

Paddy Procurement review meeting held for Kharif Season From 20th & 22nd November procurement starts from Bargarh & Sambalpur

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Under the chairmanship of the Deputy Chief Minister and Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Empowerment and Energy Shri Kanak Bardhan Singhdeo, a inter-ministerial review meeting was held today at Lok Seva Bhawan regarding the paddy procurement for the Kharif season this year. Preparations for

Paddy procurement have reached the final stage. Dy CM Sh Singhdeo emphasized on expediting the process of paddy procurement as the dates approaching and stopping all kinds of irregularities, brokering, katni chhatni and providing fair price to the farmers for their crops. The paddy procurement will start from Bargarh and Sambalpur from



20th and 22nd of this month. 800 rupees per quintal additional input assistance with the minimum support price for paddy has

been provided for the first time. Its disbursement will be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister from Sohela of Bargarh district on

the 8th December. All the farmers who have sold paddy in the mandies till December 7th will get 800 rupees per quintal at one go.

Automatic grain analyzer will be used for grain quality testing. These automatic grain analyzer machines have already been

provided for installation in 200 large PPCs with a paddy collection capacity of more than 4000 metric tons. Moisture testing machine has also been arranged along with it. Dy CM Shri Singhdeo advised the millers to be present in the mandi to stop the Katni Chhatni. Each district will have a control room system for the convenience of farmers. The entire process will be

done transparently. For this, nodal officer, supervisor has been appointed at Mandi. Minister of Food Supply & Consumer Affairs Shri Krushna Chandra Patro, Minister of Cooperation Shri Pradip Bal Samant, Principal Secretary Shri Sanjay kumar Singh, Commissioner cum Secretary Shri Rajesh Pravakar Patil were present in the high level meeting.

Achyuta Samanta Honoured With FIVB Grand Cross Award



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): The Founder of KIIT and KISS, has been conferred the prestigious 'Grand Cross Award', the highest honour from the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB). This recognition was bestowed upon him during the 39th FIVB World Congress, a three-day event held in Porto, Portugal, from November 15 to 17. This award acknowledges his outstanding contributions to the development of sports,

particularly volleyball. FIVB President Dr. Ary Graca presented the award to Dr Samanta in a grand ceremony attended by representatives and presidents of volleyball associations from 222 countries. Earlier, during a visit to KIIT and KISS, Dr. Graca had announced that Dr Samanta would be honoured with the FIVB Grand Cross Award for his exemplary efforts in promoting sports. Following this, Dr Samanta was specially

invited to the World Congress, where he received prestigious recognition. The Grand Cross Award is FIVB's highest honour, given to individuals who have significantly contributed to the growth and development of sports, particularly volleyball. Representatives from 222 countries appreciated Dr Samanta's remarkable achievements in sports and education during the event. In his acceptance speech, Dr Samanta

expressed his gratitude, saying, "I have been chosen for this highest honour by FIVB. I am deeply indebted to Lord Jagannath for this recognition and dedicate this award to Him. I also dedicate it to all sports enthusiasts and sportspersons of India, especially those from Odisha, as well as KIIT and KISS." This award further highlights the impact of Achyuta Samanta's work in promoting sports and fostering talent at both national and global levels.

Grand NCC Day celebrations at Indoor Stadium, Cuttack on 24th November

Cuttack, (KCN): The National Cadet Corps (NCC) fraternity of Odisha State is all set to celebrate NCC Day 2024 with great enthusiasm and grandeur on 24th November at the Indoor Stadium, Cuttack. This prestigious event will witness the participation of over 5000 cadets from various educational institutions across Odisha, making it one of the most significant gatherings of young cadets in the state. The celebration promises to be a spectacular showcase of discipline, unity, and patriotism, with a grand parade led by NCC cadets from different regions of the State. Cultural performances by the cadets, reflecting the rich heritage of Odisha, will

add to the vibrancy of the event. Stalls and exhibitions displaying the initiatives of NCC cadets in areas such as community service, disaster management, and environmental conservation as well as information stalls about Armed Forces will also be part of the event, highlighting their contributions to society. One of the major attractions of the event will be a special performance by the INS Chilka Pipe Band and Army Air Defence Military Bands, which is expected to captivate the audience and further elevate the grandeur of the celebrations. Additionally, a blood donation camp will be organized as part of the event, reflecting the

NCC's commitment to social service and nation-building. The NCC Day celebrations will serve as a platform to inspire the youth of the state, instilling in them the values of leadership, discipline, and patriotism. This grand event will underscore the NCC's pivotal role in shaping responsible citizens who will contribute significantly to the nation's progress. It will also offer an opportunity for the cadets to be recognized for their outstanding contributions, with prizes and mementos being awarded to deserving cadets and officers. With participation from a large number of NCC cadets, the event will highlight the positive

impact the NCC has on the youth of Odisha, helping them grow into responsible and dedicated citizens who are ready to take on greater responsibilities in nation-building. The event is expected to garner wide attention from across the state, with extensive media coverage ensuring that the messages of service, unity, and dedication reach the wider public. This NCC Day celebration will mark a significant milestone in motivating the next generation to embrace the values that build a stronger and more united nation. The people of the state, especially the youth, are eagerly anticipating this landmark event in Cuttack.

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‘Your ego was hurt after film became blockbuster’: Nayanthara bashes Dhanush for sending legal notice over usage of footage

The upcoming streaming documentary ‘Nayanthara: Beyond the Fairy Tale’, based on superstar Nayanthara, has triggered a rift between the actress and superstar Dhanush. The actress called out Dhanush after he sent a legal notice to her seeking compensation over the use of certain clips in the documentary without authorisation. On Saturday, the actress took to her Instagram, and shared a long letter addressed to Dhanush in which she pointed the gun at the actor for trying to block the release of her documentary as it features footage from the film Naanum Rowdy Dhaan. She wrote, “A well-established actor like you, with the support and blessings of your father and your brother, an ace director, needs to read and understand this. Cinema as we all know is a fight for survival for people like me, a self made woman with no links in the industry and someone who had to struggle my way to the position I hold today. I’d

owe this to my work ethic that is no secret to all who know me but more importantly, to the goodwill of the audience and my film fraternity”. She shared that the release of her Netflix documentary has been much awaited by many of her fans. She continued, “It took a whole team of collaborators and film friends to pull together the project through all the difficulties that were thrown at us. The vengeance that you have been festering against the film, my partner and I, doesn’t just affect us but the people who have given their effort and time towards this project. This Netflix Documentary about me, my life, my love and marriage includes clips of many of my industry well-wishers who have graciously contributed and memories from multiple films, but sadly does not include the most special and important film, Naanum Rowdy Dhaan”. She shared that after two long years of battling it out with the actor for an NOC



(No Objection Certificate) and waiting for his approval for the documentary release, the team finally decided to give up, re-edit and settle for the current version since he declined to permit the usage of Naanum Rowdy Dhaan songs or visual cuts. She said, “The songs of Naanum Rowdy Dhaan are appreciated till date because the lyrics came from true emotions, knowing that there’s no better music that we could use in our documentary, your refusal to give us the opportunity to use it, or even just lyrics from the songs, broke my heart. It is understandable if it is

business compulsions and monetary issues that mandate your denial; but it hurts that this decision of yours is only to vent out your personal grudge against us and that you have deliberately remained indecisive this long”. She went on, “What’s even more shocking is your legal notice after the release of the trailer of the Netflix Documentary. We were startled to read those lines wherein you questioned the usage of some videos (just 3 seconds) which were shot in our personal devices and that too BTS visuals that are already very much publicly present on social media and claimed

a sum of Rs.10 crores as damages for the mere 3 seconds. This is an all time low from you and speaks so much about your character. I wish you were half the person you portray to be on stage in audio launches in front of your innocent fans but clearly you do not practice what you preach, at least not for me and my partner”. The actress then asked, “Does a producer become an emperor controlling the lives, freedom and liberty of all the persons in the set? Any deviation from the Emperor’s dictum attracts legal ramifications? The actress intensified her words as she wrote, “It’s

almost been 10 years since the release of the film and it is a long time for someone to continue to be this vile while wearing a mask in front of the world. I have not forgotten all the horrible things that you said about the film that was one of your biggest hits as a producer and a film that is loved by all even today. The words you said pre-release have left some unhealable scars to us already. I learnt through film circles that your ego was supremely hurt after the film became a blockbuster”. “Through this letter I only wish and pray that you come to peace with your inner self over the success of some people whom you knew from the past. The world is a big place, it’s meant for everyone. It’s okay for people you know to come up in life. It’s okay for normal people with no background in cinema to make it big. It’s okay if some people make connections and are happy”, she added.

Pragya Jaiswal shares teaser of Nandamuri Balakrishna’s ‘Daaku Maharaaj’

Actress Pragya Jaiswal has teamed up again with Nandamuri Balakrishna for the upcoming film NBK 109, which is now titled Daaku Maharaaj. The duo has earlier worked together in the action-drama Akhanda.” On Friday, the makers unveiled the much-awaited title teaser of the film. Sharing the same on her Instagram handle, Pragya wrote in the caption, “Witness the God of masses like never before!! Presenting the one and only #NandamuriBalakrishna Garu as #DaakuMaharaaj. Here’s the much-awaited

title teaser Brace yourselves for the ultimate power-packed experience Jan 12, 2025 in Cinemas Worldwide.” In the poster, Nandamuri is seen sitting on a horse during a high-octane action stunt. The teaser delivers stunning visuals, offering fans a glimpse of Balakrishna’s character. With its captivating music, striking visuals, and impactful dialogues, it has significantly heightened anticipation. While the plot remains under wraps, the teaser hints at a period drama. Meanwhile, Daaku Maharaaj directed by

Bobby Kolli and produced by Naga Vamsi, the Telugu action drama also stars Bobby Deol, who will take on the role of the antagonist. Speaking about her role in the film, Pragya shared, “I am thrilled to be reuniting with Nandamuri Balakrishna sir and working under the direction of Bobby Kolli. ‘NBK 109’ is a fantastic project, and such a talented ensemble with Bobby Deol and Nandamuri Balakrishna sir. I can’t wait for the audience to see what we have in store.”



In addition to this, the actress has several projects lined up. She is set to star alongside Akshay Kumar, Taapsee Pannu, Punjabi actor

Ammy Virk, and Fardeen Khan in the upcoming film Khel Khel Mein. Scheduled for release August 15, Independence Day, the

film will face a box-office clash with the highly anticipated horror-comedy sequel Stree 2. The trailer of the film was released in August, and during the trailer launch event, Jaiswal mentioned that she’s always heard positive rumours about herself and hopes they turn out to be true. When asked if any rumours had caused a stir at her home, Pragya replied, “I have never heard any negative rumours about myself. All the rumours I’ve encountered have been good and positive, which makes me hope that they are indeed true.”

Aditi Rao Hydari: 'Been told I'm fragile like glass'

Actor Aditi Rao Hydari is one of the few actors in Indian film industry who has worked with numerous maestros. She has been a Mani Ratnam heroine as well as a Sanjay Leela Bhansali heroine, both depicting a side to her that had never been explored. In SLB’s ‘Heeramandi’, she plays Bibbo Jaan, a sweet woman whose purpose in life is beyond the walls of Heeramandi. In an exclusive chat with IndiaToday.in, Aditi spoke about being perceived as a ‘delicate darling’ and her looks being used as an excuse to perhaps not cast her sometimes. Speaking about how she felt almost liberated playing Bibbo Jaan, Aditi said, “I am perceived in a particular way because

of the way I look or the way I am or the parts I have played, usually the fragile, feminine, petite girl. Often people say, ‘oh, she will just blow away.’ Or ‘oh she is like glass, if you touch, she will break.’ Today, I own it and I am what I am. It is not a burden for me, but if it is for you, then you need to figure it out. Secondly, my vulnerability is my strength.” Aditi then elaborated on why she feels Bhansali manages to show women with their flaws, strength and vulnerabilities alike: “I also feel it is also about directors who bring that out in an actor. To have a vision and say that there are different kinds of strengths. I’m so happy that I lived this life of Bibbo Jaan because it was literally like ‘here is a girl who



is so kind, so feminine, and artistic.’ She sings and dances. She is celebrated for her beauty, but beneath that, she has this simmering purpose, courage and fearlessness. I feel that fearless belief is so inspiring, and they are not mutually exclusive. You can be both. I relate to it.” Aditi also spoke about

‘silly’ things actresses hear for any project they are offered, like ‘you are too beautiful’. Responding to it, she shared, “That’s so silly. It is somebody’s insecurity that is speaking because it is such a silly thing to say about somebody. A person is how they look, but there is more to the person. There

are directors who create very beautiful female characters, and in this case, like Sanjay Bhansali, he doesn’t look at a woman as a one-tone character. Bibbo could have been a sweet and obedient girl, but the fact that she has this arc, shows how he looks at women as complete beings.” The actor also

questioned why many in the industry fail to look at an artist as an artist: “I have 100 per cent been told that you are too beautiful for this role. But I am a person. I am a sum total of many things.” Aditi quipped, “Also, why is this a problem? You don’t tell somebody that ‘you act too well’. It doesn’t make sense. But that is also being heard now, oh ‘that girl is too good an actor, she will outshine the others.’ It has not been told to me, but I have heard this as well. It just doesn’t make sense. It means your intentions aren’t pure.” ‘Heeramandi’ is currently streaming on Netflix. It also features Manisha Koirala, Sonakshi Sinha, Sanjeeda Shaikh, Richa Chadha and Sharmin Segal in pivotal roles.

Retraction of Statement made during Search Part 3



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(Contd from 11th Nov 2024)
Decision where Retraction of Statement was held VALID
2.16 In CIT v. Rakesh Ramani [2018] 94 taxmann.com 461 (Bom.)(HC), in course of block assessment, assessee brought on record various documents to establish that jewellery seized from him actually belonged to his employer, impugned addition made in respect thereof merely on ground that assessee in course of statement made u/s 132, had admitted that said jewellery belonged to him, could not be sustained. It was also held that there is no requirement in law that evidence in support of its case must be produced by assessee only at time when seizure has been made and not during assessment proceedings. Besides, the entire basis of the revenue's case is the statement made on the date of the seizure. The voluminous evidence filed by the respondent during the course of the assessment

proceedings has been completely ignored on the ground that the same was not produced when the seizure was made. The High Court held that there is no requirement in law that evidence in support of its case must be produced by assessee only at the time when the seizure has been made and not during the assessment proceedings. The basis of the decision was the evidence led by the respondent during the assessment proceedings which established that the jewellery belonged to his employer 'P' Jewellers. Therefore, the High Court held that the view taken by the two Authorities namely the Commissioner (Appeals) as well as the Tribunal is a possible view on the facts as existing. Therefore, the Court held that the question of law does not arise to any substantial question of law and the appeal of Revenue was dismissed.
3. Retraction partly accepted
In Pranav Construction Co v. ACIT (1998) 61 TTJ 145 (Mum) (Trib)

(dt 12 -11-1997), the AO was of the view that whereas in the statement recorded under s. 132(4) the partner of the assessee-firm had disclosed an income of Rs. 70 lakhs, in the return there has been retraction of the said statement inasmuch as the assessee had declared only Rs. 10,53,680 on account of undisclosed income. The assessee had retracted from the statement in respect of two issues, the first being the undisclosed receipts, which were reduced from Rs. 70 lakhs to Rs. 52,68,400 and the second being the claim of expenses amounting to Rs. 42,14,720. The assessee explained that "The aforesaid statement was recorded by the ADIT at 2.30 A.M. in the early morning, though it was mentioned at 11.45 P.M. The assessee pleaded that he was totally tired and was under tremendous pressure and not in a proper state of mind to understand the implications as to what is stated in the said statement. He stated before the ADI during search that the aforesaid amount of Rs. 80 lakhs is the gross receipts, but as a builder, the assessee are required to incur lot of expenditure, which is unaccounted for. The A.O. felt that it cannot be postulated that the assessee had affected the payments out of the moneys

received by it earlier in respect of the flats, offices and shops and recorded in the books. With regard to the admission, the learned D.R. had argued that there is no scope for allowing any expenditure because the statement of the assessee's partner u/s 132(4) relates to disclosure of income, which means net income. The Tribunal observed "We are of the view that the admission cannot be read as an Act of Parliament and that it has to be read in the context fairly and reasonably. We have already adverted to this aspect. The burden can be discharged either by direct evidence or if such evidence is not available the assessee can always point out to circumstantial evidence supporting the claim. In the present case in respect of the payment of Rs. 9 lakhs there is direct evidence and in respect of the payment of protection money to the extent of Rs. 20 lakhs to Shellar and Padmakar Choudhary, there is circumstantial evidence. The further deduction of Rs. 1 lakh is also based only on circumstantial evidence such as newspaper cuttings, reports, etc." The Tribunal considered total on-money receipts @ Rs. 100 per sq. ft. for 73,371 sq. ft. 73,37,100 and allowed deduction for payments as protection money, for vacating hawkers,

tapories, etc. Rs.30 Lacs and Pooja expenses of Rs.14,720 and thus the addition was reduced to Rs. 43,22,380.
4. Decisions where Retraction of Statement was NOT ACCEPTED
4.1 Ms. Priyanka Chopra v. Deputy CIT, Mumbai [2018] 89 taxmann.com 287 (Mumbai - Trib.) : A search was carried out in case of assessee in course of which various incriminating documents were seized. In said proceedings, assessee as well as her mother admitted certain undisclosed investment towards purchase of assets. Subsequently, assessee's mother retracted her statement. A.O. however, added amount admitted to assessee's taxable income. It was noted that it was only with reference to search and seizure material that assessee's mother had given a specific amount to various heads wherein undisclosed income had been utilized. Furthermore, so-called retraction was by mother of assessee and there was no retraction whatsoever by assessee. Impugned addition was based upon incriminating material found or searched and, thus, same was confirmed. [Para 8]
4.2 Bannalal Jat

Constructions (P.) Ltd. v. Assistant Commissioner of Income-tax [2019] 106 taxmann.com 128 (SC): A search was carried out at business premises of assessee-company - In course of search proceedings, statement of director of assessee-company was recorded under section 132(4) admitting certain undisclosed income. In course of assessment, A.O. made addition to assessee's income on basis of statement given by its director. Subsequently, director of assessee-company retracted said statement. Tribunal, however, finding that statement had been recorded in presence of independent witness, confirmed addition made by Assessing Officer. High Court also opined that mere fact that director of assessee-company retracted statement at later point of time, could not make said statement unacceptable. It was further opined that burden lay on assessee to show that admission made by director in his statement was wrong and such retraction had to be supported by a strong evidence showing that earlier statement was recorded under duress and coercion. High Court finding that assessee failed to discharge said burden, confirmed order passed by

Tribunal. - Whether, on facts, SLP filed against decision of High Court was dismissed.
4.3 Thiru S. Shyam Kumar v. Assistant CIT, Central Circle-III(3), Chennai [2018] 99 taxmann.com 39 (Madras): A search was conducted in business premises of assessee wherein certain loose slips were recovered, which showed several entries pertaining to cash and cheque transactions in respect of purchase of a property. Assessee accepted in his statement that slip represented on-money payment made for purchase of property in question. Later on, assessee retracted from his statement and claimed that loose slips were only dumb slips - Tribunal however, rejected claim of assessee and confirmed addition under sec. 69. Since notings in loose slips were clear, retraction made by assessee after period of two years was rightly rejected as an afterthought.
4.4 Narayan Bhagwantrao Gosavi, Balajiwal v. Gopal Vinayak Gosavi AIR 1960 SC 100: The Hon'ble Supreme Court held that an admission is the best evidence that an opposite party can rely upon and, though not conclusive, yet could be decisive of the matter unless successfully withdrawn or proved erroneous.

4.5 Fakir Mohamed Haji Hasan v. CIT [2002] 120 Taxman 11/[2001] 247 ITR 290 (Guj), Gujarat High Court upheld the department's action of treating the amount as deemed income.
4.6 Manharlal Kasturchand Chokshi v. Asstt. CIT [1997] 61 ITD 55 (Ahd.) - Proof of threat or coercion is necessary for valid retraction. The allegation that the assessee was tortured and harassed by the search team and was forced to make an admission is not enough.
4.7 Param Anand Builders (P.) Ltd. v. ITO [1996] 59 ITD 29 (ITAT- Mum), It was held by ITAT, Mumbai that allegations of torture and harassment were unacceptable when independent witnesses were present at the time of search. Mere filing of a letter retracting the statement was not held to be rebuttal of the presumption that what is admitted is true. Tribunal's observations were also based on the fact that the 'Panchas' had not brought any harassment to the notice of authorities.

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India is ready to become a Hub for Medical Tourism?

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Recently, Britain's King Charles visited India on a private trip with his wife, Queen Camilla. During their three-day stay, they stayed at a modern holistic health center near Bengaluru, where they participated in yoga, meditation sessions, and yoga therapy. This illustrates that even global elites, from ordinary patients to royalty, are realizing the benefits of seeking treatment from India's modern doctors and traditional healing methods to maintain good health and youthfulness. In recent years, India has become a preferred destination for patients seeking treatment for heart diseases, bone disorders, kidney and liver transplants, dental

care, cancer, and even conditions deemed incurable. Patients are coming not only from South Asian countries but also from Africa, Central Asia, Gulf nations, and even Western countries in the millions every year. Alongside affordable and successful modern medical treatments, traditional Indian healing methods such as Ayurveda, yoga, naturopathy, dietetics, and millet-based therapies are gaining popularity among foreign patients. For instance, the daughter of Kenya's former Prime Minister, Raila Odinga, regained her vision after receiving treatment at Sreedhareyam Ayurvedic Eye Hospital in Ernakulam, Kerala. This success led to a significant rise in patients from East Africa seeking Ayurvedic treatments in India. During my frequent travels to Dehradun, I often encounter foreign tourists—men and

women of all ages and professions—on flights and trains. Many of them are headed to ashrams or health centers in places like Haridwar, Rishikesh, and Dehradun for stays ranging from two weeks to three months. Their length of stay and the cost—often equivalent to or exceeding luxury five-star hotel rates—depend on the severity of their condition and the treatment required. In addition to traditional treatments, modern hospitals in cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Chandigarh are drawing a large number of international patients seeking cosmetic procedures to enhance their appearance. Plastic surgeons report seeing dozens of foreign patients each month for treatments such as burn injury repair, hair transplants, and skin-tightening procedures. This trend represents a golden opportunity for India to attract more



foreign patients. Medical tourism not only earns valuable foreign exchange but also supports local economies, as patients often arrive with caretakers who stay in hotels for weeks or months. Indian expatriates living abroad are also increasingly returning to India for affordable and high-quality medical care. India's edge lies in offering top-tier pre- and post-surgical care at a fraction of the cost of similar services in Europe or the U.S. Cosmetic surgeons in India treat patients

seeking procedures like fat reduction and skin tightening, as aging and environmental factors accelerate skin issues. With growing awareness of beauty treatments, both men and women are increasingly opting for cosmetic and surgical solutions. Globally, millions of cosmetic surgeries are performed annually, with the U.S. being a leader in this sector. While initially popular among women, plastic surgery is now equally common among men. Broadly, plastic surgery can be divided into two

categories: cosmetic surgery, which enhances appearance, and reconstructive surgery, which repairs damage from injuries, illnesses, or birth defects. India, with its highly qualified medical professionals, advanced equipment, and cost-effective treatments, is well-positioned to take a giant leap in medical tourism. Treatment costs in India are about one-fourth of those in the U.S., without compromising on quality. If India strategically strengthens this sector, patients will

increasingly choose India over competitors like Thailand, Singapore, China, and Japan, which are also vying for medical tourists. Medical tourism is a multi-billion-dollar industry globally. To secure a larger share, India must develop internationally accredited hospitals and clinics, provide specialized care in fields like cardiology, oncology, orthopedics, and transplantation, and embrace telemedicine and digital healthcare services. India's millet-based therapies also offer a unique edge. Padma Shri awardee Dr. Khadar Vali claims that millet can cure even the most severe illnesses within six weeks to six months without any medication. Such unique approaches, along with robust policy support from the government, can further elevate India's medical tourism potential.

Marketing campaigns, patient-centric packages, visa facilitation, language translation services, and accommodation arrangements can make India a more attractive destination for international patients. The figures speak for themselves—14 lakh foreign patients came to India for treatment in 2022. To meet the ambitious target of attracting 1 crore international patients annually by 2030, India must ensure world-class healthcare services and develop specific areas of expertise. With proper planning and execution, India can establish itself as a global hub for medical tourism.

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SMP, Kolkata to Conduct Comprehensive Health Check-up of Howrah Bridge

Kolkata, (KCN): Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP, Kolkata) Kolkata is conducting a comprehensive health check-up of Howrah Bridge in coordination with the Police authority. Shri Rathendra Raman, Chairman, SMP Kolkata today said the exercise is going to be done to ensure its continued strength and durability.

For this, the bridge better known as Rabindra Setu will be fully closed (both ways) for all types of vehicular movement from 11.30 pm night of November 16, 2024 to 04.30 am of November 17.

RITES, the expert agency deployed for comprehensive health study, are inspecting the bridge with other experts and to facilitate inspection a short closure of the bridge has been planned. The last Health Check up of Rabindra Setu was conducted in 1983-1988, after continuous service of the bridge for 40



years. The bridge was put to service in 1943 by M/s RITES.

RITES had taken help of M/S RPT (Rendel Pamer & Triton), main designer of the bridge & CRRI during their study and had made traffic study, survey, necessary ultrasonic test & non-destructive tests etc. and on the basis of all those tests submitted the then health report of the bridge and provide restoration & retrofitting schemes for

enhancing the service life of the bridge.

M/S BBJ Construction Company took up the restoration work in two phases & it continued from 1992 to 2005 at a cost of about Rs 15 crore.

SMP Kolkata (erstwhile Kolkata Port Trust) being the commissioners for Rabindra Setu, is looking after its maintenance, cleaning, decorative lighting, street lighting etc. as well as

regular maintenance of Brabourne Road Flyover. A division of the Civil Engineering Department, headed by Sr Ex. Engineer, is exclusively placed into services for looking after the maintenance of Rabindra Setu. SMP, Kolkata sincerely appreciates the cooperation of the citizens of the city as the port works towards maintaining one of Kolkata's most cherished landmarks.

National Press Day celebrated by Accredited Journalists Association & Press Club of India



Kolkata (PARTHA ROY): Accredited Journalists Association and Press Club of India organized National Press Day 2024 on 16th November 2024, in which outstanding journalists were honored. The program was organized at Press Club of India, New Delhi.

The inauguration was done by Press Club of India President Gautam Lahiri, who stressed the need for a free and responsible press. Emphasizing the unifying role of journalism, he said, "Journalism should not be divided. It should be promoted as a form of dialogue. Today is journalism's day—let us work together for its

integrity and well-being." He described the Press Club as "the second home of journalists", calling its representation on Press Council "a major achievement".

The program was moderated by Accredited Journalists Association President Vijay Shankar Chaturvedi.

The highlight of the program was the release of a special souvenir by Shri Ramakant Goswami, Former Minister, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi. During this, Ramakant Goswami, while throwing light on the changing nature of journalism, said, "Journalism, media and

loyalty are all changing. Hence there is a need to address the enduring challenges with clarity and determination."

Accredited Journalists Association honored journalists who have made significant contributions in the field of journalism. The journalists honored include Mr. Arun Joshi, Mr. Sunil Negi, Mr. Dinesh Sharma, Mr. Anil Sharma (Editor, Bharat TV), Mr. Vijay Sharma (Editor, Veer Arjun), Mr. Shivendra (Journalist, Aaj Samaj), Mr. Naveen Gautam, Mr. Pradeep Chaturvedi, Mr. Rajeev Gupta (Photojournalist), Mr. Sandeep Sharma (Editor, MKM), Ms.

Julia Gangwani (Editor, Bluemoon), and Ms. Banpani Panda (Editor-in-Chief, Baradasta, Odisha).

Shri Jai Prakash Aggarwal (Former MP), Shri Manoj Sharma (PR- Director)

, Shri Rajkumar (Additional Director General, PIB), Shri Prakash Vaidya (Director of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan), Shri Neeraj Thakur (General Secretary of Press Club of India) Shri. Cowdley Channappa (General Secretary AJA) and Shri S.K. Bhandari (retired IAS and former Secretary, Government of India) also graced the occasion.

Bagan Mahotsav organised in collaboration with Sangeet Natak Akademi

Kolkata (Arindam Bhattacharya) : Himalayan Heritage Research and Development Society, Bagdogra in collaboration with Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi, organised Bagan Mahotsav on 15th November at Durvas Lok and Tribal Art Museum, Lataguri (Jalpaiguri). The festival was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Om Prakash Bharti, former cultural diplomat of India in Fiji and former director of Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre, renowned Natya Guru and currently Head of

Department of Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University, Wardha. Prof. Bharti said that Birsa Munda fought against the British for the preservation of culture and nature. He is our ideal. Today, Tribal Pride Day is being celebrated in the memory of Bhagwan Birsa across the country. India will become Vishwa Guru by emulating tribal culture. Eight tribal groups from the tea gardens of North Bengal performed dances and songs in the festival. Kora artists of Bichhabanga performed Demsha dance under the leadership of Mangal

Kora. The participating artists were Vimala Kora, Anjali, Sheela, Anju, Anita Kora, Malti Kora, Rupa Kora, Rupali Kora, Tulsi Kora, Badri Kora, Satyajit Kora, Shyamal Kora, Vishnu Kora, Puja Kora etc. Artists of Saraswati Basti presented Oraon dance under the leadership of Majnu Oraon. Sonam Tudu and supporting artists presented Dong and Sohrai dance. Subodh Paik, Suman Besra, Bebo Marandi etc. were present on this occasion. The program was conducted by Deepak Kumar and Avinash Kumar.

New Delhi (KCN): On the occasion of the 97th martyrdom day of Punjab Keshari Legendary Lala Lajpat Rai (28 January 1865-17 November 1928), the Servants of the People Society (SOPS) organized remembrance function at Lajpat Bhawan, Lajpat Nagar-IV, Delhi -110024. The Martyrs Day function was held on November 17 Shri Baijayant Jay Panda, National Vice President- BJP & Lok Sabha MP participated as Chief Guest and Prof. (Dr.) Anup Kumar as Guest of Honour along with hundreds of school children, activists and

Inaugural Edition of STRATEGIQ Business & Leadership Quiz hosted by CII-SNCEL

Kolkata (PARTHA ROY): Strategy is core of Leadership. Showcasing its guiding principle of "By the Leaders, For the Leaders," CII-Suresh Neotia Centre of Excellence for Leadership (CII-SNCEL) hosted inaugural edition of STRATEGIQ: Business & Leadership Quiz on 17th November 2024 at its premises in Kolkata. 47 teams from leading corporate houses & premier business school participated. The competition was won through a brilliant performance by Mr B Naveen Kumar & Mr Jayakanthan representing



TCS (Tata Consultancy Services). First Runner up team - IMR. Samanyay Banerjee & Mr. Piyush Kedia (IIM Kolkata). Heritage Institute of

Technology earned the accolade of Best B-School Team. Quizmasters Mr. Titash Banerjee and Mr. Auritro Chowdhury conducted quiz. Their

innovative and thought-provoking questions tested participants' acumen in business, leadership, and critical interpretation, elevating the competitive spirit of the quiz.

Amit Shah Reviews Manipur Security Situation Amid Unrest: Sources

New Delhi (KCN): Home Minister Amit Shah called a conferral of senior officials in Delhi on Sunday, said sources, in the wake of escalating crisis in Manipur - the latest trigger being the recovery of six bodies of people believed to have been kidnapped by insurgents.

Mr Shah held the meeting soon after he returned from Maharashtra after cancelling his election rallies there.

The meeting focused on reviewing the security situation in Manipur, the sources said. Another meeting with senior officials at the Ministry of Home Affairs has been scheduled for tomorrow. Manipur has been rocked by periodic clashes for more than 18 months between the predominantly Hindu Meitei majority and the



mainly Christian Kuki community, dividing the state into ethnic enclaves.

The bodies - three of which were pulled from a river in Jiribam on Friday while three more were found on Saturday - are suspected to be of those belonging to the Meitei community who went missing in Jiribam district after a gunfight between Kuki insurgents and Manipur police last week. News of the discovery provoked irate mobs to attack the homes of state ministers.

Protesters also burned tyres and blocked roads in the capital city of Imphal on Saturday.

In response, the state government said a curfew was in effect in part of the city due to the "developing law and order situation".

Mob Tries To Storm Chief Minister N Biren Singh's Home As Manipur Protests Escalate The state's home ministry also ordered all internet and mobile data services in Manipur to be shut off for two days in order to

bring the latest unrest under control.

"Anti-social elements might use social media extensively for transmission of images, hate speech and hate video messages inciting the passions of the public which might have serious repercussions for the law and order situation," a notice said. Internet services were shut down for months in Manipur last year during an outbreak of violence which displaced around 60,000 people from their homes, according to government figures.

The Centre had on Thursday reimposed the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act in Manipur's six police station areas, including the violence-hit Jiribam.

Thousands of the state's residents are living in emergency shelters, still unable to return home due to ongoing tensions.

Arvind Kejriwal Asked About Kailash Gahlot's Shock Exit. He Turns Mic Away

New Delhi: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener Arvind Kejriwal today refused to take a question on Delhi Minister Kailash Gahlot's shock resignation. At a press meet to welcome former BJP MLA Anil Jha into AAP, Mr Kejriwal was asked about Mr Gahlot's surprise exit. The former Chief Minister promptly turned the microphone towards senior party leader Durgesh Pathak, seated next to him. When the

reporter insisted for his response, Mr Kejriwal said with a smile, "You want an answer, right?" before Mr Pathak began speaking. In fact, the former Chief Minister spoke soon after, criticised the BJP but did not mention Mr Gahlot's exit. Mr Pathak said Kailash Gehlot was being questioned and raided by ED and Income Tax for months. "So he did not have a choice. But this makes it clear that BJP has lost the Delhi election. They have

no issue, they are fighting on the basis of ED, CBI and Income Tax and we are fighting on people's issues," he said.

Earlier, AAP's Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh said Mr Gahlot's resignation is a part of BJP's "dirty politics". "Kailash Gahlot was being pressured through ED-CBI raids and he is speaking as per the BJP's script. The Modi Washing Machine has been activated ahead of Delhi elections. Now

many leaders will be taken into BJP through this," he said in a video shared by the AAP's handle on X. Opposition parties frequently use the 'Washing Machine' reference to accuse the BJP of forcing Opposition leaders to switch over by threatening them with investigation by central agencies. Opposition parties allege that any action against such leaders is paused as soon as they join BJP.

Lalaji's Martyrdom Day Celebrated



social workers. The participants paid tribute to Lala Lajpat Rai on his death anniversary and recalled his courage, struggle, and dedication in the freedom movement.

Shri Panda said that Lala Ji's ideology of nationalism and zciotis patriotism earned him the title, 'Punjab Kesari' and lion of panjab. We look back upon the struggles faced by him

and all that he accomplished in his life and his selfless service. Lala Ji advocated the Swadeshi movement in India but sadly we still look to foreign validation for our work/

achievements. He said in his speech that under the leadership of Prime Minister, India is not only emerging as the new economic & spiritual power of the world but is also gaining the respect and glory, achieved by our ancestors thousands of years ago in the Vedic period.

Shri Panda also opined that there is consistent effort in international agencies to taint India's image as a nation that does not fulfill the food security and declining rank in fruccluin of in India. He said that the Global Hunger Index (GHI) is biased and anti-India.

‘Ganjam Darshan’ falters as buses gather dust at depot

Berhampur(KCN): To attract more tourists to Ganjam’s scenic destinations, the district administration had introduced the ‘Ganjam Darshan’ bus service, assigning its operations to the Berhampur Development Authority (BeDA). However, the project failed to roll out as anticipated and the brand-new buses have been gathering dust at the City Bus Depot in Haladiapadar near Berhampur. Initially launched with much fanfare, the service faced a significant setback due to high ticket prices, which led to a decline in passenger numbers and ultimately rendered the project unsuccessful. As a result,

the buses have been left unused for an extended period, exposed to weather conditions at the BeDA office premises. Moreover, the BeDA and the district administration took no measures to reuse the buses by reviving the service. The ‘Ganjam Darshan’ bus service was inaugurated by former Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik December 12, 2022, with an aim of showcasing key destinations across the district to the tourists. The itinerary included stops at scenic and cultural tourist sites, with provisions for refreshments and lunch along the way. The bus service started operations a few days



after the inauguration and the first batch of tourists were from Sraddha Sanjeevani Ashram. Departing from Ramalingeswara

Park at 7am in the morning, the bus visited popular locations like the Tara Tarini temple shrine before taking a halt at the

Purushottampur Dak Bungalow for breakfast. Later, the bus took the tourists to Jaugarh, Nirmaljar and stopped at Bateswar for lunch.

The bus then left for Potagarh, Tampara Lake and reached Gopalpur beach by evening where the tourists were served snacks before returning to

Ramalingeswara Park in Berhampur by 6.45pm. The bus used to cover 165 kilometres for a ticket price of ₹950.

However, with rising fares from time to time, tourists expressed dissatisfaction, prompting the administration to add additional sites such as Biranchi Narayan temple at Buguda, Buddhakhol, Marada, Sarana Srikhetra, Singhasini, Taptapani, Ujjaleswar, Ghodahada dam, Maa Bala Kumari temple, Pati Sunapur and the Mahuri Kalua temple to the itinerary. Unfortunately, this expansion failed to revive the popularity of the tourist bus service.

The vehicles, now parked at the BeDA office, show visible signs of deterioration, including damaged tyres and peeling paint.

In addition to the ‘Ganjam Darshan’ buses, four buses were also introduced for trips to the hilltop Tara Tarini temple. These buses are also out of service now, gathering dust at the depot — a clear indication of the district administration’s planning failure.

When contacted, Ramesh Hansda, secretary of BeDA said there are plans to reintroduce the bus service by floating a tender. Moreover, efforts are on to make the project successful, he added.

Farmers’ smart meter boycott gathers steam

Bargarh / New Delhi(KCN): With Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) extending support, a massive struggle by Bargarh farmers against the privatisation of electricity distribution has gathered steam. As part of their protest, the farmers in Bargarh and surrounding districts of western Odisha are boycotting prepaid smart meters installed by the discom. SKM said prepaid smart meters were being installed against the agreement made by the Narendra Modi government December 9, 2020, under which a discussion was to be held with SKM before the enactment of the Electricity Privatisation



Bill. SKM has demanded 300 units of free electricity per month for the families engaged in farming, it said in a statement. More than 15,000 farmers from Bargarh district protested against the smart metres and voluntarily removed them from their homes and farms and piled them up in the office of the distribution company in Padampur and other blocks, SKM said.

SKM strongly condemned the suppression of the peaceful movement of farmers against privatisation of the power sector by the BJP government of Odisha led by Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi. The BJP which has come to power for the first time in Odisha has adopted a repressive approach towards this movement, it said. SKM also said farmer

leader Ramesh Mohapatra was called a habitual offender in an official notice. It should be noted that the only FIRs registered against him by the police are in the cases of farmers voluntarily boycotting smart meters, the SKM said. A petition has been filed in the Orissa High Court to get the notice quashed, it said. The court has issued notice to the state government. Bargarh District Bar Association and Orissa High Court Bar Association are supporting the farmers’ movement. SKM said the privatisation of electricity has become another tool to exploit the farmers and the public in general.

Ragging slur on JNV Hadagarh




Hadadhi(KCN): Ragging of students continues to plague educational institutions in the state as a Class IX student has allegedly been beaten up on a daily basis for years by his seniors at PM Shri Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya at Hadagarh under this block in Keonjhar district, sources said Thursday. According to the complaint lodged by the student’s father at the Soso police station, the survivor, a male student of Class IX in the school, was beaten by his seniors daily. Police registered a case (171/2024) and launched an investigation. According to the complaint, Mandardhar Tout of Balia village

under Soso police limits had alleged that some senior students of the institute have been beating his son since he joined the school in Class VI. Rout complained with the school authorities but the latter never addressed his pleas. Recently, the boy was beaten up by some senior students March 29, and sustained swelling on his face and cheek. The school authorities allegedly tried to suppress the incident again without taking any action against the accused students. The matter came to the fore when Mandardhar and his daughter Manoja went to the school after learning about the visit of the additional commissioner from Bhopal to the school,

September 4. He saw some students assaulting his son inside the classroom when he entered the school premises to meet the additional commissioner. He immediately lodged a written complaint at the Soso police station. Police registered a case Wednesday against three students. Soso IIC Bijay Kumar Bihari visited the school and conducted an inquiry, Thursday. When contacted, principal P Manikanthan rejected the charges while additional commissioner P Munirameya from Bhopal office assured to conduct a probe and take suitable action in this regard. The boy’s

sister Manoja said that the school principal misbehaved with her and asked her to leave the school premises when she visited the school with the police for an inquiry, Thursday. On the other hand, the parents’ association, principal P Manikanthan, additional commissioner P Munirameya, vice-principal Pramod Barik of the JNV and principal Ramraj Singh of JNV, Cuttack conducted a meeting and proposed to the boy’s father to shift his son to a separate Navodaya Vidyalaya. However, the boy’s father has refused to the proposal.



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Cellecor Gadgets Limited expands its overseas operations by incorporating a new wholly owned subsidiary in Hong Kong

Kolkata (AMBAR MUKHERJEE) : Cellecor Gadgets Limited a rapidly growing leader in India's dynamic electronics and consumer durables goods market, announces the establishment of its wholly owned subsidiary in Hong Kong, named Cellecor Gadgets HK Limited. This strategic initiative, in line with the company's announced blue print for growth, underscores company's commitment to enhancing its supply chain capabilities and seizing whatever the opportunities available. Located strategically in Hong Kong, known as a gateway to Asia's electronics industry, the new subsidiary will serve as a pivotal hub for Cellecor Gadgets' procurement of critical

components and operational activities, and with Hong Kong's robust logistical infrastructure and business-friendly environment, the Company aim to further optimize its supply chain efficiencies and strengthen its competitive edge in delivering innovative, high-quality cost-competitive products to its customers. "We are excited to establish our wholly owned subsidiary in Hong Kong, a move that enhances our ability to meet the evolving demands of the electronics and consumer durables goods market," said Mr. Ravi Agarwal, Managing Director of Cellecor Gadgets. "This expansion positions us closer to key suppliers and partners, reinforcing our

commitment to operational excellence and customer satisfaction." Hong Kong's strategic location and established supplier network will enable Cellecor Gadgets to streamline operations, reduce lead times, and respond swiftly to market trends. The subsidiary will foster closer collaboration with regional distributors, enhancing growth opportunities and facilitating seamless market penetration across key consumption centres. As Cellecor Gadgets continues to innovate and expand its product offerings, the establishment of the Hong Kong subsidiary reaffirms our dedication to driving technological advancement and sustainability in the electronic consumer durables industry. Earlier, the company

unveiled its strategic blueprint to propel the company toward its ambitious sales milestones. This comprehensive plan encompasses various aspects of operations and marketing to drive growth and ensure market leadership. The company is focusing significantly on the six business strategies. Firstly, strengthening manufacturing arrangements, which involve forming strategic partnerships or agreements with manufacturing facilities to ensure efficient production processes, consistent product quality,

and timely delivery. This includes outsourcing certain manufacturing tasks, investing in automation and technology, implementing quality control protocols, and encouraging sustainable manufacturing practices. The second strategy inculcates effective inventory management is critical for minimizing carrying costs, reducing stock outs, and improving overall operational efficiency. Cellecor aims to achieve this by implementing inventory management systems, adopting just-in-time inventory practices, and

optimizing warehouse layout and logistics for faster order fulfillment. The third strategy highlighted by the company is increasing product availability and visibility across various sales channels is essential for capturing customer demand and maximizing sales opportunities. Cellecor plans to expand distribution networks, strengthen relationships with retailers, and implement marketing initiatives to enhance product visibility both online and offline. Cellecor Gadgets journey in electronics device business, and selling products in its own

brand, including mobile feature phones, smartwatches, TWS (True Wireless Stereo) earbuds, neckbands, and LED TVs -outsources from various electronic assemblers and manufacturers, started in 2012 as M/s Unity Communications-its founder Mr. Ravi Agarwal's proprietorship firm. The company is promoted and managed with an enduring sustainable business strategy, wherein the Company is aiming to synergetic amalgamate business potential embedded in the ever-growing demand of electronic products with modern

business approach of sourcing, producing, and marketing with an objective to provide quality products at affordable price. Today, Cellecor Gadgets Ltd is a leading name in the India's consumer electronics industry, known for its innovative and cutting-edge technology. With a commitment to making happiness affordable, Cellecor offers a diverse range of products, including mobile phones, smart TVs, speakers, neckbands, TWS, soundbars, smartwatches, Washing Machines, Mixer-Grinders, ACs and many more.

SBI Life extends 'Thanks A Dot' -Breast Cancer Awareness program, promoting self-breast examination among women in Bhubaneshwar



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): In its steadfast commitment to women's health and empowerment of underserved communities, SBI Life Insurance, under its 'Thanks A Dot' initiative, organized a breast cancer awareness program to educate and create awareness around the importance of self-breast examination amongst female sanitation workers of Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC). Through collaborative efforts with the Rotaract Club of Bhubaneswar, the initiative aimed to bring about a behavioral change by empowering these women with an innovative easy-to-use tool for self-breast examination. Approximately 90+ sanitation workers attended the awareness program, who were equipped with the skills and confidence to perform self-breast examination regularly. Often, these sanitation workers face significant barriers in accessing crucial healthcare resources, compounded by socio-economic challenges that hinder their ability to prioritize their well-being. Recognizing the need for creating awareness around breast cancer & self-breast

examination, SBI Life Insurance continues to take a step forward in this direction to educate female sanitation workers on ways to fight this deadly disease. Mr. Rajesh Bhugra, Regional Director- Bhubaneswar, SBI Life Insurance along with Dr. Sanjay Kumar Mishra- Director- Radiology Oncology at Utkal Hospitals, Ms. Nandita Shah, Vice President, SBI Life Insurance were accompanied by the members of Rotary club at this awareness program. They addressed these sanitation workers and distributed the innovative 'Thanks A Dot' hot water bag. The innovative Thanks A Dot tool, re-engineers the 'hot water bag', that is most commonly used by women across the country to tackle menstrual pain, by engraving special lumps on the front side of the bag allowing women to experience the sensation of how a real breast cancer lump would feel during self-examination. This innovative yet simple tool is an effort to seamlessly enter every household to promote self-checks which works as a reminder for every woman that making health their priority is

important and the practice of self-breast examination should be included in the monthly routine. Breast cancer is among the many health issues affecting women's overall well-being. Alarming, 60% of breast cancer cases are reported in later stages, underscoring the urgent need for early detection. Unlike other diseases, breast cancer can often be detected early through simple self-examination steps, without the need for expensive medical devices. Understanding the critical importance of raising awareness and empowering women with life-saving skills, SBI Life Insurance has designed the innovative 'Thanks A Dot' Hot Water Bag. The event concluded with the distribution of the hot water bags to the female sanitation workers alongside an interactive session that educated them on the importance of early detection and technique of self-breast examination. SBI Life Insurance reaffirms its dedication to this cause, pledging to continue its efforts for spreading awareness and facilitating innovative tools for early

Berhampur: TPSODL (TP Southern Odisha Distribution Limited) received the "Best Innovation Project" in Innovation Council-2023 in Mumbai for Designing and implementing of 'Press Fit Fuse'. This Patented Safety Innovation Project, "Press Fit Fuse," was implemented at various DSS (Distribution Substations) at TPSODL to eliminate electrical accidents and ensure utmost safety. The award was received by Mr. Sushil Panigrahi, Head, Safety, TPSODL from Mr. Himal Tewari, CHRO, Chief Sustainability, and CSR, TATA Power during the Annual Award Ceremony. Earlier, in the case of a



burnt fuse, linemen replaced it by climbing up to the HG fuse structure physically. Despite safety zones created surrounding the electrical structure, accident cases kept occurring from time to time. Also, a longer time was required while

replacing a faulty fuse. To tackle this traditional fuse and method of replacing the fuse, TPSODL developed the Press Fit Fuse. It works on press-fit principles, which can be replaced in a comparatively easier way standing from

ground level without taking any risk. No ladder and additional electrical tools are required to replace the newly developed fuse. This innovation ensures quick fuse replacement and outage restoration in a safe manner.

Additionally, it is cost-effective and safe. One skilled person can replace the faulty fuse in minimal time and effort without climbing to the heights. It is noteworthy that this Press Fit Fuse was developed along with Govt.

Airtel Xstream Fiber unlocks its NEW All-in-One plans

Bhubaneswar: To serve the needs of premium households who want the next generational connectivity and entertainment experience, Bharti Airtel ("Airtel"), India's premier communications solutions provider, has once again raised the bar in the home broadband segment with the launch of three new all-in-one plans built for the evolving entertainment needs of today's connected homes. Vir Inder Nath, CEO – Homes, Bharti Airtel had this to say: "Our new plans are built for India's emerging entertainment needs. Through these bundle offers we plan to offer our discerning customers great value, convenience and unlock a multi-faceted digital experience." Increased broadband consumption in Indian homes has given rise to the phenomena of hybrid viewing, where families are looking to consume OTT content on the TV screen along with linear TV without the hassle of managing multiple subscriptions and devices. Airtel's plans are the first of their kind in terms of catering to the evolving entertainment needs of the whole family and come with: Subscription to 17 premium OTTs to go with unlimited data. This includes Netflix, Amazon Prime, Disney+ Hotstar and Airtel Xstream Premium ((SonyLiv, Lionsgate, Hoichoi and 11 more OTTs). 350+ TV channels covering the best of linear TV. Airtel 4K Xstream TV Box* that allows you to enjoy OTT and linear TV content with a single device and single remote.

EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES AWAIT SINGAPORE AIRLINES CUSTOMERS

Singapore: Airlines (SIA) today unveiled its all-new flagship SilverKris and KrisFlyer Gold lounges at Singapore Changi Airport Terminal 3, following a S\$50 million re-design, upgrade, and expansion project. This will further enhance the on-ground customer experience at the Airline's main hub, and comes as the demand for international air travel from and through Singapore takes off once again. The Private Room, the First Class section of the SilverKris Lounge, the Business Class section of the SilverKris Lounge, and the KrisFlyer Gold Lounge can collectively accommodate around 1,150 customers within

their 6,100 square-metres, translating to 30% more seats and space. This also doubles the capacity that was available during the pandemic while the upgrading works were going on. The Airline has created a sanctuary that has been thoughtfully designed to enhance the comfort and convenience of diverse groups of travellers, and meet their evolving needs in the coming years. Customers will be able to enjoy world-class products and services, as well as enticing food and beverage options, around the clock at the lounges before their flight. Mr Goh Choon Phong, Chief Executive Officer, Singapore Airlines, said: "Extensive customer

engagement and research have gone into the design of the new SilverKris and KrisFlyer Gold lounges. Customers will enjoy thoughtfully curated product offerings and experience the signature Singapore Airlines hospitality, all within a comfortable and restful environment, ensuring that they are refreshed and ready for their journey. "Opening these lounges at this time signals our commitment to SIA's premium brand and growth strategy. It reinforces our position as Changi Airport's anchor airline, and reflects our confidence in Singapore's future as a pre-eminent global air hub."

Jindal Stainless partners with JBM Auto to roll out over 500 energy-efficient electric buses

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Pioneering eco-mobility revolution in India, Jindal Stainless, India's largest stainless steel manufacturer, is partnering with JBM Auto Ltd., the country's largest electric bus manufacturer, for fabrication of over 500 energy-efficient and lightweight stainless steel

electric buses. Jindal Stainless will provide JT Tubes, made up of low-carbon, chromium-manganese austenitic stainless steel to JBM Auto. The material, also denoted as N7 in Bureau of Indian Standards specification, 6911, has three times the strength of the carbon steel currently used to fabricate

buses. JBM Auto, with an order book of over 5000 electric buses, is progressing in a transitional manner towards fabricating its electric buses from the earlier used, carbon steel to stainless steel now. This would result in lightweighting, enhanced performance, higher strength and durability of the buses.

Barcelona: Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham was invited to the UNESCO World Higher Education Conference (WHEC), which recently took place in Barcelona, Spain. UNESCO recognized Amrita as one of five universities of excellence worldwide for its performance in gender equality. The WHEC aims to reshape ideas and practices in higher

education to ensure sustainable development for the planet and humanity, as well as to define and prepare a roadmap for a new era of higher education. As the world comes out of COVID-19, the WHEC's goals and strategic scope remain, and the new timeframe represents an opportunity to deepen and expand common efforts of knowledge production,

policy dialogue, exchange, and networking. Swami Amritaswarupananda Puri, President of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, participated in a round table called "Universities' Contribution to Gender Equality: A global perspective". Adding to his views Swami Amritaswarupananda expressed how Amrita is

making a difference in terms of gender equality and which policies have been put into place at the university level. Gender equality is number five in the United Nations' list of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He explained how the culture of gender equality is not implemented only in terms of policies within Amrita, but also practiced in spirit.

The round table included Dr. Gloria Bonder, UNESCO Chair on Women, Science and Technology; Dr. Ricardo Vilanueva Lomeli, Rector General, University of Guadalajara; Ms. Elizabeth Shepherd, Leader of the Consultancy team, Times Higher Education; and Dr. Victoria Galan-Muros, Chief of Research and Analysis,

