

BJP-led Mahayuti runs away with Maharashtra, JMM-led alliance returns to power in Jharkhand

Mumbai/Ranchi (KCN): The BJP-led Mahayuti coloured Maharashtra a vivid saffron Saturday as it swept aside the MVA for a landslide win while the Opposition INDIA bloc retained Jharkhand, voters in both states giving the parties in power an emphatic thumbs up.

Counting of votes for the two Assembly elections underscored with slogans such as "katenge toh batenge" and "ek hain toh safe hai" began at 8 am, signalling very soon that it was celebration time for the BJP in Maharashtra.

The party was winning or leading in 132 of the 149 seats it contested in the powerhouse state. Together with its partners Shiv Sena and NCP, the ruling Mahayuti alliance could win 228 of the 288 seats in the state, leaving the Congress-Shiv Sena(UBT)-NCP(SP) tie-up virtually decimated with just 47 seats.

As the opposition reeled under the impact of the decisive mandate against

it in Maharashtra, Jharkhand offered consolation with voters giving a possible two-third victory to the JMM-led alliance.

Hemant Soren's JMM-led alliance stormed back to power in Jharkhand Saturday for the second consecutive term, winning 52 seats and leading in four others in the 81-member Assembly.

The BJP-led NDA, which was confident about its prospects in the state after an aggressive campaign, won 21 seats and was leading in three. Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the JMM-led alliance for its win in Jharkhand and thanked the people of the state for their support to the BJP. As party workers smeared colour on each other, danced to drumbeats and distributed sweets in various places, Modi was fulsome in his praise for the Maharashtra victory.

"Development wins! Good governance wins! United we will soar even higher!" Heartfelt

gratitude to my sisters and brothers of Maharashtra, especially the youth and women of the state, for a historic mandate to the NDA. This affection and warmth is unparalleled," Modi said in a post on X. With the Mahayuti walking the road towards power in a runaway win that went ahead of what exit polls had predicted, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said, "People have rejected politics of hatred and revenge, accepted politics of welfare and development."

Describing the day as historic, the Shiv Sena leader said the "people took election in their hands to give the Mahayuti a landslide victory". As his alliance colleagues attributed the stunning win to welfare schemes such as the Laadki Behna scheme, his son and Shiv Sena MP Shrikant Shinde said the mandate shows who is taking Balasaheb Thackeray's ideals forward. It was a pointer to the fractured legacy of the Shiv Sena founder whose son Uddhav

heads the Shiv Sena (UBT). On the other side of the spectrum was Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut who alleged that there was a "big conspiracy" and something was "fishy". Adding that there was little doubt in his mind that money was used in the polls, Raut said, "How can all MLAs of Chief Minister Eknath Shinde win? How can Ajit Pawar, whose betrayal angered Maharashtra, win?" Voters in the politically significant western state, which sends 48 MPs to

the Lok Sabha and gave the MVA a decisive 30 seats, clearly decided to go against the trend of that parliamentary victory just five months ago.

The BJP was winning or ahead in 132 seats, close to the halfway mark of 144 on its own, while the Shiv Sena totted 56 and the NCP 41. In contrast, the Congress was ahead in just 16, the Shiv Sena(UBT) in 21 and the NCP(SP) in 10.

The mandate gives a fillip to the BJP, which won an unprecedented hat-trick in Haryana last month, and helps the party overcome some of its reverses in the general elections where it bagged just 240 seats.

After the certainty of the poll outcome, the focus shifted to BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis, the architect of his party's stunning victory. Political circles are abuzz with reports that the state's second Brahmin to become the CM will don the post

for the third time. "Leaders of Mahayuti parties will decide (on next CM)," Fadnavis said on his part.

"Today's verdict shows that the entire community stands united behind Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The 'ek hain toh safe hai' slogan has been a success, particularly for ladki bahins (dear sisters) who benefit from this scheme, receiving Rs 1,500 per month," he said.

The Maharashtra verdict — which gives primacy to the BJP within the Mahayuti alliance — was also the stuff of sober introspection too for the Congress and Maratha strongman Sharad Pawar once considered invincible.

The three Congress big guns in the state — Nana Patole, Balasaheb Thorat and Prithviraj Chavan — were trailing till late evening.

The Congress, for which Priyanka Gandhi's win in the Wayanad Lok Sabha bypoll is the proverbial silver lining in a dark cloud, counted its reverses in Maharashtra.

"It's devastating, heartbreaking for us ... The BJP is leading due to the amazing ground work they must've done and seat distribution," Congress spokesperson Lavanya Ballal told deKoder.

In the ruling Mahayuti alliance, the BJP contested 149 Assembly seats, the Shiv Sena 81 seats, and the Ajit Pawar-led NCP in 59 constituencies. In the MVA combine, the Congress fielded 101 candidates, Shiv Sena(UBT) 95 and the NCP(SP) 86.

In Jharkhand, Chief Minister Hemant Soren expressed his gratitude to the people of the state for the INDIA bloc's stellar performance and said it had passed the exam of democracy.

"We are going to get the reward for the work we did... and also for the manner in which we remained connected to the public," Congress leader Rajesh Thakur told PTI Videos as the INDIA bloc neared victory in Jharkhand.



Odisha: BJD leader's brother arrested for assaulting vegetable vendor in Jajpur

Jajpur (KCN): Police Saturday arrested BJD's former organisational secretary Pranab Prakash Das' brother Bhaba Prasad Das for allegedly assaulting a vegetable vendor in Odisha's Jajpur town.

Based on a complaint by vegetable vendor, Nagen Nayak, police had registered a case against Bhaba under different sections of Bharatiya Naya Sanhita (BNS) at Jajpur Town police station Friday.

Bhaba, the former chairperson of Jajpur Municipality, was detained by the police late Friday night and later arrested Saturday for his alleged involvement in



assaulting and threatening the vegetable vendor and taking away his money in the Biraja Haat. Police brought him to the residence of the Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate (SDJM) in Jajpur Saturday following a medical examination. The SDJM remanded him to judicial custody as the accused did not file

his bail application. The vegetable seller Nagen Nayak Friday had filed a complaint at Jajpur Town police station alleging that he was assaulted by Bhaba Prasad Das and his associates when he went to Biraja Haat to sell his vegetables Thursday.

"Bhaba along with his accomplices manhandled me and spoiled vegetables worth about Rs 10,000. They also snatched away Rs 1,200 from me," Nayak stated in his complaint. Two other vendors also filed separate police complaints against Bhaba Prakash Das and his accomplices for allegedly scuffling with them.

Bhubaneswar (KCN): With President Droupadi Murmu scheduled to embark on a five-day visit to Odisha from December 3, the state government has started preparations for her visit. Chief Secretary Manoj Ahuja on Friday held a high-level meeting with DGP YB Khurania, Development Commissioner Anu Garg, Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Satyabrat Sahu to review the preparations of the visit.

A control room operated by the Home Department will coordinate all activities during the President's visit, an official release

said. According to the itinerary, Murmu will arrive in Bhubaneswar December 3 by a special Indian Air Force flight and unveil a statue of Pandit Raghunath Murmu at Niladri Vihar here in the evening.

December 4 she will visit the Sri Jagannath Temple in Puri for darshan and attend the 75th-anniversary celebration of Gopabandhu Ayurveda College. The President will also witness a naval strength demonstration by the Indian Navy at the Puri Blue Flag beach December 4.

December 5 the President will attend the 40th convocation of the Odisha University of Agriculture

and Technology in Bhubaneswar and then proceed to Mayurbhanj via Kalaikunda Airport in West Bengal. Upon her arrival in Mayurbhanj, Murmu will interact with students and teachers at Uparbeda Government Higher Secondary School, engage with villagers at Kalaikunda Airport.

Subhadra Yojana: 22% rejected beneficiaries to receive funds today

Bhubaneswar, November 23 (KCN):

Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida announced today that 22% of the previously rejected Subhadra Yojana beneficiaries will receive financial assistance in the third phase, set to be credited directly to their bank accounts on November 24. Parida revealed that the state government undertook a re-verification process for applications that were initially rejected. This effort aims to ensure that eligible beneficiaries are included in the scheme.

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her former residence, and flag off a vehicle donated by the SLS Trust Board for the Sub-Divisional Hospital in Rairangpur. Murmu will also visit the local women's college and perform puja and aarti at the Punyeshwar Mahadev Temple.

December 7 the President will travel to Bangriposhi to lay the foundation stone for several railway projects and development initiatives, including the Rairangpur Tribal Research Centre and the Sub-Divisional Hospital. After completing her engagements, she will return to New Delhi via Kalaikunda Airport.

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Cabinet approves amendment to Odisha Universities Act, 1989

Bhubaneswar, Nov 23 (KCN): The Odisha Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Saturday approved the proposal of amendment to the Odisha Universities Act, 1989. The amendment aims to address critical challenges faced by universities, while enhancing the overall academic excellence, governance and administrative efficiency of the universities. Key aspects of the amendment focus on improving the recruitment process,



empowering universities with more autonomy allowing them to make decisions independently while maintaining accountability and

building and works committee, finance committee etc. By amending the Act, the state government aims to streamline the recruitment process and eliminate the stagnation caused in the recruitment of the teachers by court cases, according to a statement. The changes are designed to create a more transparent and time-bound procedure for appointments, ensuring that vacancies are filled promptly. The amendment has also incorporated the NEP's transformative

aspects such as the emphasis on multidisciplinary education, skill development, and enhanced access through distance learning, skill development for employability etc. The Cabinet also approved a proposal for amendment in two sections of Industrial Policy Resolution (IPR) 2015. This will enable eligible investors to furnish their claim for incentives in time for which they are entitled to and to make the IPR in line with sectoral policies for smooth administration of incentives.

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4th Annual Convocation of KISS Deemed to be University



Bhubaneswar, Nov 23 (KCN): The 4th Annual Convocation of the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS-DU) was held here today, recognizing academic excellence and transformative contributions of well-known individuals to the society.

The highlight of the day was the conferment of honorary D.Litt degrees upon three luminaries for

their outstanding achievements and contributions. They are Padma Shri Dr. Mukesh Batra, Founder of Dr. Batra's Group of Companies, a pioneer in homeopathy and healthcare and Padma Shri Mr. Savji Dholakia, Founder and Chairman of Hari Krishna Exports Pvt. Ltd., known for his leadership in the diamond industry and philanthropic initiatives. The other recipient was Dr. Pradipta Mohanty, Chairman of S.N. Mohanty Group of Companies, a stalwart in Odisha's industrial and educational landscape. The convocation also saw the award of 8 PhDs and 426 master's degrees. Also Founder's Gold Medal, 7 numbers Chancellor's Gold Medal, and 7 numbers of Vice Chancellor's Silver medals were given to the

students for their outstanding performance. In his convocation address, Former Minister of State for Schools and Former MP, UK Rt. Hon. Nick Gibb lauded KISS as "one of India's top academic institutions" and emphasized the critical role of education in driving India's economic growth. "Today, 43 million students are studying in Indian higher educational institutions," he remarked,

urging graduates to cultivate a lifelong love for learning. Shri Dholakia, while receiving the honorary doctorate degree, gave the students 5 mantras for success. Always consider yourself the best, think that everything is possible for you, God is always with you, you can be victorious and today is a new day for you - he advised students to follow these 5 mantras

with dedication. He said that this honor has inspired me to serve the society even more in the future. Guest of Eminence, Rt. Hon. Alan Gammel, MP, UK, hailed Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KISS and KIIT, as "a true visionary and social transformer" for his relentless dedication to empowering marginalized communities through

education.

Dr. Jeffrey B. Liebman, Robert W. Scrivner Professor of Public Policy at Harvard Kennedy School, USA, underscored KISS's unique mission. "KISS stands out for educating all Indians, especially children from downtrodden sections of society," he said, commending the institute's inclusive approach to learning.

Apart of the Founder, KIIT & KISS Dr. Achyuta Samanta, the convocation was attended by the Vice President of KIIT & KISS Umapada Bose, Secretary R. N. Dash, Chancellor of KISS DU Satya Tripathi, Pro Chancellor Prof Amreswar Galla, VC Prof Deepak Kumar Behara, and Registrar Dr P K Routray.

NaCSA Promotes AMR Awareness in Odisha

Bhubaneswar (KCN Bureau/Prasar Khuntia): The National Centre for Aquaculture (NaCSA) under the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) launched its first large-scale campaign as part of the Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Week 2024 on November 18th in Astaranga, Puri district, Odisha. With the global theme "Educate, Advocate, and Act Now," the initiative seeks to raise awareness about the critical threat of AMR and emphasize the importance of Good Aquaculture Management Practices (GAMP) among shrimp aquaculture farmers. The inaugural programme was a collaborative effort bringing together experts, stakeholders and local farmers. Dr. Sujit Kumar Mohanty, Doctor at CHC Astaranga officially inaugurated the event, while Mr. Ravi Goda, Regional Coordinator, NaCSA

warmly welcomed the gathering. In his keynote address, Dr. K. Gopal Ananda, Assistant Director, MPEDA Regional Division, Bhubaneswar underscored the urgency of combating AMR in aquaculture to ensure sustainable practices and global food security. Jagannath Behera, I/C Assistant Fisheries Officer, Department of Fisheries, Puri delivered the felicitation address emphasizing the importance of stakeholder collaboration in mitigating AMR risks. Technical sessions

formed the cornerstone of the program providing attendees with practical knowledge and insights into AMR. Ravi Goda and Dr. K. Gopal Ananda led these informative sessions guiding the 81 participating shrimp farmers on effective strategies to prevent AMR through the adoption of GAMP. Topics included the prudent use of antibiotics, maintaining biosecurity measures and enhancing water quality management in shrimp farms. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by

Biswajit Nath, Field Manager, MPEDA-NaCSA who expressed gratitude to all participants and stakeholders for their enthusiastic involvement in the campaign. The campaign marks the first of three major awareness drives organized by NaCSA in Odisha during AMR Week 2024. By empowering farmers with knowledge and tools to combat AMR, NaCSA continues to champion sustainable aquaculture practices and align with global efforts to address this pressing challenge.

Agreement Inked ceremony with farmer production companies for reward program



Sambalpur (KCN): Today, at the conference hall of the Sambalpur District Collector, an agreement was signed with the three leading farmer production companies (Sabuj Sanatan Pali, Debeswar and Dharani Dhar) of the district for the (REWARD) project with the help of the Soil and Water Conservation

Department, Odisha Government, for the sale of farmers' produce at fair price for a period of 2 years. Shri Siddheshwar Baliram Bondar, (IAS), District Collector was present at the event and presided over the agreement signing ceremony and discussed the aims and objectives of the program with the employees of the farmer

production companies. Shri Haribandhu Seth, District Project Director, Soil Conservation Department, delivered the welcome address and Shri Sarat Chandra Patra, State Head of the Technical Assistance Organization, Grand Thorturn, apprised the Collector about the aims and objectives of the programme.



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Rakul Preet dishes out health goals with 'jowar roti, karela & tofu' lunch on 'De De Pyaar De 2' set

Actress Rakul Preet Singh, who is currently filming her upcoming project, De De Pyaar De 2 in Punjab, shared a glimpse of her wholesome lunch, featuring a nutritious spread of karela, jowar roti, and tofu. The sequel will feature Ajay Devgn and Tabu in the lead roles.

Rakul, who has 23.7 million followers on Instagram, recently gave fans a peek into her healthy lunch via her Stories.

Sharing a vibrant photo of her meal, which included a generous serving of jowar roti, karela, and tofu, she playfully captioned it, "Lunch... Who loves Karela... I do." De De Pyaar De 2 is the upcoming sequel of the 2019 romantic

comedy, which was written by Luv Ranjan and directed by Adivi Sesh. Alongside Rakul, the film featured Ajay Devgn and Tabu in the lead roles.

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Meanwhile, on the personal front, Rakul is married to filmmaker Jackky Bhagnani. They had tied the knot February 21, 2024 in Goa.

On the professional front, Rakul made her acting debut in 2009 with the Kannada film, Gilli, which was a remake of Selvaraghavan's 7G Rainbow Colony.

She then went on to feature in Telugu movies like Keratam, Venkatadri



Express, Rough, Loukyam, Current Theega, Bruce Lee, Nannaku Prematho, Thaakka, Puthagam, Yeniamo and Yedho, Nayaka among others. Rakul also did Tamil films like Thadaiyara, Theeran Adhigaaram Ondru, and Boo. The Hindi films that starred Rakul are Yaariyan, Aiyaary, De De

Pyaar De, Sardar Ka Grandson, Runway 34, Cutputli, Doctor G, Thank God, and Chhatriwali.

She last featured in Tamil vigilante action film Indian 2, directed by S Shankar, and is jointly produced by Lyca Productions and Red Giant Movies. The movie is sequel to the 1996 film Indian, and Kamal Haasan reprises his role as Senapathy.

Apart from Rakul, it also features Siddharth, SJ Suryah, Bobby Simha, Vivek, Priya Bhavani Shankar, Gulshan Grover, Samuthirakani and Nedumudi Venu in pivotal roles. She also has Meri Patni Ka Remake in the kitty.

Sukesh Chandrashekhar unveils portrait of Jacqueline



Alleged conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar, currently lodged in a Delhi jail, has unveiled a striking artwork featuring actress Jacqueline Fernandez. The piece is prominently displayed on the upper deck of a lavish yacht that he gifted to her for 39th birthday.

The yacht has been named 'Lady Jacqueline'.

In a recent letter addressed to the actress, Sukesh wrote: "My Love, My Jacqueline, Baby my Baby, saw your new pictures, God how can someone be so pretty, Baby you are just too extremely pretty. On this note, I have two things to dedicate to you my love, today."

He dedicated the song 'Sajni' from the recently released movie 'Laapataa Ladies'.

"Baby, first I wanna dedicate an apt song, which is my current mood, and right now feelings for you, and the song is 'SAJNI' from

Lapata Ladies. Baby every line in that track is for you. I really don't know how my day and night is passing without you around me or me talking to you," wrote Sukesh.

He further said: "My Second Dedication is unveiling a stunning Art Work of your Portrait installed in the upper Deck of your Birthday Gift. Lady Jacqueline, which is enroute to Mumbai, as of now. Bomma my Baby, you know what's special about this Art Work, it's a Work which is straight out of my dreams, which is brought to reality, and now installed in your Baby Lady Jacqueline, for you my Sajni, I hope you will like it."

"Baby Sometimes we all face the Highs and Lows, it's just a part of our lives, we even feel we don't need anyone. Loving ourself is enough, or our close ones, But, Baby we give our heart only to the 'One'. No matter what hits us our Heart beats

only for that one person, and for me that's you and just you, come what may, and the same is with you and I know it, and you have loved me as crazy as it can get and no matter what just remember the promise we made to each other, I would never give up on you My Baby, Rest you know me better my Doll," he said.

He added: "Baby you know, what's the amazing thing our love story is today's Romeo Juliet, and the whole world is witness to it, because our love story is set a Benchmark Example to how love has no barriers. Baby Girl, a thousand would say a thousand things, look and hear what really exists deep in our Heart, and all that it would say is 'JFS' forever."

"Baby my love, just two more to go, Can't wait my Love, I Love you my Jackie, every second only thinking about you my Baby Boo. Love you like crazy my Sajni, my Botta Bomma. You are amazing my love. Missing You, Love Mr S," concluded Sukesh.

Sukesh was arrested May 29, 2015, for offences under Sections 420 (cheating) and 120-B (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), and some sections of the Prize

Chits and Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act and the Maharashtra Protection of Interest of Depositors (in Financial Establishments) Act.

He allegedly used

illegal money to buy gifts for Jacqueline, as per the ED charge sheet filed in 2022. Jacqueline was summoned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for questioning in a money laundering case involving Sukesh Chandrashekhar. Earlier, to mark Jacqueline's birthday, the conman has pledged a donation of Rs 15 crore and 300 homes for the families of the victims of the Wayanad landslide disaster. He has also announced 100 iPhone 15 Pro for making the song 'Yimmy Yimmy' featuring Jacqueline, a super hit. The Sri Lankan actress and model Jacqueline made her acting debut in 2009 with fantasy

'Tauba Tauba' fever: Revisiting Bollywood songs that left internet groovy



Here's a look at how and why the internet embraces the viral Bollywood dance numbers like Vicky Kaushal's 'Tauba Tauba', Katrina Kaif's 'Kala Chashma', and others.

What makes a song go viral on the internet? There's no formula to make a song go viral. It's about this whole package - of music, lyrics, dance, who's performing it and how it's being presented. Like everything else in the creative business, a good video has to click with the audience. For it to go viral, it has to appeal to all kinds of audience - even those who usually don't consume that kind of content. 'Tauba Tauba', a new song from the Bollywood film 'Bad Newz' has done just the same.

It has instantly crawled up the top chartbusters' list and even though it is just all about the glam, with a very sexualised Vicky Kaushal, it's a hit among the audience. So much so that he has got newfound popularity among the heartland audience, known for never holding back their craze for a scintillating dance number.

'Tauba Tauba' has music by Punjabi singer Karan Aujla, and it is choreographed by Bosco Martis. Interestingly, it does a great deal of glorifying a woman's beauty, referring to Tripti Dimri in the video, but ends up highlighting Vicky as the very definition of 'tall, dark, handsome'. Vicky's tryst with Punjabi music and his casual dance moves have made

many videos go viral on Instagram before, but this time, he seems almost unstoppable. The choreography does justice in utilising the actor's full potential as a dancer in a never-seen-before fashion. While the popularity of 'Tauba Tauba' can be largely attributed to the actor's ever-growing charm, it is also the vibe that it exudes. When a trend rises on

social media, it breaks down into many forms of entertainment, but the vibe remains the same. You could be a failure at dancing, nowhere near to Vicky's smooth-like-butter-moves, but if you could still manage to match the mood of the song, your job is done. 'Tauba Tauba' is also one of those dance numbers which is brilliantly made to

please the female gaze, as opposed to your regular dance numbers where the 'Chikni Chameli' and the 'Sheelas' of the world are objectified to satisfy the male gaze. It puts the onus of glamourising the screen on a man's shoulder, and he never disappoints.

Every time a Bollywood song has taken the internet by storm, it hasn't just been done casually. It was back in 2015 when it all began. Salman Khan decided to give his audience a double dose of 'Prem' on-screen. It was Sonam Kapoor's graceful moves on the song 'Prem Ratan Dhan Payo' which made everyone sit up, take notice, and try it again and again till they got them right. So, we didn't just get influencers, but also the brides, the bridesmaids and everyone who could keep their timidity at bay, grooving to the song with their waist out hands up. The popularity of the song made the singer, Palak Muchhal, an overnight star, and Sonam, who was not known for her dance until then, a quintessential demure Bollywood heroine.

Need for a balanced approach in higher education

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Students should get equal opportunity to focus on academics and develop skills relevant to the discipline through training programmes and industry exposure. | Photo Credit: Pixabay In the recent past, higher education in India has implemented numerous policies of reforms advocated by the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Notable among these are the National Credit Framework (NCrF), online education, dual degrees, internationalisation of higher education, biannual admissions, off-campus centres, research enhancement, Professor of Practice, National Higher Education Qualifications Framework (NHEQF) and National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF). These aim to take



education to the masses without compromising on quality. Many universities and colleges have revised their undergraduate and postgraduate programmes by introducing Honours and Minors courses and additional electives and specialisations, internships or industrial training, exposure to creative and performing arts, outcome-based education and more. Further, to facilitate mobility of students across institutions and to retrieve their academic credentials whenever needed, an Academic Bank of Credit has also come into being. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has also released draft guidelines for introduction of Apprentice-Embedded Degrees. Many institutions have

embarked on systematic training sessions with special focus on interview etiquette that will make students employment ready or pursue research. Skill development Yet, we find that many students are either unemployed, underemployed or working in areas that are not connected to what they have studied. What is required is a balanced approach that focuses not just on academics but also on inculcating moral values and ethics and developing skills such as team work, planning, time management, public speaking, negotiation

tactics, conflict solving, empathy, friendliness, decision making, and so on. All this can be incorporated into the curriculum with credits for the benefit of students. With the advent of AI-mediated learning, appropriate usage of AI, Machine Learning and Data Science should be encouraged so that the time spent on acquisition of basic information can be avoided and students can focus spent on prognosis, analysis, interpretation, and recommendations. Earlier, the Information Resource Centre or the library was considered an institution's brain.

Today, with the advent of the digital library and global lending of books and journals, this facility is often under-utilised. Gone are the days when a large proportion of a student's time was spent in the library. Scholars, and young faculty in particular, need to cultivate this habit of spending quality time in the resource centre. In earlier times, higher education institutions used to provide skill-based training during periods of vacation. Today, we have polytechnic institutions that offer diploma and certificate programmes that enable students to find a suitable job upon completion. However, there needs to be longer exposure to skill-based training for all disciplines at both UG and PG levels. This approach needs to be tailored so that it does not take the student away from academic exploration. The structure needs to be such that the student gets equal opportunity to focus on academics and develop skills relevant to the discipline through training programmes and industry exposure. What is required is a recalibration of learning ecosystems and a reimagining of learning environs that is in keeping with the changing sociological and technological trends. This will entail exploration of new terrains and provide students with a transformational experience and shape their futures into just and sustainable ones.

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(Against the principle of natural justice, violation of constitutional rights) Bulldozer Justice: The Conflict Between Administrative Efficiency and Constitutional Rights

Recently, the Supreme Court established guidelines for property demolition under Article 142 of the Constitution, mandating the issuance of individual notices and providing adequate time for appeal. The Court highlighted the issue of bulldozer justice and in its recent judgment deemed it unacceptable under the rule of law. Educating citizens on property and demolition rights helps communities resist illegal actions and demand due process. An initiative by local NGOs in Maharashtra provides legal counseling, allowing families to oppose improper demolitions. Putting in place accountability frameworks ensures that officials who circumvent due process are held accountable, thereby increasing trust in governance. Establishing an ombudsman to monitor demolitions can prevent abuses and promote fairness.

Dr. Satyawati Saurabh

which violates the role of the judiciary.

Bulldozer justice often bypasses legal processes such as reasonable notice or a chance to defend, which challenges the right to a fair trial enshrined in the Constitution. In recent demolitions, families were given minimal notice, which is a violation of Article 21 that protects the right to life and personal liberty. This practice contradicts the presumption of innocence, where individuals are presumed guilty without trial or conviction, which is a violation of the rule of law. In Uttar Pradesh, properties were demolished based on mere allegations without any concrete evidence, disregarding legal standards of proof. Demolitions impact not only the accused but also families and communities, which violates the principle against collective punishment. In Madhya Pradesh, demolitions due to the alleged involvement of one member rendered families homeless, affecting innocent dependents. Bulldozer justice blurs executive and judicial roles as administrative bodies execute punishments for courts violating Article 50. Demolishing properties without court directions shows authorities acting beyond their jurisdiction,

demonstrating effective resource management for international events.

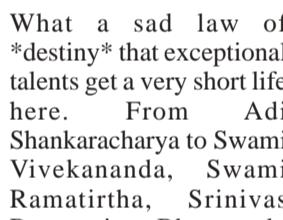
Violation of the right to life and personal liberty: Demolitions without due process violate Article 21, which guarantees life and personal liberty, including the right to shelter. In *Olga Tellis v. Bombay Municipal Corporation*, the Supreme Court ruled that housing rights are an integral part of the right to life, a principle violated in the recent demolitions. Quick demolition of unauthorized structures eliminates delays in urban development and streamlines land management processes. In Delhi (2023), demolition drives in areas such as Jahangirpuri were aimed at quickly reclaiming public spaces after reports of illegal construction surfaced, thereby ensuring smooth implementation of urban development projects. The immediate consequences of illegal construction serve as a powerful warning, discouraging future violations. Rapid reclamation of encroached areas ensures their proper use, thereby contributing to better urban governance and public utility. Decisive action strengthens the state's ability to uphold laws, thereby increasing public confidence in governance. By bypassing long-drawn-out legal and bureaucratic delays, it reduces costs and expedites the resolution of land disputes. During preparations for the G20 Summit (2023) in Delhi, encroachments were swiftly removed near key sites to beautify the area and enhance security.

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Suspicious death in police academy; no one punished; when will IPS Manumukt 'Manav' get justice?

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Manumukt's father, senior litterateur and educationist Dr. Ramniwas 'Manav' tells with a heavy heart that despite documentary evidence of criminal negligence of the officers and involvement of his batchmate officers in the conspiracy of Manumukt's death, no action was taken against them; rather, Telangana Police and CBI hushed up the matter by calling it a normal incident. The entire effort of Telangana Police and CBI was to save the culprits, not to punish the culprits. Not only this, all the governments washed their hands off the matter by calling Manumukt a trainee; no one provided even a rupee of financial assistance to the family.



What a sad law of *destiny* that exceptional talents get a very short life here. From Adi Shankaracharya to Swami Vivekananda, Swami Ramatirtha, Srinivasa Ramanujan, Bharatendu Harishchandra, and Rangeya Raghav, there is a long list of such great men who left this world at a young age after spreading their brilliance. Young Indian Police Service officer Manumukt 'Manav' was also one such sparkling talent who was taken by time prematurely. On August 28, 2014, a multi-talented, extremely promising, and influential police officer, Manumukt, died at the young age of 30 years and 9 months, under suspicious circumstances, by drowning in the swimming pool of the National Police Academy, Hyderabad (Telangana).

After the farewell party going on in the Officers Club located near the swimming pool, when Manumukt's body was found in the swimming pool at midnight, there was a stir not only in the academy but in the whole country, because this was the first such big accident in the 66-year history of the academy. It is also necessary to mention here that even after such a heartbreaking and unfortunate tragedy, neither was the matter investigated properly nor was any officer or employee held responsible and punitive action taken against him. Manumukt's father, senior litterateur and educationist Dr. Ramniwas 'Manav', and mother, former professor of economics Dr. Kanta Bharti. If it had been any other couple, they would have been shattered, but the 'Manav' couple, showing amazing patience and courage, not only endured this unimaginable, unbearable pain but also started making every effort to preserve and keep alive the memories of their son.

They invested their entire savings and formed the Manumukt 'Manav' Memorial Trust on October 10, 2014, and built 'Manumukt Bhawan' in Narnaul and established an air-conditioned small auditorium, museum, and library in it. The trust started

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the governments washed their hands off the matter by saying that Manumukt was a trainee; no one provided even a rupee of financial help to the family. 70-year-old Dr. 'Manav', who has been continuously fighting for the last decade to get his son's murderers punished, says in despair that now he has neither faith in the natural justice system nor in the Indian justice system. It is noteworthy that Manumukt was a very intelligent and energetic police officer of the 2012 batch and Himachal Pradesh cadre. Born on 23 November 1983 in Hisar (Haryana) and having received higher education from Punjab University, Chandigarh, Manumukt had achieved all the highest achievements of NCC, including the 'C' certificate. Apart from being a very good thinker, he was

also a versatile artist and successful photographer; he was a master of selfies. He also had a great interest in social service. He wanted to establish a health center in his native village and a civil service academy in Narnaul in the memory of his grandparents. He had many more dreams for the country and society, which were shattered with his untimely death. The death of the only young IPS son was no less than a terrible thunderbolt for Manumukt's father, senior litterateur and educationist Dr. Ramniwas 'Manav', and mother, former professor of economics Dr. Kanta Bharti. If it had been any other couple, they would have been shattered, but the 'Manav' couple, showing amazing patience and courage, not only endured this unimaginable, unbearable pain but also started making every effort to preserve and keep alive the memories of their son. They invested their entire savings and formed the Manumukt 'Manav' Memorial Trust on October 10, 2014, and built 'Manumukt Bhawan' in Narnaul and established an air-conditioned small auditorium, museum, and library in it. The trust started

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BOBBY CHAKRABORTY EMPOWERS SOLDIERS FROM SOUTH POINT HIGH SCHOOL, TO FIGHT AGAINST DARKNESS, THROUGH HIS ANTIADDICTION CAMPAIGN NO.437



Kolkata,(KCN): Addiction towards smoking, alcoholism, vaping, smart phones, online gambling through games along with rampant use of abusive language, ragging, bullying, losing self respect to garner 'views' and 'followers' online have become the globally universal menace, that's destroying the young minds and bodies, with their families too. Renowned actor/activist/teacher of method acting from Kolkata, Bobby Chakraborty has been

fighting against these evils in our society, for more than a decade through his globally acclaimed, free of cost awareness program titled 'I am the king of my mind and changing millions of lives. He is stationed now in South Point High School, one of the leading educational institutions in India for a series of 16 sessions of his awareness program throughout November-December. On November 22nd he conducted his 437th

The official photographer

of the session was a very obedient and well mannered soldier, Ilhaan Shaikh(XII), assisted by soldier Rajdeep Roy(XII), who took away both the coveted titles of 'The 1st Soldier' and 'The Trendsetter' too. The concluding surprise contest had soldiers Anweshan, Ahana and Suryadeep, as the winners, who, along with Ilhaan, were given special prizes. HCF (Health-career-family) t-shirts and community service certificates by their 'Bobby Dada'. This powerful session, perfectly coordinated by Brita Sarkar, garnered a very strong and positive feedback from the students and their parents alike, who thanked the Management of the school and the socially responsible Principal Rupa Sanyal Bhattacharjee, for collaborating with Bobby for this much needed awareness for their students.

FULL ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEMS INTRODUCED IN EMU TRAIN JOURNEY IN HOWRAH DIVISION

Kolkata, (KCN): In a remarkable initiative aimed at revolutionising passenger journeys, Eastern Railway (ER)'s Howrah Division has installed advanced infotainment systems in six three-phase EMU (Electric Multiple Unit) rakes. This transformative project enhances not only the visual appeal of train interiors but also the travel experience of thousands of daily commuters by combining entertainment with vital information.

Each coach of these EMU rakes is now equipped with four state-of-the-art LED/LCD

TVs. These displays serve a dual purpose: they feature engaging commercial advertisements and broadcast essential railway messages and government campaigns such as "Vigilance Week," "Swachhata Hi Seva," "Amrit Bharat," and "Dekho Apna Desh." The time-sharing arrangement ensures 70% of the screen space is dedicated to commercial content, while the remaining 30% showcases railway updates and public awareness initiatives. This initiative aligns with the larger vision of modernising railway services and improving commuter satisfaction. Passengers have welcomed the move enthusiastically, lauding it as a thoughtful step towards making train journeys more interactive and engaging. The

infotainment systems also open new avenues for non-fare revenue generation through advertisements, enabling a sustainable model for future upgrades. The introduction of these systems underlines the commitment of the Railway authorities to blend technology with passenger-centric services. By combining innovation with functionality, this project demonstrates a robust effort to bridge communication gaps and create a smarter, more connected travel experience.

Kolkata,(KCN): World Antimicrobial Awareness Week was effectively observed at ICAR-CIFRI, Barrackpore from 18-24th November 2024, centred around the global theme, Educate. Advocate. Act now. The inauguration of "World Antimicrobial Awareness Week 2024" took place successfully at ICAR-CIFRI on 18.11.2024, in Barrackpore. The event was attended by Dr. Gopal Krishna, Former Director of ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai, and Dr. B. K. Das, Director of ICAR-CIFRI, along with trainees and fishermen from Madhepura district, Bihar, with the objective of enhancing awareness among farmers and fishermen. In engaging sessions, ICAR-CIFRI experts Dr. B. K. Das, Director, and Dr. A. K. Bera, Principal Scientist and Co-PI of the AINP-AMR project, explained Antimicrobial Resistance (AINP-AMR) in



and its harmful effects on the ecosystem. Participants learned about judicious antibiotic usage, aquaculture antibiotic alternatives, and the long-term economic and ecological benefits of limiting antimicrobial resistance. Under the "All India Network Project on Antimicrobial Resistance (AINP-AMR) in

fisheries and livestock", ICAR-CIFRI educated the public, farmers, professionals, scholars, and students. All events were managed by Dr. A. K. Sahoo, Senior Scientist, Dr. A. K. Das, Principal Scientist, and Dr. A. K. Bera, Principal Scientist, with the support of Dr. Palash Ghorai, and Miss Anushka Das, under the direction of Dr. B. K. Das, Director, ICAR-CIFRI. On 20.11.2024, in Kendriya Vidyalaya, Cossipore, Kolkata, students and faculty from various departments were educated about worldwide antimicrobial resistance and how to stop it. Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness banners and pamphlets were distributed to

educate the public about this worldwide concern.

On November 21, 2024, a mega event was conducted in Basanti block, Sundarbans, in partnership with Joygopalpur Gram Vikash Kendra (JGVK). JGVK, a distinguished non-governmental

PRESIDENT OF INDIA graces Sahitya Aaj Tak and presents Aaj Tak Sahitya Jagriti Samman



New Delhi,(KCN): The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu graced Sahitya Aaj Tak and presented Aaj Tak Sahitya Jagriti Samman in New Delhi today (November 23, 2024).

Speaking on the occasion, the President congratulated the winners of 'Aaj Tak Sahitya Jagriti Samman'. She specially congratulated Gulzar Saheb on getting the 'Aaj Tak Sahitya Jagriti Life Time Achievement Award'. She appreciated him for his dedication to the world of literature and art. The President was happy to note that the award-winning works of today's awardees reflect the diversity of India from the past to the present and introduce several

generations of writers together. She said that the pan-India consciousness was always present in our country's regional works of literature. This consciousness has been visible throughout our journey, from the times of the Ramayana and Mahabharata, to our freedom struggle, and can be seen in today's literature as well.

The President appreciated India Today Group for organising the event. She appealed to the Group to work to enhance regional literature's reach to the masses. She also requested them to encourage the literature of other underprivileged classes - called subaltern literature. She said that

this Group should bring the hidden gems of literature to the fore. The literary magazines can do the work of literary service with great difficulty. But this Group can do this work on a very large scale through technology. She also urged all to encourage children's literature. She said that enriching children's literature through original writing and translation will help

enrich the country and society. The President said that it has been observed that the work of those writers who remain connected with the joys and sorrows of the people, is liked by the readers. The society rejects those writers who consider the experiences of the society as raw material.

The work of such writers remains confined to a small literary establishment. Where there is intellectual pomposity and prejudice, there is no literature. Sharing the sorrows and pains of the people is the first condition of literature. In other words, literature must connect with the flow of humanity.

The President said that literature empowers humanity and makes society better. Literature moulds the eternal values of humanity according to the changing circumstances. Literature gives new life to society. Many saints and poets influenced the thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi. Such influence of literature must be respected.

Shop burglary and police inaction

Subarnapur,(KCN): On 19th November night in Lachhipur village of Sonepur block, Subarnapur district, a burglar cut the window grill of Kamala medical store and stolen three thousand rupees. Basing upon the CCTV footage, with the help of dog squad and scientific team, investigation started but no culprits have been nabbed yet. Being frightened by such rising crimes in the area, the local traders, Sarpanch and P.S. member of Lachhipur panchayat, members of Gopabandhu Yubak Sangha with more than hundred local people demonstrated before the Lachhipur police station for quick investigation of crimes and adequate patrolling. Though the outpost has been upgraded to a police station, adequate personals and infrastructure is required as informed by the IIC of Lachhipur police station. How ever the general public have committed to extend every possible help to the police in crime control.

Awareness on AMR conducted by ICAR-CIFRI

organization that is committed to the promotion of sustainable development and the preservation of subsistence in the Sundarbans. Esteemed dignitaries, including Dr. Purnendu Biswas, former Vice Chancellor of WBUFAS, Mr. Ganesh Sengupta, chairman of IGF, Denmark, Mr. Niels Bo Karlsson from Denmark, and Dr. B. K. Das, Director of ICAR-CIFRI, Barrackpore, attended the occasion. Banners, placards, and leaflets were distributed to a large number of women of the village household, who were informed about the global issues arising from antimicrobial resistance. The initiative aims to encourage the adoption of responsible practices in agriculture, aquaculture, and animal husbandry to mitigate its spread. The activities will effectively raise awareness among everyone regarding the critical issue of AMR.

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Mining on forest land: CAG report raps OMC

Jajpur(KCN): The state-owned Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC) has been allegedly caught on the wrong foot due to mining on forest land without permission. As a result, OMC has to pay a fine of Rs 47.12 crore. The state government has even directed the OMC authorities to identify the officials involved in the wrongdoing and take necessary action against them. Reports, however, said that no step has yet been taken after the state government's directive. This has also been mentioned in the 2024 report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG).

According to the CAG report, the OMC had

received the record of rights (RoR) on 345.189 hectare of forest land for the Khandabandh iron ore mines in Keonjahr district for a period of 30 years from November, 1963 to November, 1993 from the state government. Later, the RoR of the mines was extended till November, 2033 on the application of OMC in June 2018. However, OMC is alleged to have violated Section 2(2) of Forest Rights Act, 1980. The OMC had applied for the conversion of the forest land for Khandabandha mines before the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Keonjhar in October 1995.

The matter was taken up

for a decision when OMC violated the Forest Rights Act and took up 15.349 hectare of forest land for mineral extraction. On being informed, the Forest department sought

clarification from OMC in 1997. Moreover, the Forest department asked OMC not to use any new jungle area for mining. However, violating this order, OMC further took

up mining on an additional 113.746 hectare of forest land. Later, the Keonjhar DFO issued a notice for closure of all mines on used and non-used forest land without the

prior permission of the Union government on the basis of Forest Conservation Act in December, 2009. As a result, all mining work had come to a halt since January 2010. Later, the Union government, while giving in-principle sanction for conversion of 345.189 hectare of forest land, also directed the state government to collect penalty from OMC for the violation in January 2019.

Accordingly, the state government demanded Rs 47.12 crore from OMC on charge of illegal mining on 129.095 hectare of forest land in between 1994 to 2009. Subsequently, OMC deposited the penalty in September, 2019. Although the OMC authorities were fully aware of the illegal mining, they never realised that the penalty will be so

taxing. As per the CAG report, the illegal mining by OMC was deliberate and it never complied with the Union government's order. Moreover, no official has been held accountable for the violation in norms. The CAG has warned the OMC authorities to ensure that illegal mining will not take place in future. The state government has informed that all the mines managers and the regional managers working during the period have retired from their services and has asked the OMC to conduct a detailed probe.



Sundargarh police crack nomads' murder, arrest six



Rourkela (KCN): Twenty-two days after the gruesome killing of five persons – three women and two men – of a nomad family on the night of October 29, police have cracked the case and arrested six persons. The incident occurred at a nomadic camp near Geeta Pada in Karamdihi under the jurisdiction of Sadar police station.

Addressing the press, DIG (Western Range), Rourkela Brijesh Rai confirmed the arrest of six individuals in connection with the crime. "One suspect was arrested in Karnataka, and the others were apprehended from different locations," Rai said, adding that more arrests are expected as the investigation

continues. He did not disclose the other locations of the arrests. The arrested suspects have been identified as Santosiya (aka Santosh Bhusle), 45; Jaggesh Bhusle, 25; Lalle Bhusle, 20; Sunil Pawar, 32; Sitara (aka Akbar Pawar), and Sujuguda (aka Intesh Pawar), 35. Apart from Sunil, who is from Karnataka, the others are from Maharashtra.

Rai said that the police tracked the suspects through their phones and eventually located them in different places. "One of the suspects was arrested in Karnataka," he said, offering few other details about the investigation.

Regarding the motive, the DIG stated that the

murders were driven by a combination of money and a complicated marriage. Several years ago, Abinash Pawar killed Manjen Guda, the brother of his wife, Manjika. Manjika had vowed to avenge her brother's death, and, over time, she became romantically involved with Abinash to exact revenge. In another twist, Abinash had killed the uncle of Santosh Bhusle in 2019, an act that ultimately linked the two families. Additionally, Abinash had an illicit relationship with the wife of Sakaya Pawar, which led to another plan for his elimination.

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Authorities later traced the suspects using the phone numbers of those who survived the attack. "We formed several teams to track down the suspects and were able to arrest Sunil in Karnataka, followed by three others. Two more suspects were arrested from different areas," Rai said. "We will apprehend the remaining suspects soon."

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Man killed in jumbo attack in Sambalpur district



Sambalpur (KCN): A man was trampled to death by an elephant in the Padiabahal forest area of Sambalpur district late Thursday night, in yet another case of human-elephant conflict.

The mutilated body of 38-year-old Purnachandra Dehury, a resident of Jamloj village, was found near Nuabandha in the early hours of Friday. Sources say the incident occurred after villagers

were alerted that a herd of wild elephants had strayed into the area and was damaging paddy fields. Dehury, along with other villagers, went to drive the elephants away but failed to return home

that night. His family launched a frantic search, but he was not found. It was only the next morning that locals discovered his body and informed the Forest department.

A team from the Padiabahal Forest office arrived to investigate but was met with anger from the villagers.

In a similar incident earlier this year, another man was killed by an elephant in Hatibari area. Tension is on the rise in the area due to the increasing number of elephant-related fatalities in recent years. Villagers, particularly from Jujumura block, have expressed frustration over the recurring loss of lives in elephant attacks.



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Asiatic Society presented Folk Music & Chau Dance of Jungle Mahal during World Heritage Week



Kolkata(PARTHA ROY): The Asiatic Society presented Folk Music of Jungle

Mahal and Chau Dance at its heritage premise Vidyasagar Hall in Kolkata on 22nd November 2024 during World Heritage Week celebration around

Experience the best-in-class customer services at 11 new Alpha Service Centers across India

Bhubaneswar : Sony India is expanding its Alpha Service Network across 11 cities in India including Mumbai, Coimbatore, Jaipur, Pune, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Trivandrum, Chennai, Indore, Bhubaneswar and Guwahati. This is expansion for Alpha Camera body and lens repairs facilities is a testament to the brand's continued dedication to customer satisfaction. Sony now has the widest service network of after sales support for Digital Imaging products with 8 service centers for lens repairs, 18 service centers for Alpha Camera Body repair, 40+ service centers which can offer basic

services like CCD Imager cleaning and firmware updates and 220+ collection centers pan India. The service centers are equipped with necessary jigs and tools to deliver best quality repair of Alpha camera body, Camera Lens, Professional Cameras and other digital imaging products like Digital Still Cameras and Camcorders. Customers can also avail instant services for basic supports like CCD Imager cleaning and getting the latest firmware update to enjoy best performance from their products. The friendly customer care staff at these service centers will help

ATLAS OF AFFLUENCE - INDIA'S FIRST EVER WHITE PAPER ON LUXURY LAUNCHED AS A YEARLY FEATURE

Mumbai: Amidst leading luminaries of industries spanning across the business of luxury, the Atlas of Affluence (AOA) 2022 has been launched in Mumbai. Created by The Voice of Fashion (TVOF), a division of Reliance Brands Limited, the daily digital magazine that tracks and leads conversations on Indian fashion, design, crafts and retail, AOA 2022, is the

first such wide and deep white paper from India that dissects consumer behaviour studied through the prism of luxury. A collective reflection on what affluence means in India spiked during the two years of the pandemic. Charting the post-pandemic market and the clearly altered consumer mindset through a specially commissioned study

across six cities and markets of India, AOA 2022 has been published as a book with exclusively commissioned artworks. This study uses the time graph of "pre-pandemic" and "post-pandemic" months to specify a comparative matrix. It also helps debunk long-held ideas about what affluence and luxury have meant to Indians.

Earlier this month, Market ka Eklavya (5-hours program) was launched by the hon'ble Finance Minister of India, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman at the silver jubilee event of NSDL. On the launch of the initiative Ms. Padmaja Chunduru, MD & CEO, NSDL said, "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is a special initiative launched by our Prime Minister to

the world. Lieutenant Colonel Anant Sinha, Administrator of The Asiatic Society welcomed the august gathering. In 2010, the Chhau dance was inscribed in the UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Keynote address was delivered by Dr. Sk Makbul Islam, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Bengali, St. Paul's College, Kolkata in the form of Lecture cum Demonstration on Folk Music of Jungal Mahal. Lecture demonstration on

"Folk music of Jungal Mahal of West Bengal" directed & conducted by Dr. Swapan Mukhopadhyay, former Professor, Department of Folklore, Kalyani University. Dr. Mukhopadhyay explained folk traditions of Jungal Mahal area, an area spread with rich indigenous cultural traditions and heritage which are over thousand years old. He spoke on essence of several folk traditions, including Radha-Ashtami: Celebrating the worship of Radha

Blenders Pride Fashion Nights arrives in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar : Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, a unique travelling experiential property, arrived in the City of Temples – Bhubaneswar – celebrating the authentic spirit of the city through fashion and style. A spirit that echoes with Pride and inspires the creators of today to become icons of tomorrow. Bhubaneswar's 'Made of Artistic Flair' edition for Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, brought together an eclectic evening that blended fashion, culture and dance, celebrating a symbolic amalgamation of homegrown artistry and the unwavering spirit of local talent.

Exemplifying the region's signature weave through a curated evening at the majestic Vivanta, Bhubaneswar, DC Square was Odisha designer Sabyasachi Satpathy, whose intricately crafted ensembles drew inspiration from the multicultural city and its colourful history. In a true celebration of Odisha's distinct and masterful craftsmanship, the show was elevated with a captivating performance by the Prince Dance Group – from the small Odisha town of Berhampur – widely lauded for their artistry. The show drew to a finale with none other than actor Diana Penty, who captivated the audience in a beautiful ensemble by the designer. The "Made of Artistic Flair" edition of Blenders Pride Fashion Nights was a beautiful embodiment of the rich craft and cultural heritage of the city in a modern and contemporary setting.

Taking us on a 'Jatra' – The Journey of a Young Woman – the show encapsulated the journey of a woman from post adolescence to her nuptials, navigating the various challenges, trials and significant moments that come her way. The enigmatic journey was captured through the array of colours and textiles that Odisha Bandha/Ikkat offers. Truly encapsulating the spirit of 'Made of Pride', the designer made use of Odisha weave, which is sustainable, hand-woven, organic and a homegrown initiative of design, painstakingly woven by the weavers of Odisha. The upbeat set was a composition designed to narrate the spirit of Bhubaneswar along with the flair of the designer. The evening was attended by the city's A-listers & influencers. The fashion walk truly left the guests mesmerized and engaged.

Through this unique showcase of Pride encompassing diverse talent across creative fields, Blenders Pride Fashion Nights 2022, encourages everyone, especially youth at large to celebrate & take pride in their authentic and individual journeys. The evening spotlighted individuals who take pride in their choices, are comfortable in their skin and, most importantly, embrace their authentic selves – truly living a life that is 'Made of Pride'.

celebrate and commemorate 75 years of India's Independence. Our program has been particularly aimed to create awareness about the financial markets to the young minds who will be the future of our country. In this Amrit Kaal, our digital education initiative focuses on building a path towards Financial Freedom for our youth, symbolizing the spirit of Atmanirbhar Bharat." Students across India will benefit from this program as it does not restrict to just an area of the population. The program will be conducted for 1 hour and mainly educate the students on demystifying the jargons, 31's – types of Income; Inflation and its impact, types of Investment; 3S – Start early; Power of Compounding, Spread wide, Stay long etc.

and holy COW, Tusu Gaan: Vibrant songs associated with harvest festival, Bhakta/Gajone Gaan: Spiritual melodies devoted to Lord Shiva', performed through rural rites and rituals, Bihar/Biyer Gaan: 'Traditional marriage songs cherished by tribal communities throughout the year and Jawa Karamer Gaan, which celebrates harvest festivals. Light was also shaded on the Manasa Mangal narratives, which honour the snake goddess on the last day (Sankranti) of Shravan, and the enchanting Ahira Geet, sung by cowherds to invoke

Hindalco organized Human Rights Conference in Sambalpur



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Hindalco Industries Ltd, in collaboration with the Odisha Human Rights Commission (OHRC), successfully organized the State Level Conference on Human Rights on September 21, 2024 at Club House, Aditya Aluminum, Lapanga, Sambalpur. This significant event brought together prominent dignitaries, human rights experts, government officials, academic experts, members of corporate and civil society organization to engage in meaningful discussions on key human rights issues and explore collaborative approaches to enhance the protection of human rights in Odisha.

The conference featured an esteemed panel of dignitaries, including hon'ble Shri Justice Satrughna Pujahari, Chairperson of OHRC; hon'ble Shri Justice Bimal Prasad Das, Former Chairperson of OHRC; hon'ble Shri Asim Amitabh Dash, Member of OHRC; and hon'ble Shri Chitta Ranjan Mohapatra, Member of OHRC. They were joined by senior administrative and police officials including Shri Sachin Ramachandra Jadav, IAS, RDC-Sambalpur; Shri Siddeshwar Baliram Bondar, IAS, District Magistrate and Collector-Sambalpur; Smt Aboli Sunil Narvane, IAS, District Magistrate and Collector-Jharsuguda; Mukesh Kumar Bhamoo, IPS, SP-Sambalpur; Shri Parmar Smiti, Smti Parshottamdas, IPS, SP-Jharsuguda and Prof.

blessings for a agricultural prosperity. He elaborated on Bhadu Gaan, celebrated in the month of Bhadra in honour of Bhadravati, and the popular Jhumur Gaan, a harmonious blend of song, dance, and music that resonates among tribal groups across Bankura, Purulia, Paschim Medinipur, Jhargram, Birbhum, Paschim Burdwan, and even the Sundarbans in South 24 Parganas, tribals inhabited areas of Odisha, Jharkhand. An enthralling "Chhau Dance" performance, on the theme "AsuraBinasini",

Shri Arupratan Bagchi Administrative Officer of The Asiatic Society thanked the artists, scholars, and guest.

denying these due to poverty is a violation. Just as oxygen is essential for life, human rights are paramount."

Shri Samik Basu, during his address speech said, "Overall human rights is the core of what ABG stands for and propagates. In Odisha, with such a large force, we must facilitate our efforts by building awareness and improving compliance, identifying issues and vulnerable groups, prioritizing our actions and investing seriously in them, and, after addressing these issues, expanding our reach, collaborating, and partnering to further advance human rights."

The conference served as a platform to discuss critical topics such as indigenous rights, labour rights, gender equality, social justice and the responsibilities of governance in upholding human rights standards. The event fostered dialogue and raised awareness among participants, encouraging collective efforts to address human rights challenges. It reflected Hindalco's commitment to Human Rights and its ongoing efforts to contribute positively to the community. Hindalco remains dedicated to promoting awareness and inspiring action through initiatives like this, demonstrating its commitment to the community and the cause of human rights. The company looks forward to continue its collaborative efforts with stakeholders to ensure the protection and promotion of human rights in the country.

NSDL launches "Market ka Eklavya- Express" in 75 cities to mark 75 years of Independence

Mumbai: India's largest depository, National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) launched 'Market ka Eklavya- Express', an online investment awareness program for students that will be conducted in 8 different languages including Hindi. The program would serve as a beginner's guide for investing for the youth.

To mark the significance of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, an

initiative of Government of India to celebrate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of our people, culture and achievements, NSDL has launched a new initiative towards investor awareness 'Market Ka Eklavya - Express' across 75 cities, especially aimed at the college students who would very soon be entering the phase where they would start earning and naturally,

look for avenues of investment.

Earlier this month, Market ka Eklavya (5-hours program) was launched by the hon'ble Finance Minister of India, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman at the silver jubilee event of NSDL.

On the launch of the initiative Ms. Padmaja Chunduru, MD & CEO, NSDL said, "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is a special initiative launched by our Prime Minister to



Rahul, Jaiswal put India on top in Perth

New Delhi: After a 17-wicket Day 1, Australia's bowlers were made to do the hard yards without anything to show for it on Day 2 as KL Rahul and Yashasvi Jaiswal hit fifties to put India on top in the Perth Test. The openers took the first-innings lead of 46 - earned through a Jasprit Bumrah fifer - and stretched it past 200 by the end of day's play. The day began with Jasprit Bumrah quickly ending Australia's hopes of a big comeback by dismissing the in-form Alex Carey off the first ball he bowled. Carey came in with runs under his belt in first class cricket, but nicked one to Rishabh Pant in the second over of the day. India bowled with a spring in their step as Harshit Rana operated from the other end, bantering Mitchell Starc

and making Nathan Lyon smell leather with short deliveries. Lyon gloved one such bouncer to KL Rahul at third slip to leave Australia nine down for 79. Then began a stubborn final-wicket stand worth 25 runs across 18 overs - the best of the Aussie innings - between Starc and Josh Hazlewood that allowed the hosts to go past 100. Rana returned to end the innings on 104 with the wicket of Starc, giving India a vital 46-run lead.

The Australian quicks got the ball to seam a lot lesser in the second innings, paving the way for an excellent opening stand between Rahul and Jaiswal that saw them score patient fifties and gain control of the proceedings. The duo started out watchfully - Rahul continued to play



inside the line of the ball and with soft hands, and Jaiswal curbed his urge to look for quick runs, before making hay in bright sunshine and on a

flattened out surface. They took their chances against Cummins, cutting and pulling him for fours. Jaiswal even comfortably pulled off an

uppercut off a short ball from the Australian captain. Short burst of a spell from Nathan Lyon was also dealt with ease, as they took India to the

next break without any damage.

They kept that up in the final session too, even as the ball began to take uneven bounce. Rahul

became just the second batter after Virender Sehwag to be involved in three 100-plus opening stands in SENA countries since 2000. There were a couple of instances Australia came close to breaking through - Starc got Jaiswal to nick one towards Usman Khawaja at first slip. The ball got low on him and he failed to get his palms underneath as the red cherry dropped just in front of him. He suggested it fell short but Starc was peeved nonetheless.

On the very next ball, Rahul survived a run out chance as he dashed off for a quick single after Jaiswal pushed a Lyon delivery towards point. The left-hander however sent Rahul back after he'd covered two-thirds the distance, and had to bale back. Fortunately for him, Steve Smith couldn't throw the stumps down

directly. Jaiswal got to his fifty first - ninth in the format - off 120 deliveries - and Rahul reached his milestone in 124. Jaiswal also hit Starc for a flicked six, and then indulged in some exchange of words with the fast bowler. He hit another six - off Lyon over the long-on fence to break the record for most sixes in Tests in a calendar year (34).

That India went past their first innings total without losing a wicket and that Australia ended both their bowling sessions with the medium-pace of Marnus Labuschagne summed up the sea change in the conditions and the upper hand that the visitors gained.

Brief Scores: India 150 & 172/0 (Yashasvi Jaiswal 90*, KL Rahul 62* lead Australia 104 (Mitchell Starc 26; Jasprit Bumrah 5-30, Harshit Rana 3-48) by 218 runs

Tilak Varma becomes first batter to score three successive T20 centuries

New Delhi: Tilak Varma smashed an unbeaten 151 off just 67 balls, comprising 14 fours and 10 sixes as Hyderabad scored a massive 248 for 4 in their first game of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2024. Tilak became the first player to score three consecutive centuries in T20s, his first two coming against South Africa in the recently-concluded T20I series. He also becomes the second Indian cricket player to score 150 or more in a T20 match after Kiran Navgire who achieved the feat in 2022 with an unbeaten 162. Tilak registered a couple of big partnerships - first, a 122-run stand with Tanmay Agarwal (55) and then an 84-run alliance with Rahul Bhatia (30). In response, Meghalaya folded for 69 as Aniketh Reddy and Tanay Thyagaran picked up four and three wickets respectively.

Saurashtra vs Sikkim

Saurashtra got off to a

winning start with a 54-run victory in Indore. Through a 37-ball 60, Vishwaraj Jadeja took Saurashtra to a decent total of 157 for 9 despite losing regular wickets at the other end. Although Nilesh Lamichaney scored 55, it came off 61 deliveries and with no other significant batting contributions, they tamely batted out 20 overs with only 103 on the board.

Goa vs Mumbai

Just a day before the IPL mega auction, Shreyas Iyer showcased his prowess with the bat to star in Mumbai's 26-run victory over Goa in a high-scoring game. Iyer struck an unbeaten 130 off 57 balls, which included 11 fours and 10 sixes while Shams Mulani scored a 24-ball 41 as Mumbai posted an imposing total of 250. Goa came up with a fighting reply as they ended their innings at 224/8. Suyash



Prabhulessai top-scored for them with 52 while Ishaan Gadekar (40 off 16) and Vikash Kanwar Singh (47* off 21) also impressed with the bat.

Madhya Pradesh vs Mizoram

Arpit Gaud and Harpreet Singh struck half-centuries before Tripurashree Singh picked up a three-wicket haul to help Madhya Pradesh off to a winning start. Madhya Pradesh posted 216/6, with Venkatesh Iyer (36 off 15) and Arshad Khan (22* off 7) coming up with quick-fire cameos towards the end. Mohit Jangra scored a

50 in the chase but Mizoram could only manage 114/9.

Maharashtra vs Nagaland

Arshin Kulkarni came up with an impressive performance with the bat, as did Ankit Bawne, as they led Maharashtra to a 6-wicket win against Nagaland. Shampur Terang's 59 not out off 56 helped Nagaland finish with 150/4. But the total was chased down by Maharashtra in 15.1 overs thanks to Kulkarni's 39-ball 62 and Bawne's 73 not out off 42.

Chandigarh vs Puducherry

Ajay Rohera's 56-ball 105 went in vain as Chandigarh secured a 5-wicket victory against Puducherry. Rohera hit 13 fours and 4 sixes in his knock while Krishna Pandey hit a blitz 30 not out off 13 in the end as Puducherry finished with 183/5. Chandigarh reached the target in 19.1 overs thanks to half-

centuries from Raj Bawa (61 off 36) and Shivam Bhamari (69 off 48) and an important 27* off 12 by Gaurav Puri.

Haryana vs Manipur

Yuvendra Chahal sizzled with the ball in Haryana's match against Manipur, leading his side to an 8-wicket victory. Chahal's 4 for 9 in four overs helped Haryana bowl Manipur out for only 86. Rahul Tewatia then struck an unbeaten 43 off 16 as Haryana chased down the paltry target in only 6.4 overs.

Tamil Nadu vs Tripura

Tamil Nadu registered a 43-run victory over Tripura. Baba Indrajith (78 off 39) and N Jagadeesan (50 off 30) scored fifties while Shahrkhan Khan (31 off 18) and Vijay Shankar (38 off 17) came up with breezy knocks to power Tamil Nadu to 234/5. Tripura finished with 191/9 in reply, although Varun Chakaravarthy had a slightly expensive outing (2 for 49).

KL Rahul a serious talent: Hayden praises batter's confident Perth Test knock

New Delhi: Former Australia skipper Matthew Hayden has praised India opener KL Rahul for his resilient 62-run knock against Australia on Day 2 of the Perth Test on November 22. According to Hayden, Rahul's composed and confident innings showcased his immense potential, which he believes the batter needs to unleash more consistently.

Speaking to Star Sports, Hayden remarked that Rahul often overthinks his game, especially on challenging pitches like those in Australia, which can hinder his performance. However, he lauded Rahul's promotion to the opening spot in the absence of regular skipper Rohit Sharma as a crucial opportunity to silence his critics. The knock, Hayden suggested, was a reminder of what Rahul is capable of when he

plays with clarity and confidence. "As a test opener, you fail a lot more than you succeed. It's simple. You're gonna have a ball that's new, conditions that are actually harmful to you as a player, and you're going to get out to it, simple as that. But KL, he's always struck me as a player that's played in his mind a lot as well. Not so much in the positive way I'm talking about now. I think his confidence, which should be off the charts because the boy's got serious talent. But it's almost like the talent has confused this simplicity of the

game and therefore interfered with the art of actually just batting, which is about leaving the ball in Test match cricket. And when you think back to the first innings, the conditions were tough. What did KL do? left the ball better than anyone else in that innings," Hayden said. "I think also in the second innings as well, he would have imposed that wisdom onto his younger counterpart who also then came out with another great skill and that is hitting the ball late something which takes great confidence," he added.

I think the wicket has changed considerably: Andrew McDonald

New Delhi: Andrew McDonald, Australia's head coach, and Harshit Rana, the debutant pacer in the Indian team, both acknowledged that the conditions had improved for batting tremendously on Day 2 of the Perth Test which saw India gain the ascendancy.

As many as 17 wickets fell on Day 1 with India being bowled out for 150 and then reducing Australia to 67/7 at Stumps. But only three wickets fell on the second day's play, all of them being Australian wickets. The hosts managed to get to 104, thanks to Mitchell Starc's vigil, before getting bowled out. India had a handy lead of 46, which they extended to 218 at

Stumps with Yashasvi Jaiswal and KL Rahul putting on an unbroken 172-run opening stand. "I think the wicket has changed considerably. If you look at the seam and swing, it was down compared to yesterday (when) it was difficult work," said McDonald.

"I thought KL and Jaiswal played extremely well also. You needed to ride your luck a little bit also, our guys got the balls in the right areas and there were some plays and misses as well. Anything can happen if you get some edges on that, it could be a totally different day. "The surface looked considerably drier today, and it dried out fairly quickly. We thought



there may have been a little bit more there, so if you want to say it we

were a little bit surprised there wasn't as much seam movement or

swing. And I think the bowlers were presenting the seam in a similar

fashion to what they were yesterday so I think the conditions may have had some say in that," added McDonald.

Going by the numbers, the seam movement decreased drastically in India's second innings. From 48.8% of balls deviating off the seam significantly (0.75 degrees or more) in India's first innings, only 27.3% of balls seamed as much in their second innings.

As the ball became older, even Australia's last-wicket pair kept India waiting, playing close to 20 overs for their 25-run stand. Rana, who picked up the last two wickets to finish with 3 for 48, said: "It was better wicket today for

batting. When they were batting in the morning, we were also having a little problem. But it was the same, as Jassi [Jasprit Bumrah] keeps saying, that you have to stick to those lines. If you want to show patience, then you will get the wicket from there. That was the plan."

With India still having 10 wickets in hand and a big lead, Australia have their work cut out on Day 3. But McDonald remained confident of Australia's chances of coming back in the game. "The morale is always good, it's a pretty level team whether it's a good day or a bad day," McDonald said. "We've got some problems to

solve ahead of us. There's no doubt we're clearly well behind the game at this stage, India have got the driver's seat at the moment. But that's not to say that tomorrow can't change very quickly, Test cricket ebbs and flows. "We've all been part of a game when you've been well ahead of the game and it can twist and turn. We've got to get to work on what it looks like for us tomorrow morning. It's 20-odd overs to the second new ball. We've got to work out a way to navigate a way through a few batters before that second new ball arrives and that could be our entry point back into the game," added McDonald.