

Odisha CM hikes mid-day meal cost by one rupee per student

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Thursday waived food fees for students of 455 school hostels and ordered a one-rupee hike in mid-day meal price per student.

Speaking at the state-level children's festival, 'Suravi', which began on November 12, Majhi said the state government would bear the food fees for the 455 school hostels, benefiting both 314 boys' and 141 girls' hostels across the state.

Previously, parents were required to pay a monthly food expense of Rs 2,000, but after receiving requests from parents, the Chief Minister decided to waive the fees entirely.

"Given the requests from parents, we decided to bear the cost of food for all boarders in these hostels. The annual expenses for this initiative will be increased



from Rs 63.70 crore to Rs 187.15 crore," Majhi said.

In addition, Majhi announced a one-rupee increase in the cost of the mid-day meal for students. Currently, the MDM expenditure is Rs 5.90 for primary students and Rs 8.82 for upper primary students. This increase aims to ensure better quality and nutritional value for the students, he added.

Majhi also criticised the previous BJD

government's approach to the school transformation programme, which aimed at enhancing school infrastructure. "Transforming schools isn't just about painting buildings; it requires providing adequate teachers and facilities. The previous government's initiative was a political move to create a vote bank, leaving students' dreams in the dark," he asserted.

The Chief Minister outlined the government's

commitment to improving education in rural areas by announcing the launch of the 'Godabarish Mishra Adarsh Prathamik Vidyalaya Yojana'. Under this scheme, model schools will be established in each panchayat, with an investment of Rs 3 crore for the development of each school. "These schools will create an ideal learning environment for children. I had proposed this idea

in 2019, but the previous government did not act on it. Now, with the blessings of Lord Jagannath, I'm implementing this initiative," Majhi said.

In an effort to reduce school dropouts among tribal students, Majhi also unveiled the Shahid Madho Singh Haath Kharcha Yojana, which will provide one-time financial assistance of Rs 5,000 to students passing Class-VIII and X upon joining Classes IX and XI.

Highlighting his government's focus on education, Majhi said, "The new government is working to build a new Odisha. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which has not been implemented in Odisha due to political reasons, will now be introduced in the state starting from this academic year. This will bring about revolutionary changes in our education system."

Cuttack Balyatra 2024 all set for a grand international stage

Bhubaneswar, Nov 14(KCN):

The much-anticipated Cuttack Balyatra festival is poised to make a global mark this year, with ambassadors and diplomats from 13 countries joining the event. The nine-day celebration, beginning tomorrow will offer a unique blend of international and local experiences with cultural performances, foreign stalls, and traditional delicacies, said Cuttack District Collector Dattatreya B Shinde on Thursday.

Collector Shinde shared that Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi will officially inaugurate the festival on Friday with numerous international representatives in attendance. "Artists from various countries will be showcasing their talents, and the 'Pitha Mahotsav' will introduce traditional foreign delicacies



alongside Odia specialties," he said. In its mission to bring global recognition to Balyatra, the festival will host spectacular attractions including a laser show and, for the first time, a drone display on the Mahanadi River featuring 400 drones. Spanning 34 acres, with an additional 8 acres for specific activities, the festival grounds boast over 2,500 stalls, and approximately 7 lakh visitors are expected. Special accommodations have been made for the elderly and differently-abled, such as six eight-seater golf carts, 30 e-

BSE Odisha releases timetable for 2025 matric exams

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Board of Secondary Education (BSE), Odisha, Thursday released the schedule for the 2025 matric examinations, which will begin February 21, 2025.



According to the released schedule, examinations will begin February 21, 2025 and conclude March 6, 2025. Both regular and irregular examinations will be held in a single sitting with one question paper per day. The examinations will run from 9am to 11.30am, except for Mathematics, which will end at 11.45am. Examinations will begin with first-language subjects, including FLO (Odia), FMB (Bengali), FLH (Hindi), FLU (Urdu), FLT (Telugu), and FLE (Alternative English). The second day, February 24, will cover second-language subjects, such as SLE

(English), SLH (Hindi), and SEP (Env and Population Education (Only for hearing impaired candidates)). On the third day, February 25, the TLV practical exam will be conducted, followed by MTH (Mathematics) February 27. GSC (Science) and SSC (Social Science) exams will be held March 1 and March 3, respectively. The schedule concludes March 6, with third-language subjects TLH (Hindi), TLS (Sanskrit), TLO (Odia), and TLP (Parsi). Additionally, TLV (Theory) for hearing-impaired candidates and VT (Theory) exams for vocational subjects—IT, RT, TH, AG, PL, BW, AH, AM, EH, CN, FP, and TC—will also take place on the final day.

Supreme Court dismisses PIL to ban WhatsApp

New Delhi, November 14(KCN) : The Supreme Court has dismissed a petition seeking to direct the Centre to ban the operations of WhatsApp alleging that it does not function in conformity with the new Information Technology Rules (IT Rules) framed by the Union government.

A bench of Justices MM Sundresh and Aravind Kumar dismissed the plea filed by petitioner Omanakuttan KG, a software engineer.

Earlier, the petitioner had also moved the Kerala



High Court seeking directions to the central government to ban WhatsApp if it does not comply with the orders issued by government authorities. In June 2021, the Kerala High Court had rejected the PIL for being 'premature'.

Thereafter, the petitioner moved the top court. The petitioner claimed that there was a wide scope of manipulation at the user end and that it was not viable to trace the origin of a message being

circulated on the application. It was alleged that updated privacy policy openly mentions that the application will store, access and use the personal data of its users, including the battery remaining on their devices, which are grave violation of the right to privacy.

The petition alleged that WhatsApp had implemented a separate

Odisha State Film Award announced: Jayiram Samal adjudged best comedian



Bhubaneswar Nov 14(KCN): The Odisha government on Friday announced the finalists of the State Film Awards for 2020-2022. Odisha Culture Minister Suryabansi Suraj

declared the names of the recipients of State Film Awards for the three consecutive years, during a press conference here. Among the finalists of the coveted awards, ace writer, director and dramatist Ananta Mohapatra has been

adjudged to receive the prestigious Mohan Sundar Dev Goswami Award-2020 for his lifetime contribution to the Odia film world. Similarly, cinematographer Srinivas Mohapatra and eminent comedian Jayiram Samal will receive the Mohan Sundar Dev Goswami Award-2021 and 2022 respectively for their lifetime contribution to the Odia film industry.

Among films, Saheed Raghu Sardar, Pratiksha & Dalchini and Daman have been chosen the best films for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022 respectively.

Among the actors, Debasish Patra, Ankit Kumar & Dipanwita Das Mohapatra and Babushan Mohanty have been announced as the best actors for 2020, 2021 and 2022 respectively.

Bharatpur 'assault' case: Army officer, fiancee record statements before judicial panel

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Army man and his fiancee who were allegedly tortured in custody inside Bharatpur police station in the Odisha capital Bhubaneswar, Thursday appeared before a judicial commission probing into the case and recorded their statement. Commission Secretary Suvendu Mohanty said the panel had summoned 16 people including the Army officer, his fiancee, the accused police officers and some students to appear before the judicial commission. Their

lawyers instead represented them before the commission. The accused police officials have undergone polygraphy tests at a forensic science centre in Gujarat. The Army officer was allegedly tortured and his fiancee sexually assaulted at Bharatpur Police Station in Bhubaneswar after they visited there to lodge a complaint over a road rage incident involving some students September 15. The state government has appointed the Commission to enquire into allegations levelled by the Army officer and his

fiancee. While the Army officer was allegedly beaten up by the police officials, three policewomen dragged his fiancee into a cell where some male police personnel, including the ex-IIC of the police station, reportedly thrashed and "molested" her. Following a widespread uproar over the incident, Odisha Police have suspended five police personnel. Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has entrusted the investigation of the matter to the Crime Branch of the police.

Bhubaneswar, November 14(KCN): Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Majhi delivered a strong warning to individuals disrupting cooperative societies, pledging strict action against those causing disturbances.

Speaking at the 71st All India Cooperative Week celebration in Bhubaneswar, CM Majhi underscored the government's commitment to ensuring stability and operational efficiency within these essential organizations. In his speech, CM Majhi criticized the previous BJD government for not fulfilling its promises to paddy farmers, and ordered for a fair investigation.

SC denies anticipatory bail of Odisha Legislator Jayanarayan Mishra

Bhubaneswar, Nov 14(KCN): The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed the anticipatory bail pleas of senior BJP MLA Jayanarayan Mishra in connection with a case involving slapping a woman police ASI in Odisha's Sambalpur.

According to the background of the case, on February 15, 2023, BJP workers clashed with the police during a protest in front of the Sambalpur District Collector's office. Meanwhile, a female ASI reportedly stopped Mishra on the way

language. Following this, on the complaint of the woman cop, a case was registered against the legislator. Mishra had filed an anticipatory bail application in the Orissa High Court seeking a sigh of relief. However,

The Orissa High Court had rejected his pleas. Subsequently, Mishra moved the Supreme Court. Hearing the pleas, a bench of Justices Hrishikesh Roy and SVN Bhatti rejected the bail and ordered for a fair investigation.

"Chintan Sivir-2024" was held

Union Minister Shri Pralhad Joshi flagged off 10 Battery Operated vehicles at Shrimandir

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): A two day "Chintan Sivir-2024" was organised by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy today at the Welcome Hotel in Bhubaneswar. Union Minister, New & Renewable Energy Minister Shri Pralhad Joshi, Minister of State MNRE Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, Deputy Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Kanak Vardhan Singhdeo, Union Power Secretary Shri Pankaj Agrawal, Principal Secretary, Energy Shri Vishal Dev were present in the Sivir.

Odisha enriched with natural resources. By using its natural resources, non-fossil fuel sources Odisha is going to generate electricity and contribute in achieving the ambitious target of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 500 GW of renewable energy. By 2032, India's electricity demand will double. To overcome the bottlenecks in electricity, we have to produce more electricity by using renewable energy, non-fossil fuels, solar power. As of today India already achieved the target of 212 GW of non-

fossil fuel energy target. To enhance it, Government of India has allocated 22 Lakh Crore rupees already.

Joining this Sivir, the

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PSPs, PM-Suryaghar Muft Bijli Yojana Schemes. He also highlighted about the plans to start floating solar power plant operational in Hirakud Reservoir. Two days before, Shri Singhdeo attended the Power Ministers' Conference at New Delhi while unveiling the strategies and various plans of Odisha.

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Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Communities of 24 tsunami prone coastal villages of Odisha under Six coastal districts (Balasore, Bhadrak, Kendrapada, Jagatsinghpur, Puri and Ganjam) have been recognized as Tsunami Ready by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (IOC-UNESCO) during 2nd Global Tsunami Symposium held in Indonesia on 11th November, 2024. The Tsunami Ready Recognition Certificates have been renewed for two already tsunami recognized villages of Odisha (Noliasahi of Jagatsinghpur district and Venkatrai village of Ganjam district), the communities of which have been recognized as Tsunami Ready in the year 2020 by IOC-UNESCO.

The IOC-UNESCO, Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme (TRRP) has been implemented in these 24 Tsunami Prone Villages (Balasore-Jagannathpur, Jayadev kasabapahi, Sahapur, Kanyanagar, Bhadrak-Mohanpur, Adhuan, Badahabelisahi, Sanakrushnapur, Kendrapada-Kantilo, Tantipal Sasan, Kaitha, Jagatsinghpur-Baghelipur, Dhanuharbela, Sahadabedi, Bhuyanpal, Puri-Keutjanga, Narasinghpata, Khalakatapata, Chhotipada, Ganjam-Uppulaputti, Prayagi, Kantiagada, Markandi). Various activities (including training and capacity building of various stakeholders, community awareness programmes, distribution of tsunami awareness posters and leaflets, preparation of Tsunami Management Plans, conducting tsunami mock drills, identification of tsunami evacuation routes, installation of

tsunami hoardings and evacuation signages) as per the 12 indicators of the Tsunami Ready Programme have been taken up in these 24 tsunami prone villages. The members of the National Tsunami Ready Recognition Boards (NTRB) comprising of Scientists of INCOIS, Hyderabad, officers of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) visited these 26 coastal villages for verification of the 12 indicators under the Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme (TRRP) in the month of September-2024. The NTRB members after verification of the indicators recommended IOC-UNESCO for recognizing the communities of these 26

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RCS orders probe into agricultural loans irregularities

Jajpur (KCN): The state government has implemented several schemes for the holistic development of agriculture and farmers. However, allegations of agricultural loans being availed in the name of deceased farmers have raised questions on the transparency and impartiality of some Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) in Jajpur district, sparking widespread concern over unethical practices and corruption. Following such allegations, the Registrar of Cooperative Societies (RCS) issued an order on November 11, directing the Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies (DRCS) in Jajpur district to conduct a thorough investigation and take appropriate action as per the Cooperative Act. There have been prior complaints that poor and vulnerable

farmer members' agricultural loan accounts have been tampered with, subjecting them to harassment. In 2022, departmental orders specified that PACS secretaries or directors should neither retain nor use the loan passbooks or Kisan Credit Card (KCC) chequebooks. Additionally, the directive outlined periodic investigations into loan passbooks, individual interactions with borrowers, and loan approval notifications via SMS.

However, with these instructions not being effectively enforced, significant irregularities in loan transactions have emerged at the PACS in Palatpur under Dasarathapur block in Jajpur district. According to complaints from over a hundred farmers including PACS Vice-President Umakanta Barik, Sarpanch Lipika Mallik and others,

Palatpur PACS President Ashwini Kumar Nayak and Secretary Bishwajit Dhalia have allegedly embezzled approximately Rs 23.42 lakhs. In the 2023-24 fiscal year, 850 farmers, and in 2024-25, 450 farmers were reportedly charged Rs 1,500 each for "paper transactions". Additionally, bribes ranging from Rs 2,000 to Rs 3,000 were reportedly demanded for new loans. One of the most troubling allegations is that, under various pretexts, passbooks and blank cheques were taken from farmers and kept by the President and Secretary, who then used those to take loans in the farmers' names without their knowledge. The complaint letter further alleges that loans were obtained in the names of over 30 deceased farmers within the last two years. Panchanan Mallik from Barakuanla village in Biripata Panchayat, who

passed away June 12 last year, serves as an example. However, a self-cheque and thumbprint were used to withdraw Rs 11,500 in his name from the Dasarathapur branch of Cuttack Central Cooperative Bank on September 27, 2023. A thorough investigation into the personal accounts of both the President and Secretary of the PACS could uncover the full truth. In a complaint letter to the Chief Minister, farmers also pointed out that loans are being given to many non-farmers, while genuine farmers are being deprived of the benefits. When contacted, Jajpur DRCS Amulya Kumar Sethi stated that an independent team has completed an investigation into allegations of loan withdrawals in the name of deceased farmers. The report will be translated, and appropriate action will be taken accordingly.



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Do Patti: Kriti Sanon auditioned with 10 actors before selecting Shaheer Sheikh

Writer Kanika Dhillon recently revealed that Kriti Sanon auditioned with ten actors before choosing Shaheer Sheikh for their upcoming film, Do Patti. The film's trailer was released on October 14.

Writer Kanika Dhillon shared a behind-the-scenes story about the casting process of her upcoming film Do Patti. At the trailer launch of the film, she revealed how, when auditioning for the role of the male protagonist, Kriti Sanon personally auditioned with the final 10 candidates to find the perfect fit. Actor Shaheer Sheikh ultimately secured the role.

Kanika recollects, "Kriti was like, 'For the last ten



rounds, I wanted to audition with ten people.' And those last 10 people left, Kriti herself went and auditioned with each of those 10 candidates,



did that scene over and over. Half of them were nervous because Kriti herself was auditioning them!"

Responding to Kanika's



comments, Kriti said, "To be honest, I think it was so important to find the current Dhruv. You know, because again, the character has so

many layers. And the chemistry has to work in a certain way. So, I was glad that we did the audition. I think while I was doing the audition

only with him, I felt in my head when we were seeing that the chemistry was working, also the shades of group that he has. I think he was pulling it off so well."

Starring Kajol, Kriti Sanon and Shaheer Sheikh in important roles, Do Patti is a mystery thriller set in the backdrop of a hill station. The catch in the story is Kriti playing a double role as twin sisters.

Do Patti is directed by Shashanka Chaturvedi, and written by Kanika Dhillon. Also starring Tanvi Azmi and Brijendra Kala in important roles, it is Kriti's maiden production and is slated to stream online from October 25.

Suhana Khan's pull ups, push-ups, and deadlifts are the reason for her perfect svelte figure

Actress Suhana Khan, who is the daughter of superstar Shah Rukh Khan, has finally revealed the secret to her perfect svelte figure, which includes a combination of pull-ups and deadlifts.

Suhana took to Instagram, where she shared a video of her working out in the gym. In the clip, the actress, who made her debut with Zoya Akhtar's "The Archies", is seen doing several weighted workouts including pull-ups, hip thrusts, push ups and deadlifts under the supervision of a personal trainer.

Talking about upcoming work, Suhana will soon be seen working with her father in the upcoming film "King", which is directed by Sujoy Ghosh and produced by Siddharth Anand. The movie is expected to go on floors later this year and might hit screens in 2025.

a struggle." Shah Rukh and his wife Gauri Khan got married in 1991 in a traditional Nikah and Hindu wedding ceremony shortly after. The two welcomed their son Aryan in 1997. Three years later they had their daughter Suhana, who was born in 2000. The power couple welcomed their son AbRam via surrogacy in 2013.

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The film will also feature actor Abhishek Bachchan, who will be seen playing the antagonist. Megastar Amitabh Bachchan in July almost confirmed Abhishek starring in the upcoming movie. Big B took to his X and quoted a tweet from a fan club of Abhishek. The



tweet spoke about Abhishek's side as an antagonist and shared that the actor will be seen in a negative role in "King".

The Internet user had written in his tweet: "Those Who have seen Abhishek Sir's in Breathe into the Shadows, Raavan and 'BB', Will know what level of Performance as a negative role he can give. Never ever doubt him. @juniorbachchan Abhishek Sir and Sujoy Ghosh. @iamsrk #SuhanaKhan #King #AbhishekBachchan @sujoy_g".

Big B, wrote in his tweet, "All the best Abhishek .. It is TIME (sic)".

Vicky Kaushal on perfecting 'Tauba Tauba' steps: Had 3-4 days to learn it

Vicky Kaushal spoke about the hard work and choreography behind the popular song 'Tauba Tauba' from 'Bad Newz'. The film releases on July 19.

Vicky Kaushal, who is in

Delhi to promote 'Bad

Newz', spoke about

perfecting the steps of

'Tauba Tauba'.

The actor said that he was given

three-four days to learn

it. Vicky also credited choreographer Bosco-Caesar, they have been choreographing such songs for the past 20 years. And they have worked on such nice songs with Hrithik Roshan, Katrina Kaif, and others."

He continued, "We were

very happy with the team

that came together. We

got 3-4 days to learn the

'Tauba Tauba' steps.

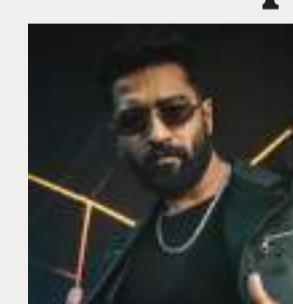
of my hard work and gave me so much love. Overall, we are very happy."

Vicky also said, "There are some songs which create a flow of their own. Nothing is bigger than a song that we drop on the highway and the audience takes it off from there and makes it their own. That is what happened with 'Tauba

Tauba'. It's there in the film as well and whoever wants to enjoy this song on the big screen, please do."

Vicky was accompanied by Tripti Dimri and Ammy Virk at the Delhi press conference. Also, watch 'Tauba Tauba' here:

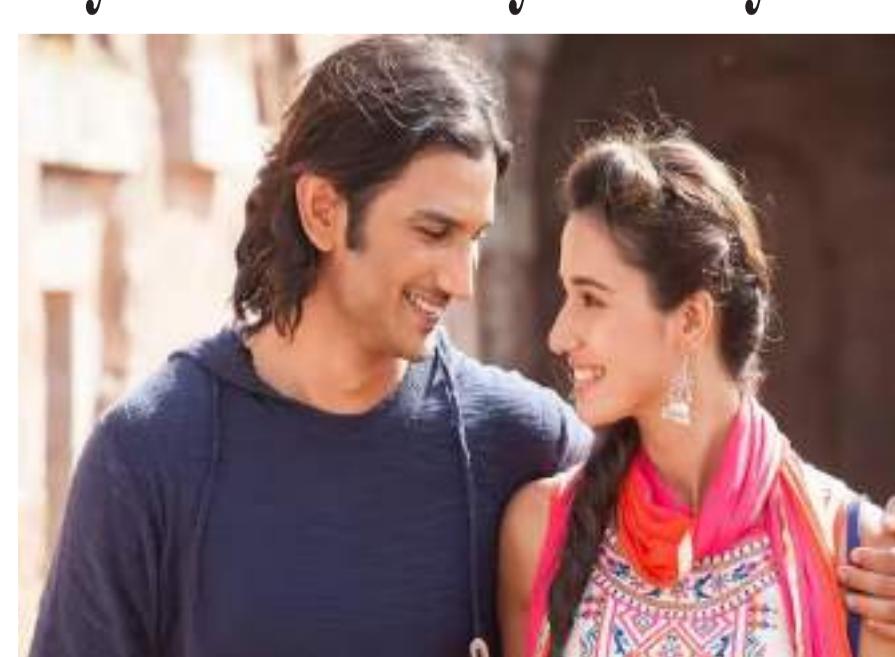
'Bad Newz' was previously titled 'Mere Mehboob Mere Sanam'.



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

Actor Disha Patani remembered late actor Sushant Singh Rajput on the occasion of their film 'MS Dhoni: The Untold Story' 7th anniversary. Taking to Instagram, Disha shared a clip from the movie featuring herself and Sushant. Sharing the video, she wrote, "Grateful for this beautiful journey and my first film in Hindi cinema Love whole heartedly and cherish the ones who make you happy safe and heard life's too short for regrets! We couldn't say goodbye but i hope you're

happy and at peace" As soon as she shared the video, fans and industry friends chimed in the comment section. Actor Anil Kapoor wrote, "Phenomenal scene .. both of you are so good ..." One of the users wrote, "One of the finest scenes from this movie" Another commented, "Miss u SSR." Helmed by Neeraj Pandey, 'MS Dhoni: The Untold Story' biopic is on one of the most celebrated cricketers in our country, Mahendra Singh Dhoni. The film



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

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

PHYSICS EXPERIMENTS THAT CHANGED OUR VIEW OF THE UNIVERSE

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Revolutions of the "Heavenly Orbs" in 1543, which put heliocentrism back on the table. It was Italian natural philosopher, astronomer, and mathematician Galileo Galilei that would make the experimental steps that saw the so-called Copernican model of a sun-centric solar system eventually accepted as the accurate version of space at a local scale.

In 1610, using his telescope Galileo observed the planet Venus, discovering that it has phases just like the moon. Galileo reasoned that these phases could only be explained by Venus going around the sun, upon occasion passing behind and beyond our star rather than revolving around the Earth.

The concept that the Earth was not the center of the cosmos would enrage the church which believed it contradicted scripture. This led to the inquisition process being brought against Galileo resulting in him being gagged against speaking on or writing about heliocentrism.

The nature of color:

Newton splits light

Though Sir Issac Newton's

laws of motion and his

contributions to the theory

of gravity are widely

regarded as his crowning

achievements, the great

passion of the author of

Principia Mathematica was

optics.

In the early 17th Century,

when optics was growing

as a field in physics with

the development of

instruments like the

microscope, Newton

decided to investigate the

nature of light, in turn

discovering how color

arises.

The experiment devised by

Newton to do this was

devilishly simple. The

physicist pushed a small

pinhole through his blinds

to allow a small beam of

sunlight through. He found

that when refracted by a

prism this light changed

into an oblong made up of

different colors. Newton

found that no matter the

shape or size of the hole he

cut and thus the shape of

the beam of sunlight, the

refracted light remains an

oblong block of the same

colors in the same order.

Even more surprisingly, he

found that if he introduced

a second black he could

change the rainbow back

into white light.

This showed white light

from the sun was made of a

miscellany of different

colors. Delving deeper still,

Newton found that red or

blue light, when refracted

by a prism, remained

unchanged.

Perhaps the most

important discovery this

experiment yielded was the

fact that the angle of the

refraction of light

depended on its color, the

first hint that colors of light

have their own frequency

and wavelength.

The concept of an atom —

the point at which matter

cannon longer be cut —

dates back to the ancient

Greeks, with the word itself

derived from the Greek

word "atomos" meaning

"indivisible." Until 1897,

scientists believed that

atoms had no internal

structure and were the

smallest units of matter.

That was before the

discovery of a small

negatively charged particle

— the electron — by

Joseph John Thomson.

In 1904, J.J. Thompson

suggested that these

particles were embedded in

a positively charged

substance much like fruit

dispersed in plum pudding

in his appropriately named

plum-pudding model of the

atom.

This model was overturned

by the Geiger-Marsden

experiment, also known as

the gold foil experiment or

the a-particle scattering

experiments, pioneered by

Ernest Rutherford and

conducted by his

protégés, Ernest Marsden

and Hans Geiger.

Firing a-particles — which

we now know are identical

to a helium-4 nucleus —

emitted by a radioactive

source at a thin sheet of

gold foil Rutherford

reasoned that if the

plum-pudding model of the

atom was correct these traveling

particles would experience the

tiniest of deflections.

This is due to the fact that

an a-particle is about 7,000

times more massive than an

electron.

The 1911 experiments

showed that occasionally

a-particles experienced a

large deflection. While

only one in 20,000 alpha

particles had been

deflected 45° or more this

was enough to spark a

major rethink of the atom

and unveiled the presence

of the atomic nucleus.

Rutherford compared the

results to firing a 15-inch

shell at a sheet of tissue

paper and having it

bounce back directly at

you!

This revealed that the

majority of the matter in an

atom was concentrated at

its center. Rutherford

proposed a model of the

atom with electrons

orbiting a massive

positively charged

nucleus.

This model in time would

be overturned, but it

represented a vital step in

discovering the proton and

the neutron and unveiling

atomic structure.

For Newton, the concept

of space was fairly simple.

A stage upon which the

events of the Universe

simply unfold. But, over

the course of the first two

decades of the 20th

Century, Albert Einstein

would shatter the notion of

prosaic space, showing

space itself to be a player

in the events of the

Universe, both directing

the action and being

influenced by other actors

such as mass. This in itself

would have been

revolutionary, but Einstein

didn't stop there, he

showed time and space to

be a single entity with the

4th dimension of time just

as subject to change as

space depending on the

circumstance of the

observer.

While Einstein became a

master of the

Gedankenexperiment — or

thought experiment — to

develop the theory of

special and then general

relativity, there is one

thought experiment above all

others that perhaps best

exemplifies Einstein's

groundbreaking approach

to time, the so-called "twin

ISI, Kolkata Professor Wins Infosys Prize

Kolkata, (KCN): This year the Infosys Prize has been one by six young researchers under 40 including two women across the fields of Economics, Engineering and Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, Life Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, and Physical Sciences. And one of them is Dr Neena Gupta, Professor in the Theoretical Statistics and Mathematics Unit at the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata. She won the



prize for her solution to the Zariski Cancellation problem. This problem, first proposed by renowned algebraic geometer Oscar Zariski in 1949, has intrigued researchers in the field

for decades. In 2014, Prof. Gupta demonstrated that Asanuma's 3-dimensional affine variety provides a counterexample to Zariski's original query in positive characteristic, marking a significant advancement in algebraic geometry.

The award was instituted by Infosys Science Foundation (ISF) in 2009. The prize for each category comprises a gold medal, a citation and a prize purse of USD 100,000.

India Game Developer Conference (IGDC) addressed by I&B Secretary Sanjay Jaju



Kolkata (PARTHA ROY): I&B Secretary Sanjay Jaju, attended the inaugural event of the 3-Day India Game Developer Conference (IGDC), that took place in Hyderabad from November 13th to 15th, 2024.

I&B Secretary Sanjay Jaju delivered the keynote address at IGDC 2024 on the topic - "Shaping the Future: Insights and Vision for the Game Industry".

In his address at the

IGDC2024, the I&B Secretary highlighted WAVES as a pivotal forum in fostering innovation in the M&E industry. He stated, "WAVES will be a key forum to promote discussions and collaboration in the M&E industry. It will bring together industry leaders, stakeholders, and innovators to explore opportunities in the M&E industry. I&B Secretary Sanjay Jaju addressed a press conference at India Game Developer Conference in Hyderabad. The event marks the beginning of an exciting convergence of industry leaders, stakeholders, and innovators exploring the future of gaming!"

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Astronomy Night Event at Boys Higher Secondary School Hatmulla: A Celestial Spectacle of Education and Inspiration



Kupwara (Aasif Malik): On the evening of November 13, 2024, Boys Higher Secondary School Hatmulla in Kupwara district hosted an awe-inspiring "Astronomy Night Event" under the commendable leadership of Principal Syed Mohammad Iqbal Shah who is also nodal officer of Astrophysics Labs.

This remarkable event drew thousands of students, educators, and local residents eager to experience the mysteries of the cosmos firsthand. Graced by the dignified presence of the Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, the Chief Guest, the event was formally inaugurated with a palpable sense of excitement and reverence.

The Chief Education Officer of Kupwara, who served as the Guest of Honour, lauded the initiative and commended the school's administration for their visionary endeavor in hosting such an educational milestone. Adding a distinctive aura to the event was the attendance of principals from various higher secondary schools both within and beyond the district. Their presence underscored the solidarity and commitment within the educational community toward promoting scientific curiosity and academic enrichment.

Members of the civil society and individuals from diverse

professional backgrounds also attended, contributing to the event's success and reinforcing the significance of collaborative learning experiences. One of the highlights of the Astronomy Night was the collaboration with several esteemed astrophysics laboratories from institutions across the region, including GHS Drugmulla, BHS Muqam-e-Shahwali, BHSS Khumriyal, BHSS Waisa, BHSS Haril, and BHSS Tarathpora. These institutions generously provided high-definition telescopes, enabling attendees to view celestial bodies with unparalleled clarity. Their support elevated the event, allowing students and community members to explore the cosmos with advanced astronomical tools.

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l acknowledgment is due to these institutions for their vital contributions. The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of thousands of students from various government and private schools of District Kupwara, creating an atmosphere of curiosity and excitement. Students, alongside people from the community, gazed through telescopes at moon, planets, constellations, and other celestial phenomena. The pristine night sky was a fortuitous setting, amplifying the thrill of the astronomical showcase. In addition to telescopic observations, the event featured an engaging display of astronomy-themed models and innovative projects meticulously crafted by students. These exhibits demonstrated their grasp of complex scientific principles and highlighted the potential for future

breakthroughs in astrophysics among local youth. The event additionally sought to galvanize scholars into pursuing astrophysics as a primary field of study, fostering a deeper fascination with the celestial sciences. The creativity and ingenuity displayed were a testament to the school's commitment to fostering a love for science and discovery. The Astronomy Night also served as a platform to advocate for the establishment of a planetarium at BHSS Hatmulla. This proposal was formally presented to the Deputy Commissioner, who showed keen interest in the idea, recognizing its potential to serve as a cornerstone for scientific education in the district. With such an endeavor, BHSS Hatmulla could soon become a beacon of astronomical learning, inspiring generations of students and cultivating a scientifically literate community.

Principal Syed Mohammad Iqbal Shah and the dedicated staff of BHSS Hatmulla deserve immense credit for their meticulous planning, leadership, and unwavering commitment to realizing this grand vision. Their efforts have set a remarkable precedent, showcasing the power of education to ignite minds and inspire dreams. Through this event, BHSS Hatmulla has firmly established itself as a nucleus of scientific curiosity and a catalyst for intellectual growth, leaving a lasting impression on the community.

The Astronomy Night was not merely an event; it was an educational movement, encouraging students to look beyond their immediate surroundings and aspire for knowledge that reaches the stars.

AAP Councillor Mahesh Khinchi Wins Delhi Mayor Election

New Delhi (KCN): Aam Aadmi Party's Mahesh Khinchi -- councillor from Karol Bagh's Dev Nagar ward -- will be the next Mayor of Delhi, having won the election by a wafer-thin margin. Mr Khinchi, Delhi's first Dalit Mayor, got 133 votes and the BJP's Kishan Pal 130 votes in the election held this evening after much chaos and disruption that included a walkout by the Congress members. AAP's Ravindra Bhardwaj was elected unopposed to the post of Deputy Mayor.

BJP councilor Ms Neeta Bisht, the opponent of Mr Bhardwaj, a councilor from Aman Vihar, Ward No. 41, had withdrawn



her nomination at the last minute.

The BJP had 120 members, but managed to get 10 more votes. In a statement later, the party claimed it was a case of cross-voting by AAP members. "Eight Aam Aadmi Party councillors voting in favour of the BJP and two votes being declared invalid is not only a

victory for democracy but also a big moral defeat for Arvind Kejriwal. Arvind Kejriwal no longer has the moral right to remain the "AAP" convenor," the statement read. Mr Khinchi's tenure will only be for five months, with the election being repeatedly postponed since April. It was this issue that caused the walkout by the Congress, The election, normally held every April, has

been delayed over a tussle between the first Dalit mayor.

Amid the chaos, Congress's Mohammad Khushnood and his wife Sabila Begum -- Councillor of Mustafabad Ward 243) -- resigned from the primary membership of the party, saying she would vote for the AAP candidate.

While the seven Congress members walked out as the voting started, she stayed back to vote. In her resignation letter, Sabila Begum said her objection was to the party's walkout decision, which would only benefit the BJP. The election, normally held every April, has

Allahabad High Court Grants Bail To Former Samajwadi Party MLA Irfan Solanki In Arson Case



Prayagraj (KCN): The Allahabad High Court on Thursday granted bail to former Samajwadi Party MLA Irfan Solanki but rejected his plea seeking a stay on conviction in a 2022 case of setting a house on fire in Kanpur.

Meanwhile, his wife Naseem Solanki, who has been fielded by the Samajwadi Party for the November 20 bypoll to the Sishamau assembly seat, welcomed the high court's decision.

court's decision has also put its seal that Irfan is innocent," Naseem Solanki said.

She said the family has faith in God and the judiciary.

Irfan Solanki's mother Khursheeda has also welcomed the court's order. The case against Irfan Solanki is based on false allegations, she claimed.

Irfan Solanki, his younger brother Rizwan and three others were sentenced to seven years of rigorous imprisonment on June 7 in connection with setting fire to a woman's house in an alleged bid to grab her land. Police had booked Solanki, his brother Rizwan and about four dozen others for rioting and arson about two years ago.

This Trump Pick Might Spell Trouble For Indian Techies, H-1B Visa Seekers



part of the president-elect's first administration and served as his senior adviser and director of speech-writing at the White House. He was also a central figure behind several of Mr Trump's

campaigns, often seen speaking at Mr Trump's rallies. Addressing Mr Trump's infamous Madison Square Garden rally in New York which saw an attendance of nearly 19,500 Americans, Mr Miller told the crowd that "America is for Americans and Americans only" and promised to "restore America to the true Americans". Known for his extremist rhetoric, Mr Miller was a frequent presence during the president-elect's 2024

policies on immigration, including the Muslim travel ban and the 2018 family separation policy. Known for his extremist rhetoric, Mr Miller was a frequent presence during the president-elect's 2024

administration would bring policies to restrict legal and illegal immigration. He also talked about plans to detain undocumented immigrants in camps while they await expulsion. During Trump's first administration, Miller helped in drafting the Cruz-Sessions bill that prohibited international students with a master's or bachelor's degree from working in H-1B status in the US for at least 10 years.

Solanki had lost his membership in the state assembly after a special court in Kanpur on June 7, 2024, sentenced him and four others to seven years of rigorous imprisonment for setting a woman's house on fire in the Jajmau area. Solanki was MLA from Sishamau assembly seat

Aruha hill turns mound of misdeeds

Jajpur(KCN): Despite many efforts taken by the state government to contain rampant plunder of minor minerals, there has been no let-up in illegal quarrying and smuggling of black stone, murram and soil from Dharmasala tehsil area in Jajpur district. It has been over a year since the state government established the office of the deputy director of Minor Minerals department in Jajpur district as part of its move to curb the smuggling. However, this has failed to stop the illegal mining and smuggling of minor minerals. Instead, the illegal practice, depriving the state's exchequer of huge



earnings, has only flourished over the years. The Jajpur district administration has directed for deposit of penalty and closure of the quarries after mining of black stones beyond the permissible limit was proved at Aruha black stone mines under the Dharmasala tehsil. However, some unscrupulous miners continue to extract and smuggle murram from the area. The murram is being used for the establishment of a crusher unit named 'Mass', located about 300 metres from Tarakasuni Primary School in Aruha panchayat. Similarly, the Jajpur Road-Cuttack rail route lies at a distance of

200 metres from the under-construction crusher unit. Reports said that there are five black stone mines on Aruha hill and the state government has prepared a cluster mining plan for the area. However, it has comfortably ignored the presence of a school and the rail route near it

before preparing the cluster mining plan. This has left the local residents surprised as they questioned the wisdom of the district administration in permitting the establishment of a crusher unit which is likely to cause deafening noise and will lead to air pollution in the area.

written to the district Collector demanding closure of the illegal black stone quarry and crusher unit and necessary action for violation of norms. They have also forwarded copies of their complaints to the deputy director of Minor Minerals department, the secretary of Steel and Mines department and the regional officer of State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) at Kalinganagar in the district. According to the complaints, two of the quarries BSQ-2 quarry no-1/16-17 and 34/21-22 are situated at a distance of about 300 metres from the primary school. Moreover, three of the quarries BSQ no-1 quarry no-35/21-22 and quarry no-36/21-22 lie at a distance of about 200 metre from the railway line. The presence of the quarry might endanger

the railway line anytime as residents expressed concern over its security. This apart, four stone crushing units are in operation near these quarries on plot number 2733, 2594, 2704 and 2705 for which the students have been seriously affected by the deafening sound and air pollution emanating from the units. Residents Nirmal Nayak, Harihar Sahu, Pratap Rana, Anam Behera, Pramod Behera, Anam Behera, Sahadev Rana, Mohan Nayak, Chittarnjan Jena and over 100 others have demanded a proper probe into these irregularities and sought stringent action against the wrongdoers.

H&UD Department Holds Monthly ULB Review Meeting



Bhubaneswar,(KCN) : Principal Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (H&UD), Smt. Usha Padhee, chaired the monthly review meeting of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) today, focusing on the timely completion of ongoing urban development projects. During the meeting, Smt. Padhee emphasized the

importance of adhering to strict timelines and urged all ULBs to respond promptly to public grievances, ensuring effective service delivery and community engagement. Senior officials from the H&UD Department presented detailed updates on the current status and progress timelines of key urban initiatives,

highlighting both achievements and existing challenges. The discussion included identifying solutions to overcome any bottlenecks, with a strong focus on maintaining momentum in project implementation. Smt. Padhee reiterated the department's commitment to ensuring



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NALCO Q2 FY25 results: Net Profit zooms 415% YoY to Rs.1062 crore



Bhubaneswar, (KCN) : National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), the Navratna CPSE under Ministry of Mines, Govt of India has posted an impressive 415 percent growth in net profit for the quarter ended September 2024 at Rs.1062 crore, compared to Rs.206 crore achieved during corresponding period of last year. According to the results taken on record at a meeting of the Board of Directors in Bhubaneswar today, the total income of the company during the quarter from operations

stood at Rs.4001 crore, registering 32 percent growth over Q2 of FY 23-24, which was Rs. 3044 crore. NALCO have also shown robust performance in the first half of the current financial year with a 199 percent growth in net profit soaring to Rs. 1663 crore as against Rs.556 crore for the corresponding period of previous year. It may be mentioned that NALCO has achieved its best-ever performance in domestic metal sales for the first half of the year (H1), recording the highest cumulative

domestic metal sales of 2,21,966 MT during this period. The company has also announced an interim dividend of Rs.4 per equity share (80% on the face value of Rs.5 each) amounting to Rs.734.65 crore for FY 2024-25. The results during Q2 of FY 25 were driven primarily by improvement in operational efficiency, higher aluminum prices coupled with positive domestic business environment. Shri Sanjay Lohiya, IAS, Chairman - Managing Director, NALCO, said that the

Q2 results is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our employees, partners, and stakeholders and the collective ability to adapt and navigate market challenges. As we move forward, we will continue to build on this momentum, drive operational excellence, and explore new opportunities to enhance our market position, he said. I am confident that together, we will further strengthen NALCO's position, create more values, and continue delivering exceptional results in the coming quarters and beyond.

Isuzu Motors India launches ISUZU D-MAX Ambulance

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Isuzu Motors India is proud to announce the launch of ISUZU D-MAX Ambulance, that is fully-built to AIS-125 Type C ambulance specifications. This pioneering ambulance is engineered to empower a faster response while providing unparalleled reliability, safety and comfort in patient transportation, setting a new standard in emergency medical care services. Designed for India, with ISUZU's proven technology and a deep understanding of the needs of healthcare providers, the new ISUZU D-MAX Ambulance comes with 14 'Best-in-Class' features ushering in a



new era in 'Basic Life Support' ambulances in the country.

Commenting on the launch, Mr. Toru Kishimoto, Deputy Managing Director of

Isuzu Motors India, said, "We are excited to present the ISUZU D-MAX Ambulance, our unique product designed for the Indian market, with 14 'Best-in-Class'

features. Isuzu has always been synonymous with trust and reliability. The new ISUZU D-MAX Ambulance carries

forward these values, offering high-quality build and unmatched robustness, while conforming to the specifications defined under AIS-125 Type C ambulance. With this launch, Isuzu Motors India continues to strengthen its position as a game changer in the automotive industry, delivering quality products that are both innovative and tailored to the unique demands of the Indian market. We are confident that our 'ISUZU D-MAX Ambulance' will set a new benchmark in the 'Basic Life Support' ambulance category".

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. It is imperative for RBL to build design to shelf capability for a strategic advantage over the competition and to be an accelerator in building a robust toy manufacturing ecosystem in India not only for domestic consumption but also for global markets," said the spokesperson of Reliance Brands Limited.

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.

"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.

Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India registers 3,53,188 unit sales

Gurugram: Noting a positive upward movement during the month, Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India today announced its sales numbers for May 2022.

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 AEPs at their doorstep Adhikari

ITC's Sunfeast Dark Fantasy Launches "Big Fantasies" to ignite children's Imagination

Bhubaneswar (KCN): ITC Sunfeast Dark Fantasy, one of India's most beloved cookie brands known for turning everyday moments into extraordinary experiences, proudly announces its latest innovation-driven initiative, "Big Fantasies: Give Wings to Your Imagination." With this initiative the brand aims to ignite creativity and imagination in children by blending art with technology.

This unique and forward-thinking initiative was launched at St. Joseph's School, Bengaluru in the presence of children, their parents and esteemed guests. The event also

witnessed a detailed panel discussion on the "Importance of Igniting a Child's Imagination" featuring prominent figures from the fields of space exploration, academia, psychology, and creative arts. Guest speakers for panel discussion included notable personalities like Ms. Mandira Bedi, Mr. Prakash Rao (ex-ISRO director), Dr. Megha Mahajan (DM-NIMHANS) and Rev. Fr. Rohan D'Almeida (Principal, St. Joseph's school). The Panel highlighted how imagination is a fundamental aspect of a child's holistic

development and how it fosters creativity & problem-solving skills, helping them ignite new ideas and overcome challenges. Mr. Prakash Rao, ex-ISRO director talked about the synergy between creativity & technology and the role of imagination in shaping future generations. Commenting on the launch of the new initiative, Ali Harris Shere, COO, Biscuits and Cakes Cluster, Foods Division, ITC Limited shared "At ITC Sunfeast Dark Fantasy, we believe that the power of fantasy and imagination is critical for transforming kids' life from the ordinary to something truly extra-ordinary."

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

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

Under the MoU, Union Bank of India would consider Joint financing/Co-Financing with SIDBI to Projects/Units in the MSME. This MoU would help the Banks to increase their

customer base, while helping the MSMEs to meet their funding requirements. The key highlights of the arrangement include joint identification of viable projects and term loan and working capital financing to MSMEs. Initially the arrangement would be at specific centers and once the arrangement stabilizes at these centers, more locations would be covered.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Lal Singh, CGM (MSME), Union Bank of India, said "MSME is one of the key sectors of our Indian

Economy contributing to GDP, Exports, Manufacturing Output, Employment, Women Empowerment etc. MSME is one of the focused areas of the Bank and at Union Bank

Himalayan College of Nursing, Jolly Grant conducts an awareness campaign on 'Safe Motherhood Day'



New Delhi (KCN Bureau): The Himalayan College of Nursing, Jolly Grant, organized an awareness campaign at the CHC Doiwala on 'National Safe Motherhood Day'.

Three-wheeler of the Company grew by 28% from 12,473 units in May 2021 to 15,924 units in May 2022.

The domestic two-wheeler sales include TVS iQube Electric sales of 2,637 units in May 2022.

spread awareness about maternal health and care, provide high-quality health services to mothers, and promote safe childbirth.

Dr. Kamlesh Bharti from the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department of Swami Rama Himalayan University (SRHU), Jolly Grant, hosted this awareness program.

During this time, Dr. KS Bhandari, the Chief Medical Superintendent at CHC Doiwala, mentioned that the objective of celebrating Safe Motherhood Day is to

Meanwhile, in Thano village, the Community Health Department of Himalayan College of Nursing conducted an awareness campaign on the occasion of World Health Day. MSC students informed people about a healthy lifestyle through plays and house-to-house visits. Additionally, a poster exhibition was organized in the college auditorium, displaying topics like healthy lifestyles, the importance of cleanliness, etc. Present on the occasion were Principal Dr. Sanchita Pugazandi, Dr. Kamli Prakash, Atul Kumar, Shobha Masih, Chandan Kumar, John Davidson apart from many others.



Tilak Varma's maiden T20I ton gives India 2-1 lead

New Delhi: Tilak Varma smashed a scintillating maiden T20I century to lay a strong foundation for India's 11-run win that gives them an unassailable 2-1 lead heading into the fourth and final T20I in Johannesburg on November 15. On Wednesday, he forged a blitzkrieg of a partnership with Abhishek Sharma (50 off 25) to maximise the PowerPlay and then kept going even as South Africa attempted to push back at the other end. India finished on 219/6 and then withstood whirlwind efforts from Marco Jansen (54 off 17) and Heinrich Klaasen (41 off 22) to secure a narrow victory.

South Africa and Jansen's early joy at castling Sanju Samson in the first over for a duck once again was short-lived as Tilak, sent in at No.3 ahead of captain Suryakumar Yadav, joined hands with fellow left-hander Abhishek

Sharma to obliterate the early overs. Tilak started throwing his bat around just two balls after Samson fell and used his feet exceptionally well all through his knock. Abhishek went after Gerald Coetzee, picking 15 in the second over. Just 15 came off the next two overs before both of them laid into Andile Simelane to pick 18 off the fifth over. Both the batters took advantage of the relatively smaller square boundaries to push India to 70/1 in six overs - their second best PowerPlay effort against South Africa in the format.

Tilak and Abhishek

continued to sing similar heavy metal tunes even after the fields spread out, even forcing Coetzee to go full and wide from round the stumps. He ended up conceding wides and then got tonked for a six over deep square leg off a no-ball. After another expensive over, Aiden

Markram brought on left-arm spinner Keshav Maharaj who was welcomed with a six over long on from Abhishek. He completed a 23-ball 50 but was stumped in the same over to give South Africa a breather. Suryakumar Yadav fell for 1 in the next over but India got to the halfway stage with 110/3. In the company of Hardik Pandya, Tilak brought up his fifty in 32 deliveries and shifted gears even further as South Africa picked three more wickets. Hardik fell for 18 and Rinku Singh struggled on his way to a 13-ball 8 but Tilak blazed away regardless. He went 4,6,4 in a 16-run Maharaj over and then carted two sixes and a four in a 21-run over from Coetzee. The fast bowled finished with figures of 0/51 in 3 overs. Debutant Ramandeep Singh began his T20I career with a six over the long-on fence. Tilak reached his century in the penultimate over from

Lutho Sipamla that earned India 19 runs and took them past the 200-run mark. Jansen then bowled a fabulous 20th over worth just four runs as India ended on 219/6. In a bizarre turn of events, play was suspended for 20-odd minutes due to flying ants. The players went off the field and it took the usage of super copper on the pitch to get rid of them. When play

resumed, there was fire from both ends - Ryan Rickleton and Reeza Hendricks put Arshdeep Singh and Hardik Pandya away when they went either too full or short, but a few deliveries from length squared the batters up. In one such mini-tussle, Arshdeep had the last laugh as he got Ryan Rickleton to play one onto his stumps. Hendricks pushed South

Africa ahead until Varun CV came on and had him stumped in the last over of the PowerPlay. Markram's struggles in the format in 2024 continued as he just couldn't put away the spinners in the post-PowerPlay phase. Tristan Stubbs too got stuck after starting off with two fours and ended up perishing while trying to break the rut with an attempted reverse sweep against Axar Patel. Markram finally ended his struggles with two massive sixes off Varun, but hit one down Ramandeep's throat at deep mid-wicket in the same over to leave South Africa struggling at 84/4 in 10 overs.

Just when it looked like India were running away with the game, Klaasen stepped up like only he can. He took down Varun CV for three successive sixes and a four - while also being put down by Suryakumar at cover, in a single over. At the other end though, David Miller was scratchy and fell right when he appeared to have middled an expansive pull shot, only for Axar to time his jump to perfection to take a catch at deep square leg. Jansen arrived and hit Ravi Bishnoi for two big sixes but the game was still away from South Africa's grasp as they needed 59 off 18. Arshdeep then bowled an 11 runs



Ten-day trading window introduced for BBL, WBBL

New Delhi: A trading window has been introduced for the Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) and the Big Bash League (BBL), which will begin after the conclusion of both the competitions this summer and will be valid for a period of 10 days. Termed the Player Movement Window, established to assist players and clubs to make earlier contracting decisions, it will be open to the teams for 10 days after the WBBL and BBL finals. During this window, the teams can:

1. Trade a player with another club; 2. Sign a player from another club who is in the final year of their current contract; 3. Trade Overseas Player Draft positions as part or independent of player trades.

The trading window for the WBBL is valid from



December 2 (9 AM AEDT) to December 11 (5 PM AEDT). Similarly, the window for the BBL will begin on January 28, 2025 at 9 AM AEDT and will end on February 6, 2025 at 5 PM AEDT. However, the teams will not be allowed to extend contracts or re-sign their own players during this period. These contracts are bound by the contracting embargo, and must be signed either prior to it or after it is lifted. The embargo

begins after the conclusion of both leagues' home and away season and is expected to be lifted in March 2025. The teams will also be bound by maximum list sizes. For the WBBL a team can have up to 8 players prior to the window and 10 after it. The BBL teams are allowed up to 10 players before the window and 12 at its completion. Pre-signed overseas players, who are contracted to clubs on multi-year deals, will be included in the

limits. The likes of Lizelle Lee (Hobart Hurricanes), Chamari Athapaththu (Sydney Thunder), Sophie Devine (Perth Scorchers), Marizanne Kapp (Melbourne Stars), Nadine de Klerk (Brisbane Heat), Amelia Kerr (Sydney Sixers) are among the players with multi-year contracts in the WBBL. In the BBL, Finn Allen (Scorchers), Colin Munro (Heat), Tim Seifert (Renegades), Chris Jordan (Hurricanes), Tom Curran (Stars) have contracts running for the next two seasons while Sam Billings (Thunder) has a contract until the end of next season. The 10-day player movement window will be the only time within the embargo period during which the teams can make any changes to their list.

"The introduction of Player Movement Windows immediately following the Weber WBBL|10 and KFC BBL|14 seasons will add another strategic dimension to our Leagues," said Alistair Dobson, Cricket Australia's Executive General Manager, Big Bash Leagues. "The Windows will add certainty and stability for players and clubs at a crucial period in the list management cycle. "These new milestones on the Big Bash calendar will also increase talkability among our fans, broadcasters and the media as we grow our year-round presence. Our thanks go to our Big Bash clubs and the Australian Cricketers' Association for their collaboration on this project," added Dobson.

Imrul Kayes set to retire from First-class cricket



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Imrul and Tamim Iqbal, who put four opening pair century stands between them, formed a very successful opening pair as they added 2336 runs in 53 innings - a figure that remains the highest in this format for Bangladesh. Their first

Tamim Iqbal eyes return to competitive cricket with NCL T20

Dhaka: Bangladesh opener Tamim Iqbal is all set to return to competitive cricket with the upcoming NCL T20 tournament, scheduled from December 11 to 23. Tamim, who is yet to retire from Tests and ODIs, last played competitive cricket in the previous edition of Dhaka Premier League, country's traditional list A tournament in May this year.

Whether Tamim, who is regularly practicing at the Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium for last couple of days, will return to international cricket or not remains the big question. More so, after he didn't rule out the possibility of it recently.



Hannan Sarkar, member of national selection panel, on Wednesday could not confirm whether Tamim showed any interest to play in the national team but informed the media that he is keen to play in the NCL T20, scheduled to be played between eight divisional teams that take part in the first-class tournament of the country. "Tamim Iqbal had expressed interest to play in the upcoming NCL T20. How many matches he will play and when he will play... we still have time in our hand. If Tamim plays, he will certainly play for Chattogram Division," Hannan told reporters at the Sher-e-Bangla

National Cricket Stadium on Wednesday. "Everyone will have to undergo fitness test. It is our primary criteria that everyone will have to attend the fitness tests and there is a benchmark. We have given chance to some senior cricketers even when they failed to touch the benchmark in the fitness test and because they are senior cricketers and they are playing in the national cricket league. Tamim will have to go through this process," he added. Many feels that Tamim is looking to prepare for the upcoming Bangladesh Premier League through the NCL.

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and 19 respectively, before travelling to Baroda for the three ODIs on December 22, 24 and 27. The Indian team will then start off their 2025 with the games against Ireland on January 10, 12 and 15.

India Women to host West Indies, Ireland in December-January



on December 15 - also comes just four days after India women's team's last ODI in a three-match tour of Australia. India will play their next two T20Is against West Indies on December 17