

Amid escalating violence, MHA to send 50 more companies of central forces to Manipur

New Delhi/ Imphal(KCN): Amid the escalating violence in Manipur, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Monday decided to provide an additional 50 companies of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) to the state government to deal with the prevailing law and order situation, officials said.

A top Manipur Home Department official said that the 50 companies of the CAPF (around 5,000 personnel) would soon arrive in the state and they would be deployed in the trouble-torn and militancy-affected

districts. The MHA last week provided 20 companies of CAPF — 15 companies of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and five of the Border Security Force (BSF).

The CRPF companies rushed to violence-hit Manipur from neighbouring Assam while the BSF companies came from Tripura.

A Manipur Home Department official, referring to the MHA communication, said that the fresh 50 companies, comprising the CRPF, the BSF and other paramilitary forces, would arrive in the state



in a day or two and they would also be deployed in trouble-torn, vulnerable, mixed population, and militancy-hit districts.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who Sunday reviewed the situation in

the violence-ridden state, would hold another important meeting Monday to study the situation and is likely to finalise some new strategy.

Officials in Imphal, quoting the Delhi

meeting decisions said that Home Minister Shah directed the senior security officials to take effective steps to prevent violence and maintain peace.

They said that the Home Minister rushed to

the national capital Sunday after cutting short his campaign in poll-bound Maharashtra and held a meeting with top Home Ministry and security officials.

"Chief Security Advisor to the Manipur government, Kuldeep Singh, Chief Secretary Vineet Joshi, and Director General of Police Rajiv Singh are likely to attend Monday's meeting virtually from Imphal," the officials said.

Meanwhile, a protester was shot dead during a clash between security forces and a mob in Manipur's

violence-hit Jiribam district Sunday night.

A police official in Imphal said that a youth identified as K. Athouba, 21, was killed in firing and who actually fired the bullet is under investigation.

However, protesters claimed that the Manipur Police special commando fired to disperse the mob, and the youth was killed in the firing and two others were injured. The police official said that the mob was attacking and vandalising properties of various leaders' houses and political party offices Sunday night. They were

protesting the killing of three women and three children abducted by militants November 11.

The offices of the Congress, BJP, Shiv Sena and the houses belonging to Jiribam's Independent MLA were ransacked by the mobs, comprising men and women.

The Manipur government also closed all educational institutions for two days — Monday and Tuesday — in the curfew-bound five districts — Imphal East, Imphal West, Bishnupur, Thoubal and Kachching.

Odisha: Senior BJP leader Samir Dey dies; Guv, CM express condolences



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Former minister and senior BJP leader Samir Dey died Monday while undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Cuttack, family members said. He was 67.

Dey was suffering from a kidney-related illness and was receiving treatment in the ICU of a hospital for the past few days.

Dey was elected to Odisha Legislative Assembly three times, representing the Cuttack constituency in 1995, 2000, and 2004.

An advocate by profession, Dey also served as the Minister of Urban Development, Public Grievances & Pension Administration, and Higher Education from 2000 to 2009 during the BJD-BJP alliance government in the state.

Governor Raghubar Das expressed sadness over Dey's death and conveyed heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. "He will be remembered for his work for the wellbeing of the people," the Governor said in a message on X.

The CM announced that Dey's last rites would be conducted with full state honours. Deputy Chief Minister KV Singh Deo, in his condolence message, said, "For years, we shared the same bench in the Odisha Legislative Assembly, our spirits intertwined in the pursuit of our state's progress. His unwavering dedication and profound wisdom was a beacon of light in my life."

"I am deeply hurt and saddened to hear the news of the demise of senior politician and former minister Samir Dey. I pray before Lord Jagannath for the heavenly abode of the departed soul and express my deepest condolences to the bereaved family," Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi posted on X.

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Numerous other ministers and leaders from various political parties also mourned the death of the former minister.

AIIMS Bhubaneswar docs save youth's life after his heart stopped beating for 90 minutes



Shortly after his arrival, he suffered a cardiac arrest. Despite 40 minutes of conventional CPR, there was no cardiac activity.

The team faced a critical decision — whether to declare him dead or attempt a cutting-edge procedure. Biswas said the medical team decided to proceed with eCPR.

Led by Dr. Srikant Behera, Intensivist and Adult ECMO specialist, the team initiated Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO), following which the patient's heart began to

beat again after around 80 minutes, though with an irregular rhythm.

"Over the next 30 hours, the heart function improved significantly, and the patient was successfully weaned off ECMO after 96 hours," Dr. Biswas said.

The patient's mother expressed profound gratitude, saying, "I cannot thank AIIMS Bhubaneswar enough for giving my son a second chance at life. Their skill, compassion, and determination have worked a miracle for our family."

Odisha CM explores collaborations in petrochemicals, infra sectors on day 2 of Singapore visit



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Monday met Singapore Deputy Prime Minister Gan Kim Yong in the island country, and explored collaborations in various sectors, including petrochemicals, infrastructure and logistics, officials said.

Majhi, who started his four-day visit to Singapore Sunday, apprised Yong, who is also the Minister of Trade and Commerce, about the rich maritime history of Odisha, they said.

He extended an invitation to Singaporean companies through the Deputy Prime Minister's Office to explore opportunities in Odisha and assured him of a smooth and supportive investment experience, the officials said.

Majhi expressed the need for more partnerships in the field of urban mobility, green shipping corridor and chemicals and petrochemicals complex, the Odisha Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said in a statement.

The CM and Industries Minister Sampad Swain also invited Yong to visit

the state during the 'Make

in Odisha Conclave' to be

held in January next year.

By leveraging insights from Singapore's petrochemicals ecosystem, Odisha aims to further enhance its petroleum, chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Region (PCPIR) at Paradip, Majhi said.

"As the Chief Minister of Odisha, witnessing

the world-class infrastructure at the Jurong Petrochemicals Complex is truly inspiring. Odisha, strategically located on India's eastern seaboard, is rapidly emerging as a premier investment destination in the Bay of Bengal region, especially in petrochemicals," he said in the statement.

"Odisha's focus on industrial growth is complemented by our commitment to skill development. We are dedicated to expanding this partnership, enhancing training programmes, and ensuring our youth are equipped with the skills necessary to meet the demands of a global workforce," said Swain.

Odisha Government's Fisheries Department's new home has been inaugurated in Sambalpur

'PM Fisheries Scheme' gives priority to fisheries and provides new employment opportunities: Dharmendra Pradhan



Sambalpur(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched 'PM Matsya Sampad Yojana' to give priority to fisheries and development of fishermen.

"The government has taken significant steps to double the fish production and fish exports in the coming years and create lakhs of new employment opportunities in the fisheries sector," Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said on the occasion of inaugurating a new home of Odisha Government's Fisheries Department at Bahidara Nuapalli in Sambalpur district on Monday.

The new building houses the district and zonal offices of the fisheries department as well as an aqua lab building for conducting experiments to increase fish farming production. The Union Minister said that fish has

new BJP government in Odisha, in view of the important role of fish production sector in the state economy, extensive government measures are being taken for fish farming. Such steps have been taken today to double fish farming in Sambalpur, Deogarh, Bargarh districts. Shri Pradhan said that in the coming days, a 'Fishery Park' is planned to be

made in this area with the help of the Government of India at a cost of about 100 crore rupees. The state government has planned to develop Hirakud Canal at a cost of around 800 crore rupees. Paddy farming, fishing, cattle rearing, goat rearing have been an important source of food, nutrition and income especially for the rural population. In this regard, the double

engine government of BJP is making continuous efforts to double the income of farmers of all categories. The Union Minister has suggested that the women who are getting support from the government under the Subhadra scheme should promote all these farms to strengthen the local economy. As farmers' incomes increase, families and communities and local economies will be strengthened. He called to work towards becoming the number 1 state in fish production by 2036. Odisha Fisheries and Livestock Development Minister Shri Gokulanda Mallick, State Rural Development, Panchayatiraj and Drinking Water Minister Shri Ravi Narayan Nayak and Sambalpur MLA Shri Jay Narayan Mishra were prominently present in the event.

Kashmir Sewa Sangh Calls for Special Status for Downtown Srinagar, Demands CBI Inquiry into Waqf Land Corruption, Launches Empowerment Initiatives for Women and Youth.

Srinagar, (Aasif Malik): Firdous Baba, President and Founder of Kashmir Sewa Sangh (KSS), addressed a press conference today, calling for immediate attention to the long-standing socio-economic challenges faced by downtown Srinagar. Baba urged the government to grant special status or a dedicated aid package to the region, which has suffered from neglect for over three decades. He stressed the need to improve local resources, such as agricultural land and create economic opportunities, particularly for women and youth.

"We have witnessed the struggles of downtown Srinagar for more than 30 years. Without access to essential resources like agricultural land and sustainable avenues for growth, residents—especially women and youth—are left with limited prospects for a better future," Baba stated.

We earnestly appeal to our Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, to approve a 200 crore rupee package for Srinagar's downtown area. We believe only Prime Minister Modi can address our needs, as we have lost faith in Kashmir's current government. They have

shown no interest in this issue, often making lofty statements while prioritizing the interests of themselves, their families, and close associates over the genuine needs of the people.

In addition to advocating for government intervention, Baba called for a comprehensive investigation into the management of Waqf Board lands, highlighting concerns of corruption and resource mismanagement.

He specifically requested a

Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) inquiry to ensure transparency and accountability within Waqf institutions. A recent publication by KSS executive board member and National Convener of Muslim Rashtriya Manch (MRM) Shahid Sayeed, titled Waqf Bill 2024: Respect for Islam and Gift to Muslims, further underscores these issues.

Launched by Cabinet Minister for Minority Affairs Kiran Rijiju, the book sheds light on the corruption and mismanagement within the Waqf Board and serves as an invaluable resource for policy makers, stakeholders, journalists and the public.

New Community Projects for Women, Youth and KSS's initiatives are

Local Development KSS is rolling out several community-driven initiatives aimed at uplifting the most vulnerable sectors of downtown Srinagar, particularly women and youth. Key projects include the establishment of a charitable hospital to improve healthcare access for underserved populations and a free coaching center designed to help local youth, particularly women, prepare for competitive exams such as UPSC, NEET, and JEE. Baba emphasized that these initiatives will empower the next generation of young people, particularly women, equipping them with the skills and education necessary to thrive in a competitive world.

"Our goal is to build an inclusive future where every young person, regardless of gender, has equal opportunities to succeed," Baba stated. "The youth of Srinagar, especially our women, are the backbone of our community. By providing them with education, skills, and support, we are laying the foundation for a prosperous future."

Focusing on Social Upliftment and Empowerment of Women and Youth KSS's initiatives are

focused on key sectors critical to the region's development, including education, sports, youth empowerment, women's welfare, road safety, culture, tourism, and the support of local artisans, particularly women artisans from downtown Srinagar. Baba emphasized the importance of a multifaceted approach to creating a thriving, self-sufficient community and called on both the government and international stakeholders to support these efforts.

Today's press conference underscored KSS's commitment to addressing the urgent needs of downtown Srinagar, particularly the upliftment of women and youth, while calling for immediate government action and broader international collaboration.

KSS Expands to a Global

Platform for Solidarity Looking ahead, Firdous Baba shared KSS's vision for expansion beyond India's borders. "We plan to collaborate with communities in over 32 countries, including the US, UK, and Australia, to build an international platform that supports the people of Kashmir and advocates for the empowerment of women and youth," Baba announced.

KSS Takes Strict Action Against Misguided Elements

In his address, Baba also

made it clear that any

individuals involved in

fraudulent or misleading

activities under the guise

of KSS would face

immediate dismissal.

He

emphasized that the

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At Sunday's press conference, Eliza Izhar, National Executive Member (Education) of Kashmir Seva Sangh (KSS), and Nasir Ali Khan, National Executive Member (Road Safety), spotlighted key issues in Kashmir's education and road safety sectors, underscoring KSS's commitment to urgent reforms.

Nasir and Eliza both raised

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community. Eliza highlighted the dire state of Kashmir's educational infrastructure, condemning the lack of basic facilities and qualified staff as detrimental to students' futures. She criticized the Education Ministry's inaction and urged prioritization of education to offer Kashmiri youth better opportunities.

Nasir addressed road safety concerns, detailing KSS's 150 awareness programs and the need for government action on poor infrastructure and lax traffic law enforcement. Both leaders stressed the necessity of public support and government accountability to bring meaningful change.

Meanwhile, there was a serious discussion on driving licenses and road safety, which was highlighted as a major issue in Kashmir. Additionally, the matter of "No school van for school bus" was raised, and a request was made to the LG to pay attention to the safety of school children and the people of Kashmir.



Children's Day Celebrated by NINL

Kalinganagar(KCN): As part of a volunteering activity, Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited (NINL), in collaboration with Tata Steel Foundation (TSF), celebrated Children's Day with 45 children from Anganwadi and TSF Tribal Language Class of Dhenkisal village under Shalijanga Gram Panchayat under Danagadi block on Thursday. The celebration provided a fun-filled day of activities and encouragement for the young participants.



During the celebration, the employees distributed study materials and snacks, bringing smiles and boosting the spirits of the children. They also engaged with the children through motivational talks designed to inspire their educational pursuits. On Wednesday, another volunteering initiative was undertaken by Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited (NINL) in Shalijanga village where an awareness programme on

'Domestic and Fire Safety' was organised for the local women. More than 50 women participated in the training session that aimed to empower the local women with knowledge and skills to prevent accidents and respond effectively to emergencies. During the programme, employees of NINL gave various insightful inputs on the importance of domestic safety and urged the villagers to adopt preventive measures.

Disbursement of assistance to beneficiaries under Construction Labor Welfare Scheme in Sambalpur

Sambalpur(KCN): Recognizing the unique contribution of workers in the development process, Odisha state government is taking various measures for their safety and welfare. In this context speaking during Nirman Sramika Kalyan Jyotika program organized at Tapaswani Hall, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has advised the workers of Sambalpur district to register their names in the list of construction workers to get government support from birth to death. He said this while participating in the program of distribution of aid to the beneficiaries under the 'Construction Workers Welfare Scheme' on behalf of the District Labor Office in Sambalpur on Monday. In this programme, more than Rs. 1 crore 20 lakhs have been distributed to the labor beneficiaries for education, marriage, maternity, natural death, accidental death and bowel movement assistance and BOC-I grant of

Rs.50,000, maternity grant of Rs.10,000, natural death grant of Rs.3 lakh, accidental death grant of Rs.6 lakh and endometrial grant up to Rs.5,000. Assistance is being provided. However, the registered number of construction workers in Sambalpur is about 62 thousand. Considering the construction and industrial infrastructure in Sambalpur, this number should be approximately 3 lakh. However, with the support of the district administration plan to increase the number of construction worker

brothers and sisters. The Union Education Minister has advised the district administration to plan for organizing special camps everywhere. Working on Sabka Saath- Sabka Vikash, Sabka Biswas and Sabka Prayas, the Modi government is committed to social security of workers, upliftment of their dignity and welfare schemes. Shri Pradhan thanked the State Government, District Administration and Sambalpur District Labor Department for organizing this distribution program today. Shri Ravi Narayan Nayak, Minister of State Rural Development, Panchayatiraj and Drinking Water Department was present in this program.

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Indian Railways ensured lakhs of families celebrate Chhath together



Transportation plays a pivotal role in the development of any nation. The railway administration's meticulous planning and execution during festive seasons significantly benefits the public, and their efforts merit widespread appreciation.

Indian Railways is a statutory body under the ownership of the Ministry of Railways of the Government of India that operates India's national railway system. It manages the fourth largest national railway system by size with a track length of 132,310 km, running track length of 106,493 km, and route length of 68,54 km. With more than 1.2 million employees, it is the world's ninth-largest employer and India's second largest employer. The Indian Railways has done a laudable job in carrying passengers and freight from one to the other corner of the country to earn adulation of the people from different walks of life.

Trains continue to serve as a crucial mode of long-distance travel in India. The railway administration's adept handling during this festive period ensured smooth travel for passengers, with facilities at crowded stations efficiently managed to accommodate the surge in travelers.

To address the anticipated crowds at railway stations, additional staff were deployed at high-traffic locations, bolstering operational efficiency and public safety. Train schedules were meticulously planned to minimize delays and ensure a seamless travel experience. Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, along with Railway Board Chairman Satish Kumar, personally oversaw the daily arrangements to ensure flawless execution.

Railway Board Chairman Satish Kumar, speaking to the media, stated, "We have deployed over 500 special trains to manage the increased passenger flow as people travel to and from their hometowns following the Chhath Puja festival." The board announced that the passenger surge typically commences after sunrise on November 8, necessitating additional

train services from high-demand regions like the Samastipur and Danapur divisions.

On November 8 alone, 164 special trains were available to handle the anticipated influx. The board further detailed that 160 special trains were scheduled for November 9, followed by 161 on November 10, and 155 on November 11. This four-day initiative aimed to effectively manage the seasonal increase in travelers and ensure sufficient seating capacity for all.

This announcement follows a record-breaking achievement on November 4, when Indian Railways transported 120.72 lakh passengers in a single day. This included 19.43 lakh reserved passengers and 101.29 lakh unreserved, non-suburban passengers.

Additionally, suburban services reached new heights, carrying 180 lakh passengers on the same day, marking the highest single-day passenger count of the year. The Railway Board highlighted that this volume surpasses the combined populations of Australia and New Zealand, underscoring the critical role of Indian Railways in accommodating India's

substantial travel demands during peak periods. Throughout the broader festive season, including Durga Puja, Diwali, and Chhath Puja, Indian Railways has played a vital role in facilitating nationwide travel. Rail services transported 65 lakh passengers through 4,521 special trains,

ensuring smooth journeys for millions. To meet ongoing demand, Indian Railways has operated an average of 175 special trains per day in the days leading up to Chhath Puja, allowing travelers to reach their destinations with convenience.

Indian Railways implemented a comprehensive plan to

ensure safe and comfortable travel for passengers heading home for the Chhath Puja celebrations. To handle the festive rush, the Railways deployed over 160-170 special trains on major routes from cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Chennai, and Bengaluru to high-demand destinations such as Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, along with Railway Board Chairman Satish Kumar, visited New Delhi Railway Station to inspect passenger facilities and travel arrangements amidst the festive rush. This initiative aimed to ensure smooth operations and effective crowd management as large numbers of passengers traveled home to celebrate the festival.

During his visit, Minister Vaishnaw interacted with passengers waiting on the platforms, most of whom provided positive feedback and expressed satisfaction with the crowd management efforts of the Railway Protection Force (RPF) and other officials. Passengers appreciated the ease of reaching their platforms and praised the efficient organization by the authorities. Speaking to the media, Vaishnaw commended railway officials for providing a seamless travel experience and maintaining orderly movement for passengers.

The railway minister emphasized Indian Railways' extensive efforts to manage the surge in travel demand during the Diwali and Chhath Puja rush. Approximately 7,435 special trains were

introduced this year, a significant increase from last year's 4,500, underscoring the commitment to safe and comfortable journeys during peak festive travel days.

Dilip Kumar, Executive Director of Information and Publicity for the Railway Board, reported that additional coaches were added to accommodate increased passenger numbers, while stations implemented enhanced security measures, including CCTV surveillance, to ensure the safety of travelers. Key stations such as New Delhi, Anand Vihar, Ahmedabad, Surat, and Bandra implemented special arrangements to facilitate smooth entry and hassle-free boarding for passengers.

The seamless travel experience during this peak festive season, when demand for train services was at its highest, exemplifies Indian Railways' dedication to providing passengers with safe and comfortable journeys.

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Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw interacting with passengers about facilities. Chairman Satish Kumar inspects passenger safety. Below: A crowded platform.

Facility check at a decorated train+3 platform

Animal models of Long Covid: A hit-and-run disease



The severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) pandemic has caused more than 7 million deaths globally. Despite the presence of infection- and vaccine-induced immunity, SARS-CoV-2 infections remain a major global health concern because of the emergence of SARS-CoV-2 variants that can cause severe acute coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) or enhance Long Covid disease phenotypes. About 5 to 10% of SARS-CoV-2-infected individuals develop Long Covid, which, similar to acute COVID-19, often affects the lung. However, Long Covid can also affect other peripheral organs, especially the brain. The causal relationships between acute disease phenotypes, long-term symptoms, and involvement of multiple organ systems remain elusive, and animal model systems mimicking both acute and post-acute phases are imperative. Here, we review the current state of Long Covid animal models, including current and possible future applications. The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has caused more than 770 million infections and more than 7 million documented deaths globally, reconfirming the dreadful consequences of sudden zoonotic virus emergence events on human morbidity and mortality, as well as on the global economy. The COVID-19 pandemic, coupled with other viral outbreaks, has

also blurred the historic distinctions between "acute" and "chronic" disease states, either with or without ongoing virus persistence in immune-privileged sites. Even in the absence of evidence of viral persistence in the case of COVID-19, hit-and-run disease phenotypes have emerged, perhaps associated with dysregulated reparative functions or remodeled immune cell responses that program

long-term immunopathological disease outcomes across organs (1). These chronic disease features have resulted in unexpected health care challenges for disease control and quality-of-life outcomes in survivors globally, requiring new mitigation efforts. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has also demonstrated that preparing for current and possible future infectious disease threats requires thoroughly engaged public-private partnerships to elucidate the mechanisms and host response patterns that drive the transition between acute and long-term chronic disease outcomes and to rapidly realign pandemic preparedness from the current reactive response platform into one that is proactive.

More than 65 million people are predicted to suffer from Long Covid symptoms globally (2). Treating these manifestations is challenging because of the presence of preexisting conditions, disease heterogeneity, different clinical care regimens, and case definition ambiguities. Moreover, the treatment regimens needed to demonstrate clinical improvement are often difficult to quantify, challenging treatment performance in more than 110 ongoing Long Covid clinical trials (3). Highly refined animal models of human Long Covid represent a high priority requirement for

identification of molecular mechanisms and correlates of chronic disease improvement. Here, we discuss the current state and future directions of Long Covid animal models. CORONAVIRUSES CAUSE DISEASE IN MAMMALS Coronaviruses are a large group of enveloped viruses. Coronaviruses encode a single-stranded positive polarity RNA genome of about 30,000 nucleotides (nt) in length, surrounded by a helical nucleocapsid and a lipid envelope that minimally encodes a 23-kDa membrane (M) glycoprotein, the envelope (E) structural protein, and a large 180-kDa spike glycoprotein (S). Coronaviruses primarily infect mammals and birds, often causing severe acute gastrointestinal or respiratory diseases, although others can cause chronic inflammatory syndromes systemically or in the brain (4). Coronaviruses that target the respiratory tract, including sarbecoviruses [e.g., severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS-CoV) and SARS-CoV-2] and merbecoviruses [e.g., Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS)-CoV], often infect epithelial cells in the nose and the conducting airways, as well as cells in the gas exchange region of the lung, which can result in surfactant loss, atelectasis, hypoxia, pneumonia, acute lung injury, and death (5). In addition to acute symptoms, coronavirus infections may progress to long-lasting chronic immunopathological diseases in the brain and other organs, even after live virus clearance (6).

Four contemporary human coronaviruses (HCoVs)—HCoV-229E, HCoV-OC43, HCoV-HKU1, and HCoV-OC43—are recognized as causing mild disease in most human populations, and long-term persistence of viral RNA has been detected in

brain autopsy samples (7). More recently, emerging coronaviruses have resulted in severe life-threatening illness with high mortality rates ranging from 1 to 35%, usually with more severe consequences in older adults and immunosuppressed individuals. In the 21st century, two distinct group 2b sarbecoviruses (SARS-CoV 2003 and SARS-CoV-2 2019) and one group 2c merbecovirus (MERS-CoV) have caused outbreaks and pandemics of severe, life-threatening illness in human populations. Zoonotic reservoirs have revealed the presence of numerous group 2b, group 2c, and group 1 coronavirus strains that are also poised for emergence. In the 21st century, two distinct group 2b sarbecoviruses (SARS-CoV 2003 and SARS-CoV-2 2019) and one group 2c merbecovirus (MERS-CoV) have caused outbreaks and pandemics of severe, life-threatening illness in human populations. 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Jealousy- Visiting from multiple perspectives



In classical literature and socio-cultural studies, jealousy is often defined as a complex emotional response that arises from a perceived threat to one's social, romantic, or personal relationships. This emotion typically encompasses feelings of insecurity, fear, resentment, and a desire to protect or possess what one values deeply. From the perspective of pure literature, jealousy has traditionally been depicted as a powerful, consuming force that drives individuals to extreme actions, often leading to moral or tragic consequences. Examples from classical works include Othello by Shakespeare, where jealousy leads to destructive betrayal and loss, or the Iliad, where Helen's relationships spark envy and rivalry among powerful leaders. This

depiction often shows jealousy as irrational yet deeply human, a force that can override logic and royalty.

Socio-culturally, jealousy reflects societal values around ownership, honor, and fidelity. For example, in many traditional societies, jealousy was tied to the preservation of family honor and social status. In patriarchal contexts, male jealousy was often linked to control over a partner's fidelity, emphasizing property-like dynamics in relationships. In communities, jealousy could also arise from competition over social standing, possessions, or power, leading to rivalry. Across cultures, jealousy has also been understood as a form of social control, intended to maintain established norms and deter deviations from social expectations, such as infidelity or perceived betrayal within alliances. This classical literary and socio-cultural definition of jealousy presents it as

an intense, socially grounded emotion that surfaces in response to real or imagined threats to personal bonds and social order. This interpretation highlights jealousy's role as both a reflection of personal insecurity and a mirror of societal expectations.

In the context of mental health, jealousy is an emotional response that typically arises from perceived threats to a valued relationship or from feelings of insecurity, fear, or loss. This feeling often involves comparing oneself to others or feeling envious of others' achievements, relationships, or qualities. While jealousy is a common, natural emotion, it can become problematic when it becomes persistent, intense, or irrational, leading to significant distress or conflict in relationships. Chronic or extreme jealousy may be associated with issues like low self-esteem, anxiety, or certain personality disorders. It can contribute to obsessive thoughts, distrust, and controlling behavior, which may

strain personal and professional relationships. Managing jealousy often involves therapy, where individuals work on building self-worth, improving communication skills, and developing healthier coping mechanisms for insecurity. Jealousy can have complex effects on individuals, often impacting both mental well-being and behavior. This emotion often triggers feelings of anxiety, insecurity, anger, or sadness, which can lead to emotional distress. It may cause people to obsess over comparisons and perceived inadequacies, leading to low self-esteem. Chronic jealousy has been linked to increased stress, depression, and anxiety. It can make a person more self-critical or prone to rumination, keeping them locked in a cycle of negative thinking. Jealousy can affect personal relationships by creating distrust, tension, or conflict. It can lead to controlling or possessive behaviors, which can harm relationships and push people away.

When jealousy consumes attention, it can make it hard to focus on personal goals or responsibilities, impacting productivity, especially in competitive environments like work or school. On a positive note, jealousy can sometimes push individuals to recognize areas for self-improvement, leading to growth if channelled constructively. It can highlight unmet needs or goals, prompting positive change if approached healthily. Ultimately, jealousy can become either a destructive or constructive force, depending on how it's managed. Recognizing it as a natural emotion and understanding its roots can help transform it from a harmful influence to a motivator for personal growth. Handling jealousy on a personal level can be challenging but is very achievable with self-awareness, reflection, and intentional action. Learning to manage jealousy takes time and patience. Remember that you're allowed to feel this way, and with consistent practice,

you can transform jealousy into a tool for self-awareness and growth. Here are steps to help you work through feelings of jealousy and use them for personal growth:

1. Acknowledge Your Feelings: recognize and admit to yourself that you're feeling jealous without judging yourself. Jealousy is a natural emotion, and it's okay to feel it. The important thing is what you do with it.
2. Identify the Root Cause: Take some time to understand what's causing your jealousy. Is it a fear of missing out, insecurity, or a desire for something that someone else has? Knowing the root cause can help you address the underlying issue rather than just the surface emotion.
3. Challenge Negative Thoughts: Jealousy often comes with negative, self-defeating thoughts. When you notice yourself comparing, remind yourself that everyone's journey is unique. Try replacing these thoughts with positive affirmations about your own strengths and progress.
4. Focus on Self-Improvement: If your jealousy stems from wanting something that

someone else has, ask yourself if you can work toward achieving it. Set personal goals and make a plan to improve in areas that are meaningful to you, whether they're related to career, relationships, or personal growth.

5. Express Gratitude: Practicing gratitude can shift your focus from what you lack to what you already have. Regularly remind yourself of the things you value in your life and celebrate your own successes, no matter how small they may seem.
6. Limit Comparisons: Social media and constant exposure to others' curated lives can fuel jealousy. Try reducing time on platforms that trigger comparison, or unfollow accounts that make you feel inadequate.
7. Channel Jealousy Into Inspiration: Rather than viewing others' success as a threat, see it as proof that certain achievements are possible. Let their accomplishments inspire you to pursue your own dreams, and learn from their journeys if applicable.
8. Communicate Openly (If Appropriate): If jealousy is affecting a

relationship with someone close, consider having an honest conversation about it. When shared thoughtfully, your feelings can sometimes strengthen trust and understanding.

9. Work on Building Self-Confidence: Often, jealousy is linked to insecurity. Building self-confidence can make you feel more satisfied with who you are and less likely to compare yourself negatively to others. Engage in activities that make you feel accomplished and practice self-compassion.
10. Seek Support if Needed: If jealousy feels overwhelming or hard to manage alone, consider talking to a friend, family member, or therapist. Sometimes an outside perspective can help you see things more clearly and give you strategies to manage your emotions.

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Why Mercedes cars matter in Weddings



The fat marriage season is in full swing in Delhi-NCR as well as across the country. What is really noteworthy in this year's wedding season is that the five-star farm houses and hotels seeing a lot of sleek Mercedes cars are being parked there. Some of them are adorned like brides. Three or four of these luxury vehicles arrive daily, rented by grooms' families for a specific purpose.

Why the fanfare? Well, the groom arrives in style, seated in the Mercedes, as the wedding procession dances its way towards the wedding venue. From inside the car, the groom enjoys the spectacle, basking in the rhythm of the drums. Upon arrival, the groom steps out of the car with an air of royalty. The gleaming car is then parked, ready to be re-decorated with flowers

and balloons, filling the air with sweet fragrance. The Mercedes, after fulfilling its role, departs for its next grand journey, guarded by a driver and a couple of attendants. Owning these prized vehicles comes at a steep price. For a 12-hour rental or a 100km drive, a Mercedes or BMW will set you back Rs.25,000. If your budget allows, a Mercedes S-Class can be rented for a staggering Rs.55,000.

According to Amritpal Singh Mann, Chairman of Mann Travel Agency, a company specializing in renting luxury cars and buses, the demand for these vehicles skyrockets during the wedding season. This November alone, they've booked over two dozen cars, with many more inquiries and negotiations in progress. This trend, though not new, has gained momentum in recent years. Mann Travel Agency has previously catered to high-profile events like the G20 summit and Mukesh Ambani's family wedding, supplying dozens of luxury cars

and buses. Mann's company was among the few companies hired by Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) to provide



brands like Mercedes, BMW, Audi, Toyota, Lexus among others during the G20 summit. G20 guests, except for heads of states, were provided Mercedes GLS, Mercedes S Class, Mercedes E Class, and Maybach with trained drivers by Mann's company.

Pandit J.P. Sharma 'Trika', a renowned Vastu and Astrology expert who attends 15-20 weddings a season, reveals that

Mercedes cars are not just for grooms. Many guests arrive in these opulent vehicles, indicating a booming



economy for a select few in Delhi. "Things are different in Mumbai as Mumbaikars do not believe in showing off. They don't hire sleek cars on rent. There the groom doesn't arrive in Merc or BMW," says J.P. Sharma 'Trika'. A similar sight unfolds at the Fun & Food Village in South-West Delhi, another venue popular for leisure and wedding celebrations in national Delhi. Here too the

parking always sees some luxurious cars adorned for the special occasion. The groom arrives in his chosen

the cars, which often face the brunt of overzealous wedding guests, with some even

recently announced that it retailed a record 9262 units in the January-June 2024 period, registering a 9% YoY growth. For Mercedes, the SUV segment continued to top customer preference with 55% penetration to overall sales. It also witnessed robust demand for its top-end vehicle portfolio with Maybach range growing the highest at 108% in H1 2024.

BMW had recently reported a strong performance in the first half of 2024 (January – June). BMW Group India delivered 7,098 cars (BMW and MINI), up 21% year-on-year, in the country and 3,614 motorcycles (BMW Motorrad). BMW sold 6,734 units and MINI 364 units.

"In 2024, BMW Group India is making great strides in implementing its strategy by achieving new heights in business performance and customer delight. The strong affinity for our vehicles is driven by our competitive edge in exclusive mobility paired with unmistakable driving pleasure and best-in-class

innovations," informs an official of BMW. Audi retailed 1,431 vehicles in this year's second quarter (Q2) that ended in June, a 37% growth over the preceding three months.

In a related development, smaller cities such as Surat and Ludhiana have broken into the ranks of the top 10 markets for luxury cars in India in the past decade as economic expansion spawns an emerging class of young, successful entrepreneurs who aspire to showcase their growing wealth.

Mumbai and Delhi retained their places as the top markets for brands such as Mercedes-Benz, BMW and Audi although their share has declined in the overall pie, according to senior executives at the car companies. Clearly, one section of the Indian society is earning well and they want to splurge too on weddings and other happy occasions. Naturally, the likes of Amrit Mann and Santokh Chawla would be feeling happy.

What We Promise, We Do: Kejriwal

Chandigarh (JAG MOHAN THAKEN), November 18: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) National Convener Arvind Kejriwal said, "What we promise, we do."

Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann were campaigning for the AAP candidate in Barnala on Saturday. Both leaders addressed a large public rally and appealed to people to elect Harinder Dhaliwal.

While addressing the people, AAP Convener Arvind Kejriwal said, "Two and a half years ago, the people of Punjab were troubled by their huge electricity bills. We promised that we would waive all your old bills and ensure that your future bills would be zero. We have fulfilled that promise. Now people's electricity bills are coming to zero."

"We also promised that we would provide free medical treatment. Today, across Punjab, Aam Aadmi Clinics are opening, where medicines and tests are free. At the same time, all government hospitals are being improved and treatment is free there as well. We are also

improving government schools."

"In the past two and a half years, about 48,000 young people have received government jobs. In every village of Punjab, around 4 to 5 youngsters have gotten jobs. No one had to pay a single penny, nor did anyone need any recommendations. In the previous governments, it was impossible to get a government job without recommendation or bribery."

"We have regularized many temporary employees and the process is ongoing for the rest. Now government employees are not found on water tanks; they are found at their workplaces."

Kejriwal said, "Barnala is the capital of the Aam Aadmi Party. In all the elections since the formation of the party, the people of Barnala have always elected AAP. With your blessings, Bhagwant Mann reached Parliament twice. This time, you elected Meet Hayer. In both the 2017 and 2022 assembly elections, you elected the AAP candidate. This time, please elect our candidate, Harinder



Dhaliwal. He is your own person, he comes from among you, and he will always be available for you whenever needed." He added, "When your Member of Parliament, your MLA, and the state government all belong to the same party, Barnala's development will accelerate. But if an MLA from any other party wins, he will only fight with us, and no work will be done because the state government belongs to the Aam Aadmi Party. Our MLA will focus only on working."

He continued, "Before 2022, Barnala did not see proper development for 35 years because the government in Punjab belonged to another party, and Barnala had an MLA from another party. They kept fighting with each other. But when the Aam Aadmi Party government

came to power in 2022, and Barnala also got an AAP MLA, Meet Hayer, development began. Before, farmers here did not get canal water. Our government started supplying water from the Harigarh canal to the farmers here, and now water is reaching every field." After the reclining of the Barnala water distributary with concrete, 20% of the water will be saved, which will be given to the farmers in the villages. "In addition, during our government's two and a half years, we have built community centers, libraries, ponds (Chappar), dharmshalas, schools, stadiums, and playgrounds. We are also repairing streets and drains. Work on a large stadium is underway in Sanghera and will be ready soon."

"We have approved projects worth 87 crore rupees for drinking water and sewage. From now on, there will be no shortage. 25 crore rupees have been allocated for repairing all damaged roads, and the beautification of major squares in the city is also in progress.

Preparations are underway to make Barnala Ring Road a four-lane. The work will begin soon."

"Moreover, the Civil Hospital is being improved, and all its shortcomings are being addressed. A trauma centre will also be established there. Furthermore, the government will identify land in Barnala to create an industrial focal point, which will create thousands of jobs. But these projects can only

Gujarat, Goa, and Jammu. In Chandigarh and Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh, our Mayor has been elected. In just ten years, the Aam Aadmi Party has become a national party."

Mann added, "The people of Barnala have always given me love and blessings. I have a close connection with them. This was part of my parliamentary constituency. The people here helped me lead in both the 2014 and 2019 elections."

Attacking opposition candidates, Mann said, "Don't trust these people. They change parties faster than the weather changes. Kewal Dhillon lost from Congress, and now he is contesting under the BJP's flag. There's no telling when he will switch sides again. They want to win elections with money, but they have money, and we have the love of the people. They are under the wrong impression that they will win because of money."

He further stated, "After AAP's arrival, even BJP and Congress have started talking about work. Because of us, they had to change their manifesto. Earlier, they

never contested elections on issues like schools, hospitals, electricity, water, and employment. Mann added, "Just this morning, I arrived from Chandigarh after handing over appointment letters to about 1,700 Punjab Police constables and sub-inspectors. We have already given over 48,000 government jobs."

He added, "We still have two and a half years of our government, and many more good things will happen. For Barnala's development, please vote for the Aam Aadmi Party. Our button is the first one, and the AAP candidate should come first. Do not look at any other party. They will stop the work. Dhaliwal is your own; he is from the village. The others live in Panchkula and Chandigarh. After the elections, you will have to search for them, but you won't find them. So don't vote for them."

Mann also attacked Captain Amarinder Singh, saying, "People made him Chief Minister, but he closed the doors of his house in Chandigarh, and then in 2022, the people shut his doors from the outside. He never met the common people, which is why he lost his political relevance in Punjab."

Third International Friendship Sculling Regatta to be held to celebrate "Power of Friendship" in Kolkata

Kolkata (PARTHA ROY): Third International Friendship Sculling Regatta will be held to celebrate "Power of Friendship" from 26th to 30th November 2024 at Calcutta Rowing Club, Rabindra Sarovar, Kolkata. This was announced by Shri Chandan Roy Chowdhury, Honorary Secretary & Chairman Organising Committee of International Friendship



Regatta- 2024 . 100 rowers are expected to participate in this international rowing event. Rowers are coming from UK, New Zealand, apart from Indian Army and various clubs across India. Some of the rowers had participated in Olympic, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games.

Recently, President Xi Jinping met with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the margins of the BRICS summit held in Kazan," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lin Jian told a media briefing here while responding to a question on the likelihood of a meeting the two leaders on the sidelines of G20 summit in Brazil.

"China stands ready to work with India to deliver on the important common understandings between

the leaders of the two countries, step up communication and cooperation and enhance strategic mutual trust," he said, adding that he has no information on the specifics of the meeting of the leaders and officials.

At their Kazan meeting, the two leaders endorsed the India-China agreement on patrolling and disengagement along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh and issued directions to revive various bilateral dialogue mechanisms,

signalling attempts to normalise ties that were hit by a deadly military clash in 2020.

In the nearly 50-minute meeting held on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit at Kazan, PM Modi underscored the importance of properly handling differences and disputes and not allowing them to disturb peace and tranquility in border areas and that mutual trust, mutual respect and mutual sensitivity should remain the basis of the relations.

Xi said China-India relations are essentially a question of how the two large developing countries and neighbours, each with a 1.4-billion strong population, treat each other.

China and India should maintain a sound strategic perception of each other and work together to find the "right and bright path" for big, neighbouring countries to live in harmony and mutual sensitivity should remain the basis of the relations.

The ties between the two Asian giants nosedived significantly following the

Musk's SpaceX To Launch Tonight ISRO's Advanced Satellite For Enabling In-Flight Internet



New Delhi (KCN): At the stroke of midnight on Tuesday, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)'s most sophisticated communications satellite, which will provide broadband services in remote areas and in-flight Internet in passenger aircraft, will set off for its 34-minute journey into outer space onboard Elon Musk-owned SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket.

Named GSAT N-2 or GSAT 20, the 4,700 kg fully commercial satellite will be launched from Space Complex 40 at Cape Canaveral in Florida. The launch pad has been hired by SpaceX from the US' Space Force, a special branch of the country's armed forces that was created in 2019 to secure its space assets. The mission life of GSAT-N2 is 14 years. The launch will be

broadcast on SpaceX's account on X. The countdown will commence at 11.46pm on Monday and the lift-off will begin at 12.01 am on Tuesday. In case the launch is interrupted for any reason, it will take place at 3.03 pm on Tuesday. The launch window (within which the launch has to be completed, else the next window is utilised) is roughly one hour and 50 minutes.

This is the first time that ISRO is launching a satellite on a SpaceX rocket through its commercial arm New Space India Limited (NSIL). This is also the first time ISRO has built a satellite that only uses the advanced Ka band frequency - a range of radio frequencies between 27 and 40 gigahertz (GHz), which enables the satellite to have higher bandwidth.

After the satellite is placed in orbit, India's Master Control Facility a part of ISRO at Hassan will take control of the satellite and then raise the satellite to its final home 36,000 kilometres above India.

Falcon 9 is a partially reusable rocket and SpaceX asserts "this will be the 19th flight for the Falcon 9 first stage booster supporting this mission. After stage separation, the first stage will land on a drone ship, which will be stationed in the Atlantic Ocean."

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Baba Siddique, as also the firing outside actor Salman Khan's Mumbai home in June this year. Bishnoi, 50, was taken into custody earlier today, sources told NDTV. Earlier this month Mumbai Police's Crime Branch began the extradition process to bring him back from the US. A special court in Maharashtra issued a non-bailable warrant for his arrest.

Bishnoi is wanted in connection with several high-profile cases, including the murder of Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala in 2022 and the killing last month of ex-Maharashtra minister

Interpol. Bishnoi, from Punjab's Fazilka, was earlier believed to be in Canada after fleeing India on a fake passport. He also faces two cases filed by the

National Investigation Agency - India's anti-terror unit. The NIA had added him to its most-wanted list and offered a reward of ₹ 10 lakh for his arrest. The Bishnoi gang - which shot to the spotlight after the murder of singer Moosewala - made headlines again this year after the firing incident outside Salman Khan's home on the night of April 14.

Security was tightened at his house after the incident as threats continued to pour in - in the name of Lawrence Bishnoi - over the 1998 blackbuck hunting case. The Bishnoi gang is also being probed for the murder of politician Baba Siddique - known to be close to Salman Khan - last month. Also, in 2022, the Bishnoi brothers - among others - were accused of being part of a conspiracy to raise funds and recruit youth for "terrorist acts" in Delhi and other parts of the country.

Gangster Lawrence Bishnoi's Brother Anmol Bishnoi Arrested In US: Sources



Lawrence Bishnoi - India's anti-terror unit. The NIA had added him to its most-wanted list and offered a reward of ₹ 10 lakh for his arrest. The Bishnoi gang - which shot to the spotlight after the murder of singer Moosewala - made headlines again this year after the firing incident outside Salman Khan's home on the night of April 14.

Security was tightened at his house after the

Fresh excavations at Ratnagiri soon

Jajpur(KCN): Ratnagiri Buddhist monastery in this district is expected to see fresh excavation efforts soon that would bring to light untapped aspects of the historical site. This was recently informed to the media by Archaeological Survey of India's (ASI) Puri Circle head and Archaeology Superintendent Dibashad Brajasundar Gadnayak. Stating that preliminary surveys are underway, Gadnayak said the initial planning is expected to restart November 20. Students from the History departments of Utkal University, Sambalpur University, and Assam's Cotton University will actively participate in various stages of excavation. During

discussions, Gadnayak stated that Lalitgiri, Udayagiri and Ratnagiri are part of the 'Diamond Triangle' Buddhist circuit, alongside Lalitgiri and Udayagiri. Unlike other sites where monastic ruins like Chaitya Griha (prayer hall) have been discovered, Ratnagiri's main assembly hall remains concealed underground, awaiting exploration. Initial efforts will focus on excavation of the rear portion of the ancient Mahakal Temple near Ratnagiri Mahavihar-2 site. Gadnayak believes the principal worship hall may lie buried below the surface. The excavation, expected to proceed over an extended period in



phases, will aim to uncover the mysteries of this ancient monastic complex. Provisions such as drinking water, restrooms and

washrooms are limited at Ratnagiri. So, additional support facilities will be arranged for on-site workers and researchers, he said.

Artifacts dating back to approximately 1,600 years ago were first unearthed at Ratnagiri. In 1903, a preliminary survey of the site was

conducted by the then SDO of Jajpur Manmohan Chakraborty. In 1958, ASI initiated excavations, leading to discoveries of more than 3,000 rare

artifacts now housed in the Ratnagiri Museum. Despite logistical challenges, the site was thoroughly explored by ASI officer Debala Mitra from Kolkata until 1962. She faced serious challenges like crossing two rivers and a nullah to reach Ratnagiri. She stayed there for four long years till 1962 and discovered over 3,000 artifacts buried in the ground.

Excavations yielded numerous votive stupas (pillars), an ancient seal and other artifacts, inscribed with 'Sri Ratnagiri Mahavihara Arya Bhikshu Sangha', which led to the identification of Ratnagiri as a historic

Buddhist university. Subhendu Kumar Bhuyan, a member of the District Cultural Council, remarked that this resumed excavation, occurring nearly 24 years after previous efforts, promises to bring untapped aspects of Ratnagiri's history to light. Insights from the findings will contribute to further studies and broaden historical understanding of Buddhist heritage in the region. The initial establishment of the ancient Ratnagiri monastic site dates back to the 5th century, with significant development occurring until the 7th century.

Odisha Nariseba Sangha celebrated Chacha Nehru Jayanti and Children's Day.

CUTTACK,(KCN): On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of independent India, Odisha NARI seva Sangha organized a function under the chairmanship of Sangh President Dr. Pratima Mohapatra at Asha Aswasana Vidyalaya near the samaj office. First, floral wreaths were placed on Nehru's photo. Sangh secretary Ava Kanungo and Organizing secretary Meera Beura explained the meaning of Children's Day to the children by discussing the life of Chacha Nehru. The members are

cut a cake for the children and distributed sweets. Sangh Member Dr. Prabhobati Panda, Namita panda, Treasurer Nayan Tara Nanda,



Kalyani Sahu, Shupreeti Das, Bani Nirmalya were present and encouraged

the children by talking story. School Principal Bhanumati Rao gave the vote of thanks. And other teachers cooperated in the program.

Migrant worker turns inspiring farmer in Nuapada



Nuapada(KCN): Once struggling to make ends meet, Chakradhara Sahu, a resident of Saipala village under Sadar block in this district, used to work as a migrant labour as lack of resources stood on his way of cultivating the ancestral land effectively. However, with guidance and support from Agriculture department, he revitalised his farm through water conservation initiatives and modern practices. And, now he has set an example for others by becoming a progressive farmer. District Collector Madhusudan Das, during an awareness drive for migrant workers, visited Chakradhara's integrated

farming system (IFS) on his farmland and expressed happiness over his efforts. According to sources, Chakradhara and his family used to migrate to other states for work due to insufficient resources to cultivate their ancestral land. However, with encouragement and guidance from local agriculture overseer Rukmini Arukh and government support, he revitalised his farm by adopting modern practices. Recognising his determination, various departments extended their support. The Agriculture department provided high-quality seeds for crops like paddy, green gram, black

gram, pulses like arhar and groundnuts, while Livestock department supplied goats, poultry, ducks and cattle. Horticulture department contributed banana, mango, guava and strawberry saplings. Fisheries department and Krishi Vigyan Kendra facilitated fish farming and other advanced techniques like drip irrigation, vermin compost and sweet corn farming. All these government assistance instilled hope in the minds of Chakradhara and changed his fate for better. With renewed energy, Chakradhara now earns around Rs 4-5 lakh from his farm per annum and has become

an employer, providing livelihoods to others in his community. His family helps him in farm works, and he credits his success to the unwavering support from the agriculture and allied departments, as well as the district administration. District Collector Das believes Chakradhara's story is a beacon of hope and an example for other farmers to emulate. If others follow his path, the district can soon eliminate migration woes, he added. Chakradhara, elated by the recognition, views this as an opportunity to inspire thousands of farmers to adopt sustainable farming practices and lead a dignified life in their homeland.



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Trans-National Tripartite MoU on Global Women Safety

New Delhi : Violence and Crimes against women is a serious Societal Bane across the World and much needs to be done to negate this growing trend through Awareness, Training and Skilling through a Collaborative Approach.

Colonel Rohit Dev, CBO, IISSM, who has been instrumental in curating this niche Partnership. The objective of this MoU is to establish collaboration and long-term commitment to promote mutually



In a first, entities from India and Nepal joined hands to take on the responsibility to Enable and Empower Women across the Globe.

Women's Revolution Private Limited (Womentor) with Fight Back Private Limited (FightBack) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Institute of Security and Safety Management (IISSM) at New Delhi.

This MoU was signed by Mr. Vikrant Pandey, Managing Director, FightBack, Mr. Anuj Sharma, Director, Womentor and Prof. Santosh Kumar, CEO, IISSM, in presence of

beneficial opportunities and it seeks to develop programmes and undertake research activities for the benefit of women, children, marginalised people and specially-abled persons; also engaging men, boys and other stakeholders. To achieve its objective, the three parties, besides conducting training in Risk Assessments, Audit, Training Programs of diverse nature, honing vocational skills etc have also agreed to explore avenues to promote institutional exchanges by inviting scholars and designated participants for programmes, lectures or

Bajaj Allianz Life launches world's first music video 'Superstar After Retirement', created by retired senior citizens

Pune: Bajaj Allianz Life, one of India's leading private life insurers, launched a world's music video "Superstar After Retirement", created by retired seniors showcasing their creativity and fulfilling their life goals. Retirees including ex-bankers, entrepreneurs, ex-educator, ex-engineers and other professionals,

are seen unleashing their hidden talents like singing or dancing, and attempting to live their second innings with utmost zeal and passion. For most individuals, their dreams and desires take a backseat as they strive to ensure financial security and stability for their families.

Commenting on the initiative, Mr.

Chandramohan Mehra, Chief Marketing Officer, Bajaj Allianz Life, said "Aligned to the brand purpose of enabling LifeGoals, we launched Superstar After Retirement initiative to encourage retired senior citizens to rediscover their talents and explore a world full of possibilities and freedom.

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.

Tata Steel Kalinganagar: Nine Years of Growth and Positive Impact on Odisha

Bhubaneswar, (KCN):

For nine years, the Tata Steel Kalinganagar plant has been a beacon of progress in Odisha, transforming the industrial landscape and significantly impacting millions of lives. The state-of-the-art facility, one of India's largest steel plants, is a testament to successful industrial development, seamlessly integrating economic

safety standards are maintained, making Kalinganagar one of the safest steel plants in the world.

"Tata Steel has implemented numerous community development initiatives to ensure the plant's positive integration with the local population. These initiatives include extensive skill enhancement

India's largest blast furnace with a volume of 5,870 m³, a new feather has been added to its cap. The facility has state-of-the-art features for extended campaign life and an eco-friendly design to optimise the steelmaking process. In a first for Tata Steel, a dry gas cleaning plant has been installed to maximise energy recovery from by-product

the Phase II expansion at Kalinganagar include a Pellet Plant, Coke Plant, and Cold Rolling Mill – each incorporating advanced technologies and sustainable practices. The Tata Steel Kalinganagar plant incorporates modern technologies focused on value-added products, operational efficiency, and a significant reduction in carbon

commitment to boosting private investment in India, aligning with the nation's vision for self-reliance and sustainable industrial growth. The plant's positive economic impact is undeniable. Local communities have seen increased opportunities for employment and skill development, leading to improved standards of living.



growth with social responsibility and environmental stewardship.

The Kalinganagar plant is not just an industrial complex; it is a key contributor to the region's socio-economic development. Tata Steel has invested significantly in community development programmes focusing on education, healthcare, and livelihood opportunities – positively impacting over 2 lakh people in the surrounding areas. The success of Tata Steel Kalinganagar is also deeply rooted in its workforce. Tata Steel's 'Safety First' culture ensures that the highest

programmes, livelihood initiatives, health initiatives, education projects, and infrastructure projects designed to improve the quality of life for nearby communities with ongoing dialogue to address any concerns. The company is committed to responsible resource management and environmental protection, adhering to stringent environmental standards and investing in sustainable practices to minimise environmental impact", says Rajiv Kumar, Vice President Operations, TSK

As part of the plant's Phase II expansion, the commissioning of the

gas. An evaporative cooling system is being employed for the first time in an Indian blast furnace, optimising space footprint while lowering specific water and power consumption by approximately 20% compared to conventional designs. The blast furnace will also have a zero-process water discharge plan with rainwater harvesting. Key facilities planned for

footprint. The Phase II expansion at Kalinganagar will take the total capacity at the site from 3 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) to 8 MTPA. With the Phase II expansion, Odisha has emerged as the largest investment destination in India for Tata Steel, with a total cumulated investment of over Rs 100,000 crore in the last 10 years. The expansion of TSK underscores our

While challenges related to large-scale industrial projects naturally exist, Tata Steel is actively engaging with stakeholders, including the Odisha Government and local communities, to foster a collaborative environment that prioritises holistic, sustainable development. The coming years promise continued growth and a positive impact for Kalinganagar.

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

three installments, is directly transferred to the bank accounts of landholding farmer families, consisting of the husband, wife, and minor children.

Speaking on this, Sanjeev Kumar, Co-Founder & CEO, Spice Money, India's leading rural fintech with 1 million strong Adhikari network covering 18,500 plus pin codes, is assisting the farmers and farmer families residing in the heartlands of the country, to withdraw this subsidy through AePS at their doorstep Adhikari outlet. The PM Kisan Scheme, a central sector scheme with 100% funding from the Government of India, became operational on December 1, 2018. Under this scheme, income support of ? 6000 per year, divided into

Farmers and farmer

families will no longer have to travel large distances to bank branches or just let the money lie idle in their accounts in times of need. Our Adhikaris, trusted banking partners in their communities, will be there at the villages to help farmers withdraw their money, with the help of AePS, thereby providing much-needed safe and secure access to the subsidy amount." Spice Money has been spearheading the efforts towards bridging the financial services gap in rural India by providing banking and financial services to the remotest corners of the country, across 700 districts and 5,000 blocks, thereby revolutionising the way Bharat banks.

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."

Commissions India's Largest Fleet of Electric Lithium-Ion Forklifts

New Delhi: Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, has commissioned India's largest electric fleet of 27 forklifts, powered by lithium-ion batteries. Done in partnership with GEAR (Gemini Equipment and Rentals Private Limited), this sets the ball rolling

on Vedanta Aluminium's plans to decarbonize its industrial vehicle fleet. All 27 forklifts arrived last month and are being operationalised at the company's aluminium smelter at Jharsuguda, in Odisha, which is the world's largest single-location aluminium smelter, ex-China.

Further, as testimony to its endeavours towards increasing gender diversity in core manufacturing operations, Vedanta Aluminium is recruiting and training women to operate these top-of-the-line forklifts. The company has previously hired transgender employees as forklift operators in its

aluminium operations at BALCO in Chhattisgarh. These electric forklifts make use of the cutting-edge 'Smart Fleet Management' system to help ensure the highest levels of safety at site. The Smart Fleet Management system uses IoT (Internet of Things) technology to integrate the data collected



R Ashwin has taught me a lot: Nathan Lyon praises 'incredible' India spinner

New Delhi: Border-Gavaskar Trophy: Australian veteran Nathan Lyon has revealed his admiration for long-time Indian rival, Ravichandran Ashwin, ahead of their eighth Test match encounter.

Australian veteran Nathan Lyon says he has learned a lot from 'smart' Indian spinner Ravichandran Ashwin ahead of the first Test of the five-match series in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. Their rivalry, which began in the 2011/12 series, has evolved into one of the most fascinating contests in modern Test cricket, with both spinners achieving significant milestones in their careers.

Lyon, who will face Ashwin once again this summer, reflected on

their shared journey, noting that both bowlers made their Test debuts in the same year and reached the milestone of 500 Test wickets last season. However, it is Ashwin's dominance over Lyon in the 2020/21 Border-Gavaskar Trophy that stands out. Ashwin outperformed the Australian spinners during that series, with Lyon only claiming nine wickets at an average of 55.11, while Ashwin was a key figure in India's memorable series victory. "Ash is an incredible bowler," Lyon told Fox Cricket. "I've gone head-to-head with him for basically my whole career, so I've learned a lot from Ash. He's an incredibly smart bowler, and he's able to learn and adapt very quickly, and I

think the best bowlers in the world are able to do that."

Lyon's praise for Ashwin comes as no surprise, given the significant influence Ashwin has had on his own career. The 36-year-old Australian acknowledged Ashwin as one of his most influential mentors, particularly during his preparations for tours to India. Lyon has often studied footage of Ashwin's performances on the subcontinent's spin-friendly pitches to understand his strategies and improve his own game.

"He's taught me a lot," Lyon admitted. "I'm a big believer that the players you compete against are your best coaches. I've watched a lot of his footage heading over to India, the way he goes



about it here in Australia, and see if I can pick up anything."

Both bowlers have excelled in their respective crafts, with Lyon generating overspin and bounce on Australian pitches, while Ashwin has honed his ability to bowl relentlessly with subtle variations, including his



famous carrom ball. The contrasting styles of the two spinners make their head-to-head battles even more intriguing for fans. Reflecting on his success on pitches that are less conducive to spin, Lyon jokingly referenced Indian star Ravindra Jadeja's close watch on media reports, adding, "I know

Jadeja reads all of this stuff, so I can't really share all my secrets." However, Lyon did offer insight into his own approach: "My big thing is spinning up the back of the ball and getting bounce, but it's a hard craft to be able to do that in Australia. Your margin for error is extremely small."

As the series approaches, Lyon also acknowledged the challenge of facing a world-class Indian side. Despite Australia's recent victory over India in the World Test Championship final, Lyon emphasized that India has had the upper hand in recent Border-Gavaskar series, with the Australians unable to claim a Test series win in India in nearly a decade.

"India's got the wood over us in the past few series, but if you're looking at the World Test Championship (final) in England, we were able to beat them there, and I know that should give us a bit of confidence heading into this summer," Lyon said. The Australian spinner is determined to turn the tide this summer, recognizing

that while India remains a formidable opponent, his team has the potential to achieve something special. "I feel like we're on the journey to becoming a great team. We're not there yet, there's a bit of work to do, but we have the opportunity to do something pretty special this summer."

India, currently ranked No. 2 in the world, will be looking to bounce back from a 3-0 series whitewash to New Zealand on home soil, with their batters particularly vulnerable to spin. As the rivalry between Ashwin and Lyon continues, cricket fans can expect another thrilling chapter in one of the most enduring duels in modern Test cricket.

Padikkal to stay back in Australia; No plans to rush Shami yet

New Delhi: The Rituraj Gaikwad-led India A team, which has been in Australia for the past 20 days, is set to return home within the next 24 hours. However, Devdutt Padikkal will not accompany the side. The Indian team management, in consultation with the national selectors, has decided to retain the Karnataka batter as a backup for the senior team, which will compete in the five-Test Border-Gavaskar Trophy series against Australia over the next 50 days.

The decision comes in the wake of injuries to, and unavailability of, a couple of key top-order batters ahead of the first Test in Perth, scheduled to start on November 22.

Shubman Gill has been ruled out of the series opener due to a fractured thumb, while skipper Rohit Sharma, who



stayed back in India for the birth of his second child, is unlikely to be available for the match. Additionally, there is an injury concern for KL Rahul, who was struck on the elbow. However, the 32-year-old managed to bat during the three-day match simulation at the WACA on Sunday (November 17).

Padikkal registered scores of 36, 88, 26, and 1 in his four innings against Australia A team recently. While these performances

were not significant enough to merit a spot in the senior national team under normal circumstances, the team management believes his experience and familiarity with Australian conditions make him the ideal choice as a batting backup. Padikkal played his only Test so far against England earlier this year. He has also featured in T20Is. Meanwhile, there is no clarity regarding Rohit's travel plans. With his wife having recently

delivered a baby, it is expected that he will depart for Australia soon, though the exact date remains uncertain. As a result, his availability for the first Test appears unlikely. Additionally, it has been learned that the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has no immediate plans to send Mohammed Shami to Australia.

The pacer recently returned to competitive cricket after almost a year, featuring in a Ranji Trophy match between Bengal and Madhya Pradesh in Indore. However, it is understood that the team management prefers he plays a few more domestic games before being considered for an India recall. This suggests that Shami might represent Bengal in the upcoming Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 tournament, which is set to begin in about a week.

In a repeat of the 2024 U.S. Open final, Sinner maintained his dominance, finishing the week undefeated and without dropping a set. His stellar performance was rewarded with a prize of \$4,881,500, marking the pinnacle of a spectacular season.

The match was a



showcase of Sinner's precision and poise. The 23-year-old Italian broke Fritz's serve with a sublime drop shot to take a 4-3 lead in the first set, before wrapping it up with his 10th ace of the match. The American, who made history by becoming the first U.S. player to reach the ATP Finals since James Blake in 2006, struggled to maintain consistency against the relentless Sinner. In the second set, Fritz faltered again, hitting a forehand long to surrender his serve, allowing Sinner to seal the victory in just 85 minutes. "It's amazing. Just an amazing week. For me, it's a first title in Italy, so it means so much to me," Sinner said after the match, visibly emotional. "I'm very happy about that, it's very special. I just try to understand what works best for each opponent, try to play the best tennis possible. That was the key; I played a high-level tournament from my side. At times I couldn't play better, so I'm very happy."

Sinner's 2024 season has been nothing short of extraordinary, despite facing an anti-doping controversy that briefly clouded his achievements. On the court, however, he has been almost unstoppable, winning 26 of his last 27 matches and capturing eight titles, including the ATP Finals. His win in Turin also marked his 70th victory of the season, making him the first player since Ivan Lendl in 1986 to win the ATP Finals without dropping a set.

Fritz, who had an impressive run to the final, will nonetheless be ranked a career-high fourth in the world following the tournament. "I just want to say congrats to Jannik and his team. Insane year, honestly. It's really impressive," the 27-year-old said. "Thank you to my team for putting up with me. It's been a great week for me. I felt the love all week long."

Earlier in the day, Kevin Krawietz and Tim Puetz triumphed in the doubles final, edging Marcelo Arevalo and Mate Pavic 7-6(5), 7-6(6) to become the first German duo to win the ATP Finals doubles title.

Border-Gavaskar Trophy will test Gautam Gambhir's anger and patience: Harbhajan

New Delhi: Border-Gavaskar Trophy will Test head coach Gautam Gambhir's patience and anger, feels Harbhajan Singh. Coach Gambhir was put under the pump by the Indian media after he lost home series against New Zealand at home.

India head coach Gautam Gambhir's patience and anger will be tested in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, feels Harbhajan Singh. Speaking ahead of the series, Harbhajan said that Gambhir is already under pressure having lost the home series against New Zealand and will be need to remain calm if India are to do well against Australia.

India were whitewashed at home for the first time in the history of Test cricket in their 3-match



Test series against New Zealand. Under the leadership of Rohit Sharma and coaching of Gautam Gambhir, India were outplayed by New Zealand batters and spinners.

India captain Rohit Sharma accepted the flaws in the team and hoped that India will do something special in the 5-match Test series against Australia. Speaking on Jatin Sapru's YouTube channel, Harbhajan Singh said on Jatin Sapru's YouTube channel.

BGT: Gautam Gambhir full press conference "He cannot control anything from the outside, big players get frustrated sitting on the sidelines. This Test, Gambhir needs to pass. The tour is very important for Gambhir. In this country, everyone has an opinion. Gautam Gambhir must be feeling low, he is on the radar. If the series doesn't go well, Gambhir will be at the receiving end. I want him to stay calm and for the team to perform well," he added.

India begin their opening Test match at Perth on November 22. The team has a lot of selection headaches with Rohit Sharma being unavailable for the game, Shubman Gill injured, and back-up batters not performing up to the mark in the tour games.

Ravi Shastri wants Dhruv Jurel to play as specialist batter in Perth Test

New Delhi: Border-Gavaskar Trophy: Former India head coach Ravi Shastri wants Dhruv Jurel as a specialist batter in the opening Test match vs Australia. Jurel looked a class above in India A's tour match in Melbourne. Former India head coach Ravi Shastri wants Dhruv Jurel as a specialist batter in the opening Test match against Australia. Speaking on the ICC review, Shastri said that Jurel had nerves of steel and can be played as a specialist batter in the middle-order.

India have a selection headache with Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill unavailable for the opening Test match at Perth, which starts on 22 November. While Sharma is currently on paternity leave, Shubman has a fractured thumb.

Shastri spoke highly of Jurel, who debuted for India in the Test series against England in 2024. He said he has been impressed by Jurel's temperament and calmness, especially when India has been under pressure. "I think he can easily play as a (specialist) batter," Shastri said. "What impressed me most was his temperament, his calmness when the chips were down and the tightness he brought to his game - especially under pressure." Under pressure, you can see a lot of players struggling. You can see them being fidgety. You can see them being all

over the shop. You can see those nerves coming through. But in this guy's case, his temperament stood out." Whenever the chips were down, even in that series against England (earlier this year) he stepped up to the plate. So I like what I saw and I'll be quite prepared to give him a go if he's in good nick. Jurel looked a class above in the only tour game that he played against Australia A, contributing scores of 80 and 68 in a low-scoring clash. The former head coach of the Indian team was of the opinion that the 23-year-old looked composed enough to win a fourth Test cap in Perth.

