.

Karnataka has 28 Lok Sabha seats and elections in the state are being held in two phases. Voting for 14 seats concluded on April 26 and the voting in the remaining 14 seats was held today.

The counting of votes is scheduled for June 4.

In 2019, BJP almost swept the state by winning 25 out of 28 seats, while Congress and JD-S -- who were running a coalition government in the state -- could only win one seat each.

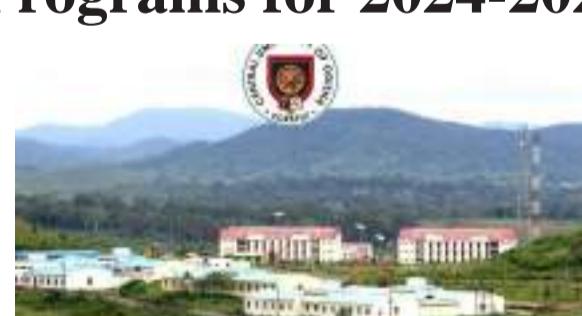
Jindal Stainless, Jajpur, honoured with the Prestigious Platinum Award by Apex India Foundation



Kalinganagar, (Sapan Kar) :- In a significant recognition of its safety standards, Jindal Stainless, located in Jajpur, has been awarded the Platinum Award by the Apex India Foundation for the year 2023. The award was presented at a distinguished ceremony held on May 4, 2024. The Platinum Award of Apex

Advisory Services and Labor Institutions), and Mr. Kuldeep Singh (Founder, Apex India Foundation). Jindal Stainless's commitment to maintaining impeccable safety standards has been unwavering, with the Jajpur facility achieving zero accidents over the past three years.

Koraput,(KCN): The Central University Odisha has commenced the registration process for admission to its postgraduate programs for the academic year 2024-2025. Eligible candidates who have appeared for the PG C U E T - 2 0 2 4 examination, conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA), in subjects such as B.Ed., M.B.A., M.A. (Economics, English, Hindi, Journalism and Mass Communication, Odia, Sanskrit, & Sociology), and M.Sc. (Anthropology, Computer Science, & Statistics), can now



register for counseling to secure admission at the university. The online registration process began on 1 May 2024 and will remain open until 31 May 2024. Candidates can access the online counseling cum registration link at <http://cuocuet.samarth.edu.in/pg>. Following the closure of the online

serene environment, along with recent recruitments of highly qualified faculty members across various disciplines. Professor Tripathi emphasized the university's vibrant academic environment, characterized by numerous national and international conferences, seminars, and workshops. These events offer students diverse learning experiences, fostering skills such as leadership and teamwork crucial for their future careers.

Professor Chakradhar Tripathi, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the university, extended a warm invitation to prospective students. He highlighted the university's idyllic natural setting and

Central University Odisha opens Registration for Post Graduate Programs for 2024-2025 Academic Year

The University has issued a notification containing important instructions for candidates regarding the registration process, said Dr. Rakesh Lenka, Controller of Examinations. For detailed information on the registration process, interested candidates are encouraged to visit the university's official website at www.cuo.ac.in.

General observers review Keonjhar poll preparations

Keonjhar(KCN): The general observers for Keonjhar district Sunday reviewed the poll preparedness by the district administration. The review meeting was held at the conference hall of the circuit house where the two general observers — Minhaj Alam, IAS and Ashish Modi, IAS — assigned for Keonjhar district jointly presided over the meeting. The two observers reviewed the poll preparation put together by the district administration for the upcoming simultaneous general election and Assembly polls in Keonjhar district scheduled for May 25. In this review meeting, District Election Officer



and Collector Vishal Singh presented all the information related to the election preparations. The general observers took stock of all aspects of preparedness especially voters' access to polling location and condition of booths, EVM preparations, training to

polling officers, sector officers, micro observers, election expenses management, C-Vigil report, MCMC report, postal ballot, home voting, illegal drugs, seizure of money in sensitive booths, police deployment, required police force, flying squads and SST.

They expressed satisfaction on the poll preparation stating the arrangement to be up to the mark and hoped that the simultaneous elections to Lok Sabha and Assembly constituencies May 25 will be conducted in a completely free, fair and peaceful manner.

Among others, additional district magistrates, Jadumani Mahala and Lalit Soren, CDOcum-EO, Zilla Parishad, Keonjhar Bishnu Prasad Acharya, SubCollector Trilochan Mohanty and Deputy Collector (Elections) Bikash Chandra Sahu attended the meeting.

Sarada turns good Samaritan



Rourkela(KCN): Minister for Labour and ESI Sarada Nayak, who is contesting for the Rourkela Assembly seat on BJD ticket in the ongoing polls, showed his humane side Monday morning as he rescued a seriously injured person lying on the road on his way to an election campaign meeting. The accident

took place near Sector-21 Chowk on the Ring Road here. The crossing is prone to accidents. The injured man, a cyclist, was hit by a speeding bike from behind. The biker without attending to the injured sped away from the spot anticipating public anger. Meanwhile, Nayak was going to attend an

election meeting in his car when he noticed the man on the other side of the road. The minister asked his driver to turn back and reach the spot. Finding the person in a serious condition, he immediately rushed him in his car to Rourkela Government Hospital (RGH). He had injuries, as some of the witnesses said, in his

leg, waist and back.

"Fortunately, he had no injury to his head but was unconscious, probably in shock," said one person. The condition of the injured person was stated to be stable. "What I did is not something big. Anyone would have done the same," the minister said over phone when asked for reaction.

Brooms script success story for Karlaghati women

Sundargarh(KCN): In the heart of this district, nestled among the lush greenery of Karlaghati, a tale of resilience and triumph is being written by a group of tribal women. Against the backdrop of troubled times and the dwindling of traditional livelihoods, these women have found a sustainable alternative for success, thus becoming beacons of hope for their community. Karlaghati, a remote village under the Kukuridhi gram panchayat in Subdega block, has long grappled with the uncertainties associated with agriculture. As farming lost its appeal and the availability of minor forest products declined, the need for innovative livelihoods became urgent. Twenty women from the Karlaghati Vana Surakhyam Samiti (VSS) then embarked on a journey to rebuild their economic fortunes. They took to the broom business and it proved very profitable.

In a tale of transformation, these enterprising women have not only sustained their



families but have also enhanced economic growth, generating lakhs of rupees through their entrepreneurial endeavours. Central to their success has been the support extended by the Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project-II (OFSDP-II), particularly its revolving fund, which has empowered over 1,400 women across 31 VSSs in the region. Under the mentorship of Digambar Upadhyay, team leader and Manoranjan Mallick, development officer of partner NGO, 'SEWAK', women of Karlaghati navigated successfully the complexities of business planning and market consolidation. Armed

with determination and resilience, they ventured into the market and within a short period, their brooms gained traction, fetching them revenues of Rs 2.20 lakhs in just a year. What sets these women apart is their vision beyond borders. By leveraging their ancestral craft and reaching out to traders from other states, they have elevated their profession into a thriving enterprise. With each phase of growth, they've repaid loans and reinvested in their business driven by the unwavering support of Karlaghati VSS, Sundargarh Forest division, Ujalpur Forest Management department and 'SEWAK'. Sushma

Notice to shift medicine store from CHC campus

Tihidi(KCN): A notice has been served Monday to vacate a medicine store running inside the community health centre (CHC) campus at Tihidi in Bhadrak district.

As per reports, acting on the direction of the Health Secretary, Bhadrak CDMO and Tihidi medical officer sent a notice by post to the medicine store owner asking him to shift the store out of the CHC campus within 15 days.

As per reports, the state government through a circular (No4538/H) in 2015 had directed not to extend the contract validity of the existing medicine stores and



Orissa High Court and a stay order was issued by the court in this regard. However, the state Health Secretary has questioned why the medicine stores have been operating inside the hospital campuses in the absence of any interim order from the court and also sought a reply in this regard within three days of receiving the letter.



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realme redefines low light photography standards with the realme NARZO 70 Pro 5G starting from INR 18,999

Bhubaneswar : realme, the Most Reliable Smartphone Service Provider in India, unveiled the newest addition to their super successful NARZO By realme line-up - NARZO 70 Pro 5G. NARZO By realme is a stylish line of smartphones that delivers a comprehensive user experience. With a rapidly growing user base of over 16 million in India, NARZO By realme represents the next generation of smartphones. These devices are designed with advanced technology and premium features to help users stay ahead of the curve and express their individuality. The new

realme NARZO 70 Pro 5G aims to redefine industry standards for low-light photography, further cementing realme's commitment to innovation and excellence. realme & Amazon have strategically engaged to bring the NARZO By realme line-up and to provide consumers with an enhanced shopping experience. NARZO By realme is exclusively available on Amazon.in and has been committed to bringing advanced technology to its users. In line with realme's dual platform strategy, realme launched its first online store on Amazon in March 2023. The realme NARZO 70

Pro 5G is a power-packed smartphone with remarkable features designed to enhance your smartphone experience. It boasts India's first 50MP Sony IMX890 Camera with Optical Image Stabilization (OIS) in the segment for capturing stunning, blur-free photos. The smartphone's visual appeal is elevated by the Horizon Glass Design and a 120Hz Ultra-Smooth AMOLED Display that offers vibrant colors and deep blacks. Powered by the Mediatek Dimensity 7050 5G Chipset, it ensures fast performance and supports 5G connectivity for faster internet speeds. First in the segment, realme NARZO 70 Pro incorporates Air Gesture controls, allowing



you to perform various actions without touching the screen. To maintain optimal performance during intense usage, it comes with a 3D VC Cooling System that effectively dissipates heat. The smartphone houses a large 5000mAh battery and supports efficient 67W SUPERVOOC charging technology for

quick power-ups. Lastly, the realme UI 5.0 based on Android 14 offers a smooth, intuitive user interface with several customization options and features for enhanced usability. The realme NARZO 70 Pro 5G is available in two stunning colors: Glass Green and Glass Gold and two storage variants:

8GB+128GB, priced at INR 19,999 and 8GB+256GB, priced at INR 21,999

Commenting on the launch, a realme spokesperson said, "Today, we are thrilled to introduce the realme NARZO 70 Pro 5G, exclusively on Amazon, a smartphone that is set to redefine low-light photography standards in the smartphone industry. With NARZO By realme, we are committed to pushing boundaries and delivering products that resonate with our young and tech-savvy audience. With the realme NARZO 70 Pro 5G, we have introduced cutting-edge technology and

advanced features that will redefine the mid-range segment. We believe this smartphone will further solidify our position as a brand that offers innovative and trendsetting smartphones." Commenting on the launch, Ranjit Babu, Director, Wireless and Home Entertainment, Amazon India said, "The NARZO series has been highly rated by customers on Amazon.in for its powerful performance, design and value for money. We extend our congratulations to the entire realme team on the launch of the NARZO 70 Pro, a smartphone

RELIANCE BRANDS LIMITED INKS A JV WITH PLASTIC LEGNO SPA

Mumbai: RELIANCE BRANDS LIMITED (RBL) and Plastic Legno SPA have signed a joint venture arrangement through which RBL will acquire a 40% stake in Plastic Legno SPA's toy manufacturing business in India. This investment by RBL serves a dual purpose, bringing in vertical integration for RBL's toy business and helping diversify the supply chain with a long-term strategic interest in building toy manufacturing in India.

Plastic Legno SPA is owned by the Sunino group that boasts of more than 25 years of toy production experience in Europe. The group started its India business in 2009 out of a need to develop a strong production hub that would cater to global markets, but more importantly to the fast evolving and growing Indian market.

"Keeping with our

honourable Prime Minister's vision of Atmanirbhar India, this collaboration with Plastic Legno's deep experience in world-class toy manufacturing coupled with our strong footing in the global toy retail industry would open new doors and unparalleled opportunities for toys manufactured in India.

"We are very privileged to have RBL as a partner in this Joint Venture. We are confident that Plastic Legno's experience in Toys production and Hamley's commercial outreach, will complement one another to enable the JV Company to achieve greater heights and successes. We have important development plans to implement, always in the spirit of creating a cultural background in this specific sector in India. We are ready for the challenges of the future, but when there is a group like RBL alongside, we are sure that together we can do a great development," said Paolo Sunino, Co-owner, Sunino Group.

RBL has a strong play in the Toy industry with its portfolio of Hamleys, the British toy retailer and homegrown toy brand - Rowan, making RBL one of the leading toy distributors. Hamleys currently has a global

footprint across 15 countries with 213 doors and is India's largest chain of toy stores.

The company's total sales for the month stood at 3,53,188 with 3,20,844 domestic sales and 32,344 exports compared to the subdued market performance for same period last year amidst multiple lockdowns owing to impact from second wave of pandemic.

Commenting on the sales performance in May'22, Mr. Atsushi Ogata, Managing Director, President & CEO, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India said, "The market is gaining back strength as disturbances in terms of supply side are subsiding coupled with rise in physical presence at office and educational institutions. The sales figures this month remain incomparable from May'21 as frequent lockdowns in wake of second wave marred the performance during this period last year. Growth in domestic as well as international trade continues to complement each other as we approach an early monsoon."

TVS Motor Company registers sales of 302,982 units

Hosur: TVS Motor Company sales was at 302,982 units in May 2022. The year-on-year growth is not comparable due to the low base of sales in May 2021 because of the localised lockdown imposed by the Government of India during that period.

Two-Wheeler

Total two-wheeler sales grew from 154,416 units in May 2021 to 287,058 units in May 2022. Domestic two-wheeler sales grew from 52,084 units in May 2021 to 191,482 units in May 2022.

Motorcycle sales grew from 125,188 units in May 2021 to 148,560 units in May 2022. Scooter sales of the Company grew from 19,627 units in May 2021 to 100,665 units in May 2022.

The shortage in the supply of semiconductors has impacted the production and sales of

Spice Money to enable farmers to withdraw PM-KISAN subsidy through its 1 million Adhikari Network

New Delhi: The Government of India has disbursed PM KISAN subsidy, directly to the farmers' bank accounts benefiting over 10 crore farmers and families who have received a grant of Rs 2,000 each. Spice Money, India's leading rural fintech with 1 million strong Adhikari network covering 18,500 plus pincodes, is assisting the farmers and farmer families residing in the heartlands of the country, to withdraw this subsidy through Aadhar.

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. 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. 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).

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

CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR SUB-WAY NEAR NIDHIPANDA BRIDGE STARTED



BHUBANESWAR (KCN): Railway Minister Kept his promise and was sanctioned fund of rupees 14.7 Crores in September 2023. The construction work for Sub-way near Nidhipanda Railway section of Kharagpur - Bhadrak section.

One of the spans of this bridge is being used by local people for commuting of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The area gets water-logged during monsoon and the crossing under the bridge becomes unapproachable cutting connectivity to villages. In light of these issues, after Hon'ble Minister for Railways during his visit to Balasore on 21st June, 2023 had met the villagers who had a long pending demand for construction of a subway near Nidhipanda Bridge (Br. No. 259).

The Railway Minister discussed the issue with local villagers and assured them to resolve the matter. The 'Designing team' of Railway has immediately prepared the design for Subway which was approved by the competent authority. A scheme was prepared whereby a subway of 5m (W) X 5m (H) has been proposed at the

approach of the bridge at Kharagpur end. This subway will be used for passing of all kinds of vehicles including heavy vehicles.

Nidhipanda bridge is an important bridge in Haldipada-Balasore section of Kharagpur - Bhadrak section. One of the spans of this bridge is being used by local people for commuting of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The area gets water-logged during monsoon and the crossing under the bridge becomes unapproachable cutting connectivity to villages. In light of these issues, after Hon'ble Minister for Railways, a survey was immediately conducted for provision of alternate, safe arrangement for vehicular traffic as well as pedestrians. A scheme was prepared whereby a subway of 4m (W) X 2.7m (H) which is about 1.6m above the bed level of the bridge and will act as an all-weather road even in times of heavy water discharges. With the intervention and close monitoring of Hon'ble Minister for Railways, the project and fund of Rs 14.7 crores was sanctioned in September 2023 and work is now started with close monitoring.



In a season of creative bowling tactics, MI reap rewards with retro manoeuvres

New Delhi: While statistical evidence may not establish this incontrovertibly as yet, a couple of methods have emerged as notably effective strategies for otherwise hapless bowlers this season of the Indian Premier League (IPL). Those methods are wides and classical length balls on top of the off stump. Even as the bowlers find themselves pummelled, tactics are being devised by coaches and the mentors through these methods to regain some control over the high-flying and rampaging batters.

By the midpoint of the season's 55th match, there had already been 679 wides, a number set to surpass last year's tally of 734 by end of the

season. Bharat Arun, the former India bowling coach now with the Kolkata Knight Riders, once justified the wides, explaining that they can frustrate the batters and potentially induce errors. "It can also disrupt their rhythm. Two or three consecutive wides... and the batter may be tempted into an experimental shot," Arun shared with Cricbuzz. The ploy seemed to be working to an extent for teams like Rajasthan Royals, the second in the points' standings, who have delivered the second highest wides in the season with 83. Delhi Capitals (78 wides) have also adopted this method quite effectively. In fact, they beat Chennai Super Kings in Visakhapatnam (Game 13, March 31)

successfully adopting this wide ball strategy.

The Knight Riders, at the top of the table, have worked it well with 66 wides. Most pace bowlers tend to bowl this to frustrate the batters.

The strategy, though, has not exactly clicked for Mumbai Indians (88) who, incidentally, have bowled the maximum wide deliveries. But then nothing has worked for Mumbai Indians this season anyway.

In the Mumbai Indians and SunRisers Hyderabad game at the Wankhede on Monday night, the second strategy was on view -- the bowlers trying to exploit the tinge of grass and a little assistance from the surface with the new ball and trying to bowl to a red-ball line. Pat

Cummins bowled his first two overs largely to an off-side line with the ball zooming over the off-stump.

"That can be effective in any format," said Debasis Mohanty, a former India pacer and a national selector until a

couple years ago. In the SunRisers Hyderabad innings, Abhishek Sharma, fell edging one to the keeper to a ball which Sanjay Manjrekar, on air, called a typical Test delivery.

Debutant Anshul Kamboj

predominantly targeted

that length in his four overs. Hailing from Karnal district of Haryana, the 23-year-old pacer exhibited remarkable tenacity, precision, and discipline during his four overs, albeit without fitting reward. He could have had the scalp of Travis Head, who has emerged as the most destructive batter this season, twice but if only... Once he cleaned up the Aussie, only to be called a no-ball. And on another occasion, Nuwan Thushara spilled an easy catch at third man.

"If you're good enough to be picked in the Mumbai Indians first 12, you must be a very good bowler," Simon Helmot, the assistant coach of SunRisers, said of Kamboj. "And no doubt there's lots of good young bowlers coming through here in the IPL and he's no exception. If you were to pick the wicket of Travis, obviously it is a good effort."

Kamboj ended up with only one wicket (one for



Root calls for changes in England's busy domestic schedule

London: Joe Root has called for a change in the structure of county cricket to ensure that "players are safer" and the output of the games "is of a higher quality". With The Hundred taking the July-August spot on the summer calendar, the T20 Blast and the County Championship have been squeezed into limited days available towards the beginning and end of the cricketing season, causing significant strain to the domestic cricketers.

A survey conducted by the Professional Cricketers' Association (PCA) found that 81% of the men's players are concerned about the physical strain from the schedule and the risk of injuries, whereas 62% are worried about the schedule's impact on mental health. About 66% of PCA members feel there's just too much domestic cricket.

No wonder the PCA called the domestic schedule "unfit for purpose" and a "disaster" in the making. Former England captain Root



also offered his two cents on what exactly needs to change. "I am extremely passionate about county cricket and it is apparent the schedule needs to change for a host of reasons to see long-lasting benefits for English cricket," Root said. "County cricket is the breeding ground for some of the best talent in the game and this requires world-leading structures to allow players to reach their full potential. This is a benefit for everybody in the game.

"We're trying to find a way of getting the standard of first class cricket as close to the international game as we can.

"There's a large number of players that don't think the schedule is conducive to high-level performance as it stands right now, we need to find a way of making that gap smaller and the product better," said Root. "There's so much cricket and there's so much to cover. It's not always going to be perfect, we know that, but if there's any way of finding a middle ground and meeting somewhere closer to the middle where the players are safer and the output of the games is of a higher quality, then English cricket will be winning. "Having space to recover, prepare and improve your game during the season is crucial and the creation

of minimum standards to protect travel windows and player welfare is non-negotiable," he added. Daryl Mitchell, the PCA's chief operating officer, called for a "balance" in scheduling to ensure player welfare. "Back-to-back games have gone up considerably, and only looked at through a commercial lens," said Mitchell. "We understand that, but there needs to be a balance. There are reports of players who have got off the team bus, driven home and forgotten how they got there, almost on autopilot. We want to pre-empt it before anything disastrous happens.

"Our chief executive, Rob [Lynch]

is worried about getting the call in the early hours of the morning when someone has driven off the M1. That scares us. 76% of players have concerns about safety when travelling. I don't think it needs to be a massive reduction [in number of games] but we need to create some space," Mitchell said.

good coverage anyway. "[His recovery was] probably a little slower than expected on the back of the hamstring. But we've got plenty of time now that he has been ruled out of the IPL. The first game is just short of a month away now. So ample time for him to ramp up when we're over there. We'll be able to cherry-pick the moments during the tournament where he'll be useful with the ball. We've got some all-round depth in the squad, which gives us

two months, given that Australia will play some practice games before their debut match against Oman. "No real concern about match fitness," McDonald said. "We've got a couple of practice games when we get to Trinidad in the support period. So he'll likely get plenty of match opportunities. And if not, we'll be able to simulate those through practice, which our coaching staff are pretty good at."

Australia coach McDonald backs captain Mitchell Marsh to be fit ahead of T20 World Cup

New Delhi: Australia coach Andrew McDonald has backed captain Mitchell Marsh to be back to full fitness before the start of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024. Marsh was pulled out of the IPL early last month due to a hamstring rupture, and his recovery has been far slower than planned since returning from India. Marsh joined a cohort of Australia's squad members, not engaged in the IPL, for the initial three-day pre-tournament training camp in Brisbane. Another such camp is scheduled over the next two weeks before the squad leaves for the Caribbean on May 25th. Initially, Marsh wasn't slated to attend the first camp due to his hamstring injury. However, his recovery allowed him to participate and bat in the nets over the last couple of days. Nonetheless, McDonald reiterated that Marsh's bowling fitness would only be nearing completion closer to the



India go 4-0 up after another clinical show

New Delhi: India came up with another clinical show in a rain-hit game against Bangladesh, sealing a 56-run victory in Sylhet on Monday (May 6) to extend their lead to 4-0 in the five-match T20I series. India posted 122/6 in a game reduced to 14 overs and Bangladesh, who had a steep target of 125 (revised as per DLS), managed only 68/7 to go down yet again in the series. Bangladesh had a 14-year-old debutant in the game - Habiba Islam Pinky - but she didn't make a big

impact, conceding 20 off her two overs without bagging a wicket. On the other hand, India handed a maiden cap to the 33-year-old Asha Sobhana, who finished with 2-18 from her three overs.

The sustained pressure from India resulted in quick wickets as Deepi accounted for Akter and Sobhana dismissed Nigar Sultana, with Rubya Haider's run-out sandwiched between those two wickets. The procession of wickets continued as Radha Yadav got her first and Sobhana bagged her second, reducing Bangladesh to 47/6 in the 11th over. They could only add 21



more runs after that, for the loss of one more wicket, as the gulf between the two sides

was exposed yet again. Earlier, India lost Shafali Verma in the second over after being asked to bat, with the batter failing in her attempt to hit Ritu Moni over the in-field. But

Dayalan Hemalatha ensured a positive start for the visiting side, striking two fours and as many sixes in her quick-fire 22 before she was out leg-before to Marufa Akter. Smriti Mandhana and Harmanpreet Kaur were at the crease when rain forced the players off the field in the final over of the powerplay.

With the overs reduced after the resumption of play, it was all about going for the hits. India lost a few wickets in the process but there were enough cameos to propel them to a good total. Mandhana was bowled by Rabeya Khan for 22, after which Richa Ghosh and Harmanpreet Kaur put on a quick-fire 44-run stand in 28 deliveries to help India past 100 in the 12th over. Despite losing three wickets towards the end, India went past 120, which proved more than sufficient.

Brief scores: India 122/6 in 14 overs (Harmanpreet Kaur 39, Richa Ghosh 24; Marufa Akter 2-24) beat Bangladesh 68/7 in 14 overs (Dilara Akter 21; Deepi Sharma 2-13, Asha Sobhana 2-18) by 56 runs (DLS method).