

# **PRESIDENT OF INDIA ADDRESSES STUDENT OFFICERS OF THE DEFENCE SERVICES STAFF COLLEGE, WELLINGTON**

**NEWDELHI,(KCN):**The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu addressed the student officers and faculty of the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, Tamil Nadu today (November 28, 2024). Speaking on the occasion, the President said that the Defence Services Staff College has made commendable contribution to training and educating the potential leaders of armed forces of India and friendly foreign countries and selected civilian officers. Over the past seven decades,

it has played a major role in professionally grooming the middle level officers. It has the unique distinction of having a composite multi-service and multinational group of student officers and a professionally enriched faculty. The President said that Indian armed forces are respected by one and all. They are in the forefront of guarding our nation's boundaries and territorial integrity. The nation is proud of our defence forces for constantly securing our national interests. Our defence personnel who



always serve with the spirit of Nation First deserve high praise. The President was happy to note that women officers are now commanding various

units in all the three services. She said that the increasing strength and role of women in all spheres is encouraging and inspiring for all, especially young girls.

She expressed hope for witnessing more and more women joining armed forces, where they can demonstrate exceptional capabilities and break new ground in

uncharted territories. The President said that India is rising and the world is acknowledging our growth in various sectors including defence. India is

moving towards indigenization and self-reliance to keep the Armed Forces ready to meet the future challenges. Our country is being developed as a major defence manufacturing hub, and is moving towards becoming a reliable defence partner and big defence exporter. The President said that in the fast-changing geopolitical environment, we need to be well-prepared to tackle any situation. We not only have to secure our national interests but also prepare for new

national security challenges like cyber warfare and terrorism. The issue of climate change is acquiring new dimensions which need to be understood and managed. Updated knowledge and cutting-edge technologies based on intensive research are required to be applied. She expressed confidence that this Course will prepare student officers all for higher responsibilities and as strategists who can deal with complex situations in an effective manner.

## Odisha BJP govt has renamed 24 schemes launched by previous BJD regime: CM Majhi tells Assembly

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Odisha BJP government has renamed 21 schemes launched by the previous BJD regime, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi told the assembly Thursday. The BJP government took oath June 12 after defeating the 24-year-old Naveen Patnaik-led BJD government in the assembly elections. In a written reply to a query by BJD legislator Tusharkanti Behera, the Chief Minister said the state government has renamed 21 existing schemes and launched seven new ones. According to a statement, the BJP government has



rebranded eight schemes that were named after the late Biju Patnaik, father of former Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. The eight renamed schemes are Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY), Biju Pucca Ghar Yojana, Biju Setu Yojana, Biju Yuva Sashaktikaran Yojana (distribution of laptop), Biju Saharanchal Vidyutikaran Yojana

(BSVY), Biju KBK, Biju Kandhamal 'o' Gajapati Yojana and Biju Sishu Surakhya Yojana (BSSY). Similarly, the new government has also renamed Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (Kalia), the flagship cash incentive scheme for farmers launched by the previous BJD government ahead of the

2019 elections. KALIA has been branded as CM-KISAN in line with the PM-KISAN scheme implemented by the Modi government at the Centre. KALIA Scholarship and 'Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha' (AONO) schemes have been renamed as 'Krishi Vidya Nidhi Yojana' and 'Viksit Gaon Viksit Odisha', Majhi said. The 'Mo School Abhiyaan' and 'Mo College Abhiyaan' schemes are now called 'Panchasakha Sikhya Setu' and 'Ama Gaurav Ama College'.

Among other schemes, Livestock Health & Disease Control

(LHDC), BSKY and BSSY have been rebranded as Goal for Management and Treatment of Animals (GOMATA), Gopabandhu Jana Arogya Yojana and Jashoda. The Chief Minister also informed the House that the government has launched seven new schemes such as Godabarisha Mishra Adarsha Prathamika Vidyalaya, Corpus Fund for Sri Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA), Samrudha Krushaka Yojana, Subhadra Yojana, Madho Singh Aashat Kharch, Odia Asmita Corpus Fund, and the Establishment of Paediatric Cancer Facilities.

# Hemant Soren takes oath as 14th CM of Jharkhand

**Ranchi(KCN):** JMM leader Hemant Soren was sworn in as the 14th chief minister of Jharkhand in a grand ceremony here Thursday in the presence of a host of INDIA bloc leaders, including Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi.



emotional moment is dedicated to crores of people of Jharkhand.” Before taking the oath, Soren, dressed in a white kurta, pyjama, and ‘Nehru jacket,’ sought blessings from JMM supremo and his father, Shibu Soren, his mother Rupī Soren, along with his wife Kalpana Soren and two sons. After the ceremony, he paid floral tributes to tribal icons such as Birsā Munda and Sido-Kanho and rushed to Project Building where he began his fourth innings as CM. Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Soren on his re-election as CM, extending his best wishes for his tenure. “Congratulations

to Shri Hemant Soren on taking oath as Jharkhand CM. Best wishes to him for his tenure ahead.” PM Modi posted on X. A host of INDIA bloc leaders from across the country, including West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal and his wife Sunita, Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, CPI(M)L general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya, Bihar’s Tejashwi Yadav, Karnataka Deputy CM DK Shivkumar, Telangana Deputy CM Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and Tamil Nadu Minister U Stalin also attended the event in a show of solidarity.

## Punjab, Haryana govts slow in acting against farmers burning stubble: Supreme Court



**New Delhi(KCN):** The Supreme Court Thursday said the Punjab and Haryana governments have been slow in taking action against farmers burning stubble and a mechanism was required to be devised for a long-term solution to the problem. A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih said a machinery had to be set in motion to ensure 24/7 data was available. “We propose to hear all the parties exhaustively. It is because of sowing done belatedly all this problem is happening. We want to go to the root of the matter and issue directions. Something needs to be done. Every year this problem cannot arise. From the data available,

we can say both states are very slow in taking action against farmers,” the bench remarked. The apex court said everyone was “smart enough” to understand during certain times data was collected and they did not burn stubble at that time. Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, representing the Centre, said ISRO was working on the protocol. The bench took note of a media report related to Punjab wherein a land record officer and president of the Sangrur Block Patwari Union, reportedly admitted to advising farmers to burn stubble after 4pm to avoid satellite detection. Calling it “very serious” if the media report was to be

believed, the court directed Punjab state officials to not permit farmers to take advantage of the fact that activities were being detected during the particular few hours of the day.

“The Punjab government should immediately issue instructions to all officers not to indulge in any such activities,” it said.

The Centre previously opposed in the top court a proposal to form a committee of former apex court judges to oversee the implementation of measures to curb stubble burning, a key contributor to Delhi-NCR’s air pollution.

In an order on November 18, the top court directed the Centre and the CAQM to procure data on farm fires using geostationary satellites, as opposed to NASA’s polar-orbiting satellites, to ensure real-time monitoring.

The court noted existing data from NASA satellites was limited to specific time windows and directed the involvement of ISRO in utilising stationary satellites for comprehensive day-long monitoring.

## Odisha aims to become powerhouse of sports: CM Majhi



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Thursday said the state is set to become a powerhouse of sports with focus on producing large number of national and international athletes.

Speaking at the inauguration of 'Utsaha,' a state-level sports festival organised by the Odisha State Child Protection Society (OSCPS) at Kalinga Stadium here, Majhi emphasised the importance of early sports training, citing the example of the US, Russia, China, Japan, and Brazil, where children begin athletic training as early as 3 to 4 years old.

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A total of 580 kids from 165 childcare institutions are participating in the festival, which will conclude Friday. Majhi also highlighted the state's initiatives to provide specialised sports coaching at the school level and encouraged students to explore their innate talents to excel in sports.

He urged parents to broaden their aspirations for their children, emphasising that sports can now be considered a viable profession, alongside traditional careers in medicine, engineering, and civil services.

Majhi also underscored the state government's investment in developing sports infrastructure and nurturing talent through sports hostels across districts, including Kalinga Stadium. Many international athletes from the state have launched their careers while staying in these hostels, he noted.

## Pandian makes public appearance after five months, attends wedding of BJD leader's daughter

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** More than five months after the BJD's defeat in the Odisha Assembly elections, bureaucrat turned politician VK Pandian made his first public appearance at a wedding function of a BJD leader in Cuttack. Pandian had June 9 announced to withdraw from active politics after BJD's electoral defeat in Odisha Assembly elections. He was seen at a wedding function at Trisulia in Cuttack Wednesday night. It was the wedding of former BJD MLA Pravat Biswal's daughter and the sister of sitting Cuttack-



Choudwar MLA Souvik Biswal.Pandian did not have any media interaction during his visit to the wedding function Wednesday night, but speculations are rife about his return to active politics.Though Pandian withdrew from active politics, he remains a close aide of former Odisha chief minister

Naveen Patnaik. The Tamil Nadu-born IAS officer had opted for voluntary retirement in October 2023 and officially joined the BJD November 26, 2023. He was the star campaigner of the BJD and toured the nook and corner of the state while campaigning for the regional party.



# Odia translation ‘Ashara Aloka’ of Goa Governor’s book of short stories unveiled

## Our diverse literary traditions help shaping a harmonious and enriched society – Governor.

Bhubaneswar, (KCN)-Raj Bhavan, Odisha, hosted a literary milestone today with the release of Ashara Aloka, an Odia translation of a remarkable book of Malayalam short stories authored by the Hon’ble Governor of Goa. The event was graced by the Hon’ble Governor of Odisha Shri Raghubar Das and the Hon’ble Governor of Goa Shri P.S. Sreedharan Pillai along with First Lady of Goa Mrs. Reeta Sreedharan Pillai who shared the stage to celebrate this significant occasion.

### 'Amruta Ra Sandhana' a Collection of Stories by Archana Rath unveils

Balasore, 28/11 (Krushna Kumar Mohanty): The release ceremony of 'Amruta ra Sandhana', the second storybook by storyteller Archana Rath, was held yesterday evening at Fakir Mohan Sahitya Parishad Hall in the premises of Shantikanan. The book was jointly unveiled by Pushpalata Devi, trustee of the Brajanath Rath Foundation Trust, and Dr. Subash Chandra Patra, president of the Fakir Mohan Sahitya Parishad. Presiding over the event, Dr. Patra expressed that he felt the presence of poet Brajanath Rath at the occasion, blessing his daughter-in-law Archana Rath. Dr. Ratnakar Singh, the event’s coordinator, described the story collection as a significant creation. In her address, author Archana Rath

the book ‘Ashara Aloka’ and presented the first copy of the book to Jnanpith Awardee Padma Bhushan Dr. Pratibha Ray, an eminent author and one of Odisha’s most revered literary personalities. Speaking at the event, the Hon’ble Governor of Odisha lauded the literary contribution of the Governor of Goa, highlighting the book’s profound reflections and its potential to inspire readers across the nation. Hon’ble Governor Shri Das underscored the importance of literary diversity in enriching society, stating, books like Ashara Aloka exemplify

how the confluence of different cultures and languages strengthens the foundation of our shared humanity. In his address, the Hon’ble Governor of Goa shared insights into his literary journey and the essence of Ashara Aloka. He emphasized the book's themes of hope and resilience, which resonate universally. Jnanpith Awardee Padma Bhushan Dr. Pratibha Ray, upon receiving the first copy, praised the book for its ability to connect readers across cultural and linguistic divides, reaffirming the



transformative power of literature. The event featured a thoughtful review of the book by Prof. Jatin

Nayak. He provided deep insights into its thematic richness and literary merit. In his review, he emphasized how

‘Ashara Aloka’ embodies the diversity of Indian literature, showcasing its ability to transcend regional boundaries and resonate universally.

The translator of the book Dr. Nairanjan Sahu extended a warm welcome to the distinguished gathering,

setting the tone for the event and highlighting the collaborative spirit that gives importance to the translation and dissemination of literary works across languages. On behalf of Vidyapuri Publication Shri Jivananda Mishra gave the vote of thanks. The event was graced by First Lady of Goa Smt Reeta Sreedharan Pillai. Chief Advisor to Governor Shri Santosh Kumar Satpathy, eminent literary figures and dignitaries and Malayalam speaking communities staying in Odisha also attended the function.



shared that her stories reflect her life experiences and the pain she has endured, which she has tried to portray through her narratives. The book was reviewed by poet and critic Kalikinkar Dash and Dr. Shirish Chandra Jena. Das remarked that Archana Rath's stories vividly depict life’s realities, touching the

readers' hearts. Stories like 'Amruta Ra Sandhana', 'Sabitri', 'Jahaku Rakhibe Ananta', and 'Asamahita Prashna' deeply resonate with readers and evoke empathy. Dr. Jena added that Rath's stories never fail to captivate readers and are both thought-provoking and engaging.

He also appreciated the title 'Amruta Ra Sandhana' as realistic and inspiring. During the event, Bahnimaan Rath performed an inaugural song while the program concluded with a vote of thanks by Byomanath Rath. The ceremony was attended by several intellectuals, writers, and journalists from the city.

### Hindalco Industries launches digital classroom initiative ‘Project Anveesha’ at Hirakud



Bhubaneswar(KCN) : Hindalco Industries Limited and Aditya Birla Group company recently inaugurated a Digital Classroom Initiative under “Project Anveesha”. It has been implemented in 7 high schools in proximity to its Hirakud plant in Sambalpur district. The project aims to contemporarise the learning environment. Students are equipped with state-of-the-art technology, which opens doors to enhanced educational opportunities in the digital age. Sandip Roy, Head of Hirakud FRP plant explains, “We are dedicated to expanding

the Digital Classroom Initiative to ensure that students across Hirakud can benefit from the advantages of modern education technology. By fostering digital literacy and improving access to quality education, the initiative will contribute to of the learning process. Project Anveesha seeks to transform traditional classrooms into interactive, tech-driven spaces. These digital classrooms will be equipped with smart boards, e-learning platforms, AI interfaces, and IoT-based systems, providing a comprehensive and interactive learning experience. In addition,

the platform will offer multi-language content in Odia, Hindi, and English, catering to a diverse student body. The launch of Project Anveesha underlines H i n d a l c o ’ s commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by driving technological advancements in education and empowering the next generation of learners. Project Anveesha is expected to reshape the educational landscape, allowing students to gain digital literacy while enhancing their overall academic experience, “adds Mr Roy. The UPMS Larpnk H e a d m i s t r e s s Himadari Dehuri avers,

"Our students are excited to embrace this new way of learning. With the digital tools now available, we can offer a more engaging and effective educational experience. We are deeply grateful to Hindalco Industries Limited, Hirakud, for their continued support in advancing education." In Odisha, the Aditya Birla Group reaches out to more than 5 lakhs people touching over 2 lakh lives in 128 villages. The Group’s CSR is conducted under the aegis of the Aditya Birla Centre for Community Initiatives and Rural Development chaired by Mrs. Rajashree Birla. The Group’s vision is to actively contribute to the social and economic development of the communities in which we operate. In doing so, build a better, sustainable way of life for the weaker sections of society. And raise the country’s human development index. The Group’s CSR vision is aligned with UNSDG goals to eliminate poverty and ensure freedom from hunger

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Kareena Kapoor considers Heroine as one of her best performances: Madhur Bhandarkar



Director Madhur Bhandarkar recently opened up about his film Heroine, which starred Kareena Kapoor in the lead role.

National award-winning film director and producer Madhur Bhandarkar is known in the Hindi film fraternity as a director who often taps into the harsh life realities of life and turns them into a cinematic viewing experience with his touch of fiction and imagination. After the mega blockbuster film Fashion that starred Priyanka Chopra in the lead, Madhur set out to make Heroine. When the making of the film was announced back in the day, it created a huge storm of anticipation. While initially, Aishwarya Rai was cast for the film, later on, Madhur made the film with Kareena

Kapoor. While Madhur and Kareena both had high expectations from the film, Heroine didn't do well at the box office. The film received polarising reviews, but Kareena Kapoor's performance was highly appreciated. In an exclusive conversation with India Today, Madhur shared his two cents on how the movie fraternity looks at his films. Madhur said, "To be very honest, I have been appreciated by my audiences for the real and hard-hitting films I make. Not just that, even the people from the movie business have put me on a pedestal and appreciated my work. Now, whether it was for Traffic Signal, Corporate, Fashion or even Heroine -- one has always looked at my style of filmmaking as unique and

groundbreaking. I have worked with the best of best actors and all my female characters are often depicted in a strong way. When I cast Bipasha Basu in Corporate and put her in a pant suit throughout the film, people told me that nobody would want to see a sex symbol deglamourised and different from what she's been doing. But, we all know that by far, Corporate is one of the best films of Bipasha's career." Speaking of Heroine and Kareena Kapoor, Madhur said, "We do make films on politicians and other biopics on different people, so then, when I make films on different subjects, I don't see a reason why I shouldn't be appreciated or supported for the subjects I want to talk about on celluloid. I still remember, when I was making Heroine with Kareena, a lot of people were very upset with me. Upon seeing the film, they felt that I had exposed a lot things that goes on in the life of an actress.

Shahid Kapoor's Deva to arrive early in January 2025



Zee Studios and Roy Kapur Films gear up to unleash their highly-anticipated action thriller, Deva on January 31. The film was earlier scheduled to release during Dusshera 2024, and was then moved to Valentine's Day, February 14. It has now been preponed. Helmed by the renowned Malayalam filmmaker Rosshan Andrews, Deva promises a nail-biting storyline combined with stellar performances. The makers shared the announcement with the caption, "Sit tight, 'cause the wait just got shorter! Deva is coming your way sooner than you expected. Zee Studios and Roy

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think—January 31st, 2025! The hype is real, the energy is through the roof, and we're beyond excited to bring you this action-packed thriller earlier than expected! Mark your calendars and get ready for a heart-pumping experience that you won't forget (sic)!" The film marks the return of Shahid Kapoor after Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya. Joining Shahid on this thrilling ride are Pooja Hegde and Pavail Gulati. Produced by Zee Studios and Siddharth Roy Kapur, this film is already generating massive buzz among cinephiles. It is all set to hit the screens on January 31, 2025.

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

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

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

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



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

did that scene over and over. Half of them were nervous because Kriti herself was auditioning them!" Responding to Kanika's



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A user was seen asking about how she managed to do the pull-ups, to which she replied: "Was

a struggle." Shah Rukh and his wife Gauri Khan got married in 1991 in a traditional Nikah and Hindu wedding ceremony shortly after. The two welcomed their son Aryan in 1997. Three years later they had their daughter Suhana, who was born in 2000. The power couple welcomed their son AbRam via surrogacy in 2013. Talking about upcoming work, Suhana will soon be seen working with her father in the upcoming film "King", which is directed by Sujoy Ghosh and produced by Siddharth Anand. The movie is expected to go on floors later this year and might hit screens in 2025.



The film will also feature actor Abhishek Bachchan, who will be seen playing the

antagonist. Megastar Amitabh Bachchan in July almost confirmed Abhishek starring in the

upcoming movie. Big B took to his X and quoted a tweet from a fan club of Abhishek. The

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

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

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



# Social media vs. relationships

Surjit Singh Flora



In this digital technology era, many people think there are advantages and disadvantages to social media. In reality, social media doesn't have any drawbacks; rather, it's the manner in which we use it that can cause problems. Unless misused, technology remains harmless. Social media serves as a space for exchanging thoughts and perspectives with others. This platform has transformed our world into a global community where we are all familiar with one another. In an instant, circumstances can shift dramatically. Connecting with individuals who share similar beliefs is a rewarding experience, allowing us to engage in meaningful conversations and exchange our writings

and ideas. In challenging moments, a shout on social media can rally countless supporters. Despite social media's numerous benefits, its misuse is leading to an increase in its drawbacks. Children, in particular, are receiving unnecessary information from social media. Instead of communicating with our living family members, we express our thoughts and desires on social media. It's amusing when we congratulate our spouse on the birth of a child or each other's birthday and wedding anniversary on social media. Sometimes At times, it may seem unnecessary for us to congratulate the person sitting next to us on their birthday or wedding anniversary on social media. Social media has greatly promoted showmanship in life. Families go on vacation solely for the purpose of posting photos on social media, letting everyone know that they are away from home. Social media posts have devastated our

society. Social media is leading to the dissolution of many families. A husband and wife are sitting in a room, sharing their grief with people they have never met or known on social media. The spouse sitting next to them is completely unaware of the situation. It's quite peculiar that we form connections through social media yet allow those same platforms to cause our relationships to crumble. Two individuals connect on Facebook and develop a friendship. After that, they exchange their WhatsApp numbers. As discussions unfold, they slowly evolve into a deeper connection. As the bond between them strengthens, they begin to face criticism regarding their interactions on social media from others. This fundamentally pertains to the establishment of connections through this medium. This raises concerns about the possibility of establishing a similar relationship in the future. The harshest reality lies in the remarks one person makes about another. It's surprising



how some men never take the time to call their wives beautiful or gorgeous, even while living together under the same roof for a lifetime. It's likely that the wife will have some negative feelings about this. Men often encounter similar situations, albeit to a lesser extent. Social media has fundamentally disrupted the very essence of social relationships.

Friends were talking one day when one said, "If anything happens to me, you should first come to my house and reset my phone; otherwise, the family will not even cry for my death." Social media influences our actions significantly, and this can occasionally lead to challenges for us. Jealousy is an inherent aspect of human nature. When someone shares their

thoughts about another person on social media, it's understandable for the person under discussion to feel hurt. If he interrupts, it reflects poorly on him, as the individual in front seeks to live their life freely. However, if he remains silent, he becomes frustrated internally. The person who manages to overlook them stays composed; otherwise, they continue to feel frustration brewing

within. Jealousy is an inherent aspect of being human. When someone shares their thoughts with another person on social media, it's understandable for the person connected to them to feel upset. When he interrupts, it reflects poorly on him, as the individual in front desires to live their life freely. However, when he refrains from interrupting, he harbors anger within himself. Those who ignore them find it simple, while others continue to harbor their frustration internally. Furthermore, misusing images from social media is a common practice. In today's world of artificial intelligence, it's possible to create any type of video simply by using photos sourced from social media accounts. Even with this awareness, we frequently share our photos on social media. When someone of the opposite sex reacts to our picture or leaves a comment like that, we often overlook how it might impact our significant other. That person clearly has a

strong dislike for it. We often exhibit a protective nature towards those we hold dear. It is meant to be. Social media is the primary culprit behind the fragile state of relationships today, causing them to shatter like glass. Learning to use it properly is of utmost importance. We must utilize its potential without succumbing to its dominance. Social media should not dictate our lives. Even when engaging with social media, it's important to maintain a sense of privacy regarding your personal life. Your private life should stay private. One does not need to disclose every aspect of their life on social media. Utilize social media thoughtfully to enhance our lives positively. When faced with the decision of prioritizing a relationship over social media, the clear choice is to value the relationship. Surjit Singh Flora is a veteran journalist and freelance writer based in Brampton, Canada

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## Balancing Power and Principles: Responsible Opposition, Ethical Governance, and Leadership in India's Democracy

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### Responsible Opposition in Democracy

The concept of responsible opposition plays a critical role in democratic governance. In any democratic system, opposition is not merely an alternative government-in-waiting but a vital check on the ruling party's powers. A responsible opposition actively engages in constructive criticism, debate, and offers alternative solutions to government policies and decisions. By maintaining vigilance, opposition helps ensure that the government serves public interests rather than the narrow interests of a few or the ruling party alone. The responsibilities of opposition go beyond mere criticism; they involve a careful evaluation of policies, supporting those beneficial to society, and providing concrete suggestions for

improvement. In essence, responsible opposition is essential for democratic health, serving as a safeguard against potential abuses of power by holding the ruling party accountable and preserving democratic norms. Through parliamentary debate, public discourse, and active involvement in policy discussions, opposition fosters a balanced governance system, ensuring the ruling party prioritizes the public's needs. In India, the role of opposition has often been debated. With a multiparty system and a vast, diverse society, opposition parties play a crucial role in representing voices from all segments of society. However, in the past decade, the Indian political landscape has seen polarization, and opposition has sometimes taken on a more confrontational tone. While robust debate is healthy, responsible opposition entails constructive criticism that aims to improve policies rather than merely obstructing progress. Madhabi Puri Buch and Ethical Governance Madhabi Puri Buch, the first woman chairperson of SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India), exemplifies

ethical governance in India's regulatory framework. SEBI, a cornerstone of India's financial system, ensures fairness, efficiency, and transparency in securities markets. Buch's leadership has been characterized by a firm commitment to ethical governance, focusing on investor protection, market transparency, and resilience within the financial sector. With a background in private equity and investment banking, Buch brings a pragmatic approach to SEBI's operations, emphasizing accountability and corporate governance. Her initiatives as SEBI's head highlight her dedication to ethical standards, including transparent disclosures, responsible business practices, and regulatory compliance. These values align with ethical governance principles, which demand accountability, integrity, and fairness in oversight. One notable aspect of Buch's tenure has been her focus on investor protection. Ethical governance involves prioritizing stakeholders' interests—especially retail investors who are more vulnerable to market volatility and unfair practices. Under Buch's leadership, SEBI has reinforced regulations to

protect small investors, preventing disadvantages caused by actions of larger financial players. This focus has included initiatives to enhance transparency in corporate disclosures and enforcing stricter penalties for regulatory violations. Buch's approach underscores the need to balance economic growth with market fairness. Ethical governance under her leadership fosters an environment where businesses can thrive without compromising public interests. SEBI's evolving policies under her guidance reflect a commitment to sustainable growth and ethical principles, showing how regulatory bodies can create a stable, trustworthy financial environment.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the BJP, and Governance in India Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his party, the BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party), have dominated Indian politics since 2014. Modi's leadership has introduced significant policy initiatives focusing on economic reform, digitalization, and self-reliance. The government's governance approach has been ambitious, prioritizing

modernization, infrastructure, and bolstering India's global standing. One of the BJP's flagship initiatives under Modi is Atmanirbhar Bharat or Self-Reliant India, launched in 2020. Aimed at reducing dependence on imports, the initiative seeks to boost local manufacturing, create jobs, and support small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Supporters argue that Atmanirbhar Bharat strengthens India's economy and its resilience against global disruptions. The Digital India initiative also focuses on developing digital infrastructure, enhancing internet connectivity, and increasing digital literacy nationwide. Modi's government has introduced policies to expand digital access and encourage a culture of innovation, from digital payments to rural internet expansion, promoting technology as a pillar of India's development. However, Modi's governance has faced criticism. Some policies, such as the 2016 demonetization and the 2019 Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), have been seen as divisive, with unintended economic

and social repercussions. Demonetization, aimed at curbing black money and counterfeit currency, led to a liquidity crisis, especially for small businesses and daily-wage earners. Meanwhile, the CAA, which offers citizenship to certain religious minorities from neighboring countries, has been criticized as discriminatory, sparking protests and social unrest. Critics argue that Modi's approach sometimes undercuts democratic pluralism through centralized power and marginalization of dissent. The BJP's broader governance has faced accusations of stifling opposition and restricting freedoms, with issues surrounding press freedom, internet restrictions, and handling protests raising questions about balancing security and individual rights in a democracy. Despite challenges, Modi's leadership continues to attract significant support, particularly among those who see his policies as fostering economic progress and cultural pride. The BJP's governance approach has tapped into national pride, emphasizing India's unique identity and potential on the world stage. The Intersection of

Opposition, Regulatory Ethics, and Governance In examining these elements, a clear pattern emerges: India's democratic landscape relies on a delicate balance between responsible opposition, ethical governance, and proactive leadership. While the ruling party aims to implement its vision, the opposition serves as a watchdog, ensuring that policies align with democratic ideals and serve the collective good. Regulatory bodies, under leaders like Madhabi Puri Buch, play a critical role in maintaining this balance by enforcing rules that prevent exploitation and ensure transparency. Ethical governance, as highlighted by Buch, models the value of integrity and accountability, fostering trust in public systems. The government's role is to drive forward-looking policies that benefit society, remaining open to critique and input from diverse stakeholders. For democracy to thrive, responsible opposition must work constructively, and regulatory bodies must operate independently and with integrity. Prime Minister Modi and the BJP's policies illustrate the complexities of

governing a diverse nation like India. Balancing economic growth, social harmony, and democratic freedoms is no easy task, especially amid global changes. The critiques leveled against the government underscore the need for governance that promotes development while respecting pluralism and human rights. In conclusion, the synergy of responsible opposition, ethical governance, and proactive policy implementation forms the foundation of a healthy democracy. India's journey forward will depend on how well these elements interact, ensuring that governance serves not just segments but the nation as a whole. Figures like Madhabi Puri Buch, through ethical standards, combined with constructive opposition and government transparency, are essential to India's democratic future.

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## Heritage Law College organized Exchange Programme with BRCM Law College, Bahal, Haryana



**KOLKATA,(KCN):**39 students from the Heritage Law College, Kolkata, accompanied by faculty members visited BRCM Law College, Bahal, Haryana,(a part of BRCM Group of Institutions) on 19th November, as a part of Exchange Programme between the two Institutions. BRCM Group of Institutions spread over 100 acres offering courses in the area of K-12 to Higher, Legal and

Technical education gave a real time exposure to the students of Heritage Law College that will add to the knowledge in legal sciences for the students. Dr. S.K.Sinha, Director (Administration) BRCM Education Society said, "This exchange programme is a knowledge sharing platform both for the students as well as faculty members that will ensure growth in the future for both the Institutions."

"At Heritage Law College, we offer real time immersion activities to the students that goes beyond the classroom teaching where the students get an understanding of the practical problems in the real world. This exchange programme supports this concept for the holistic development of the students and faculty members," said Shri Pradip Agarwal, CEO, Heritage Group of Institutions, Kolkata.

## Bangladesh High Court Refuses To Ban ISKCON In Country: Report

**NEWDELHI,(KCN):** The bench hoped the government would remain cautious about protecting law and order. (Representational) Dhaka: The High Court on Thursday refused to ban ISKCON's activities in Bangladesh, a local newspaper reported days after a lawyer was killed in a clash between security personnel and supporters of a Hindu leader arrested on sedition charges. The lawyer had sought a ban from the high court on the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) after placing some newspaper reports related to the organisation on Wednesday. The court had asked the attorney general to inform it about the steps taken by the government regarding ISKCON's recent activities, according to The Daily Star. Hindu leader Chinmoy Krishna Das, who was arrested this week, was earlier expelled from ISKCON. His arrest triggered clashes on Tuesday during which Advocate Saiful Islam, an assistant public prosecutor, was killed. When the High Court proceedings started on Thursday, the attorney general's office placed



the information sought by the court before the bench of Justice Farah Mahbub and Justice Debasish Roy Chowdhury, The Daily Star said. Additional Attorney General Aneek R Haque and Deputy Attorney General Asad Uddin informed the HC bench that three separate cases have been filed in connection with the murder of lawyer Saiful Islam Alif and ISKCON's activities, and 33 accused have been arrested in these cases. The bench then hoped that the government would remain cautious about protecting the law and order situation and lives and properties of the people of Bangladesh, the newspaper added. India on Tuesday noted with "deep concern" Chinmoy Das' arrest and denial of bail, and urged Dhaka to ensure the safety and security of Hindus and all other minority groups. Separately, a group of

Supreme Court lawyers sent a legal notice to Bangladesh government on Wednesday seeking a ban on ISKCON describing it as a "radical organisation." The notice, sent by Al Mamun Russell on behalf of 10 lawyers, also demanded prosecution of those responsible for Advocate Islam's murder, The Dhaka Tribune newspaper said quoting the notice. "ISKCON has been operating in Bangladesh as a radical organisation, engaging in activities designed to provoke communal unrest," the notice alleged. Citing a book by former Bangladeshi intelligence officials, the notice alleges that ISKCON has been promoting religious events "with the intent of inciting sectarian violence," "imposing its beliefs on traditional Hindu communities," and forcibly recruiting members from lower Hindu castes, the newspaper said.

## Third International Friendship Sculling Regatta opened in Kolkata celebrating "Power of Friendship"

**Kolkata(PARTHA ROY):** Third International Friendship Sculling Regatta opened in Kolkata on 26th November 2024 celebrating the theme "Power of Friendship". It was opened by Shri Debashish Kumar MLA & Member Mayor in Council of Kolkata Municipal Corporation in presence of Dr. Andrew Flaming Deputy High Commissioner of UK, Vice President of Asian Rowing Federation, participants from various countries, Sponsors, and members of Calcutta Rowing Club (CRC). CRC is celebrating 100 years of its operation from its present location. Approximately 100 Scullers from, Australia, UK, New Zealand, Thailand, USA, South Africa, India are participating. 3rd International Friendship Sculling Regatta is being held from 26th- 30th November 2024. This year's regatta is featuring three competitive events: singles (IX), doubles (2X), and quads (4X). This is unique event one of its own kind. This event brain child of pioneer, poly math, sports promotor Shri Chandan Roy Choudhary President of



Calcutta Rowing Club. Amongst many prominent Scullers, Mr Jack Beaumont from UK (Leander's Club) is an Olympian who participated in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics winning the silver in the Mens Quadruple and Mr Bajrang Lal Thakkar a Asian Games Gold medallist in the Sculls event 2010 and an Olympian. Vice-President of the Asian Rowing Federation, Rear Admiral P Pochanasomburana of

Thailand leading 17 members team of rowers from Thailand in the International Friendship Regatta. Thailand team has 10 women and 7 men rowers including a 73 year old man and 71 year old woman rowers. Rear Admiral P Pochanasomburana is first person to start rowing officially in 1991 in Thailand as told by him. Participants have come from Bangkok, Nonthaburi, Pattaya & other places in Thailand.

Jack McDonald of Auckland Rowing Club is leading New Zealand team in 3rd International Friendship Sculling Regatta. Captain Girish Phadnis is Competition Director of 3rd International Friendship Regatta. Capt. Phadnis is also promoting "Rowing for All". Of many participants, iconic participants are: 1) Bajrang Lal Thakkar Asian Games Gold Medalist 2010 (Sculling), Olympian & Indian

Coach  
2) Maj. Gen. M A Naik Asian games 1982 Bronze winner (Coxed Pair).  
3) Lt. Col. Tomar Asian Games 1982 Bronze winner (Coxed Pair).  
4) Pradeep Kochar Participated in Asian Games 1982.  
5) Maj. Gen. Bhatt Coached in Asian Games 1982.  
6) Lt. Gen. Patnaik Participated in Asian Games 1982  
7) Jack Beavmount Silver Medalist for UK in Tokyo Olympic 2020.  
8) Naren Kothari FISA Umpire in Paris Olympic 2024  
9) R. Admiral. Prapanpong- Vice President- Asian Rowing Federation  
10) Capt, Girish J Phadnis Asian Games - 1982  
11) S.R. Kalidas- Asian Games 1982  
12) Ranjan Banerjee- Asian Games 1982  
13) Richard Twining- Life member of CRC.  
Rowing as sports promote multiple health benefits to rowers of any age group. Subrata Biswas member of organising committee of CRC and ex-AGM State Bank of India one of the key sponsorer said this International Friendship Regatta is having spillover effect on West Bengal & Kolkata's economy beyond building goodwill.

## NSO Puts Emphasis on Self Compilation of Returns through ASI Portal

**Kolkata, (KCN):**The National Statistics Office (Field Operation Division) or NSO, Regional Office - Kolkata under Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation today held a Round Table Conference for sensitising the business associations about the importance of the ASI survey and timely compilation of the ASI data through ASI web portal. In this conference the focused attention was on capacity development of the respective units encouraging self-compilation by the units. The survey is conducted every year. For ASI Survey 2023-24, financial data and other reports pertaining to the financial year 2023-24 will be taken. The main purpose of this conference was to



address the issues and concerns of the business associations on ease of data compilation through ASI portal and encourage the units to compile the returns through the dedicated ASI Portal in self-compile mode. The Senior officers of the Field Operation Division, West Bengal (South) Region, NSO stated today that 34 manufacturing units in Kolkata & Howrah

region filed the data in 2022-23 which in percentage is only. The officers urged the business associations today that more and more manufacturing units should come up and file returns in self-compilation mode in 2023-24. In fact, the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) is the principal source of Industrial Statistics for the

Government of India. This survey is for evaluation of Industry wise Gross Value Addition, Capital formation, Growth in industrial output etc. the data is being used to formulate planning by Government of India. Its Coverage includes manufacturing sector comprising activities related to a manufacturing process, repair service, gas and

water supply and cold storage and are registered under section 2m (i) and 2m (ii) of Factories Act. The survey is conducted annually under statutory provisions of the Collection of Statistics Act' 2008, subsequently modified in 2017 and rules 2011 framed, thereunder. For the year 2023-24, the last date of submission of the return is March 15, 2025, though for the High Priority Units, the last date is December 15, 2024. Among the dignitaries present in the conference included Shri Sunil K Mukhopadhyay, ADG, EnSD, Shri Sanjib Basu, DDG, NSO (FOD), RO, Kolkata, Shri Atanu Kr Chowdhury, DDG, CQCD, ZO (EZ), Kolkata and a host of representatives from the business associations.

## BOBBY CHAKRABORTY'S 440TH ANTI ADDICTION CAMPAIGN AWAKENS THE FIGHTING SPIRIT OF STUDENTS FROM SOUTH POINT HIGH SCHOOL AGAINST DARKNESS

**KOLKATA,(KCN):**The morning of November 27th saw the packed auditorium of South Point High School, Kolkata, comprising of eager students from the 9th grade, going through a rollercoaster of laughter, infotainment, raw emotions, confessions and euphoria like never before. The reason being none other than Mr. Bobby Chakraborty, who is an eminent actor/teacher of method acting by profession and an activist, fighting against addiction and harmful social trends among the

youth globally, free of cost, by passion. His award winning session as we all know is named 'I AM THE KING OF MY MIND', which has been changing lives of the youth for many years, was on a repeat mode here again, for the 440th time globally and the 31st session in this school, since 2014. The socially responsible Principal, Rupa Sanyal Bhattacharjee, The Coordinator Brita Sarkar, along with each and every teacher, who were present throughout the session, were equivocal about this being an



unprecedented, mindbending event, which could keep the children glued to their seats, miraculously for

more than 2 hours, without any distraction! The Official Photographer of the session was soldier

Florentyna Adhikari, an extremely hardworking, obedient student, who was assisted by soldier Deeptangshu Biswas,

who also won the important title of 'The Trendsetter'. The root cause for this global awareness program has been the mishap in Bobby's family, which was destroyed due to the addiction of his younger uncle, who died at a young age of 29. Other burning issues of substance abuse, smart phone abuse, inappropriate behaviour online, online gambling through games, violence in video games, gender insensitivity, ragging, evils of internet, abusive language etc....and the ways to stay free from

them were demonstrated through interesting social experiments, with a whole lot of interaction from the soldiers' of Bobby's army. The formula of HCF(Health Career Family) became favourite among the soldiers. The ceremonial title of the '1st soldier' went to Mehuli Pal Chowdhury. The surprise contest at the end had Pratim, Ritwik and Shreyon as the proud winners, who along with Florentyna, were given special HCF T-shirts, other prizes and community

service certificates by Bobby. The spectacular event came to an end with everyone shouting out the mantra of a soldier's life "I AM THE KING OF MY MIND" from their heart.. Later we caught up with Bobby who said "My social media platforms on IG, FB and Yahoo have been flooded by comments, mails and messages from the soldiers and their parents. I am very satisfied with the feedback, as awareness is all I want., nothing more, nothing less.



# Closure order issued for Aruha quarry

**Jajpur(KCN):** The state government has issued directives to shut down illegal black stone mining and crusher units on the Aruha hill of Jajpur district. A letter to this effect was sent by the state's Steel and Mines department to the Jajpur Collector and the Deputy Director of Mines (DDM). The directive follows a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed in the Orissa High Court (W.P.(C) PIL No. 2803/2024), which highlighted violations by illegal miners who ignored regulatory guidelines. Specifically, illegal mining at Aruha has been linked to rising cases of kidney disease in nearby villages. Additionally, schools near the mines have reported that students are suffering from various health issues due to the operations. Acting on the

PIL, Under Secretary Rajesh Prasad Nayak directed local authorities to halt black stone extraction and crusher units operating in the area. However, despite the government's clear orders, local sources allege that political influence continues to shield illegal operators raising questions on the enforcement of these directives. On the other hand, the PIL petitioner has reportedly faced life-threatening attacks. Ten days after the incident, Dharماسala police registered Case No. 824/2024 but have yet to arrest the accused persons. Locals alleged that the police are protecting the perpetrators, fuelling public frustration. Residents and activists remain sceptical whether

these closure orders will effectively curb illegal mining or whether enforcement will falter under political pressure. Under the directive of the Director General of Mines Safety (DGMS), it was mandated that leaseholders failing to comply with legal requirements—such as appointing mine managers or obtaining blasting permissions—should not be issued e-transit passes (e-TP) for their mines. Despite this, reports indicate that illegal mining activities continue daily at several locations, including Aruha and other quarries. In response, Bipin Kumar Behera of Aruha village has filed a PIL in the high court. It was alleged November 17 that leaseholder Manoj Kumar Samal sent a



group of persons to physically assault Behera, a matter that was subsequently reported to the police. A case was registered at the Dharماسala police station against Manoj Kumar Samal, Nirakar Samal, Suresh Samal, and Pramod Samal. However,

questions have been raised over the efficiency of the police, as none of the accused has been

arrested so far. People have expressed concern over the lack of action by the police, with many

urging legal recourse. Separately, the District Deputy Director of Mines (DDM) ordered the closure of 26 black stone quarries in the district November 17. Despite these orders, allegations have emerged that Manoj Samal has been transporting soil, murrums, and black stone from the Aruha mines over the past three days. Similar violations have been reported from other quarries such as Rahadpur, and Bichhakhandi, where leaseholders are allegedly disregarding DDM's directives and

illegally transporting stone day and night. Additionally, there are claims that preparations are underway for illegal stone extraction at another quarry on Aruha hill. Villagers have provided information regarding these activities, further highlighting the blatant disregard for DGMS and Mining department directives. When contacted, Jajpur DDM Jayaprakash Nayak stated that regular raids are being conducted to address illegal mining. He assured that necessary action would be taken against the ongoing illegal operations at Aruha hill.

## Woman turns beacon of hope for Dongria Kondhs



**Rayagada(KCN):** In the foothills of Niyamgiri in Rayagada district, Lahari Kundika, a 44-year-old resident of Khambeasi village in Bissamcuttack block, has turned into a ray of hope for the underprivileged Dongria Kondh tribal community. Despite being uneducated, Lahari is actively raising awareness among the tribals about education, health, and development. Concerned about the decline of Dongria Kondh culture, including their iconic Kapdaganda shawls and traditional

dance, Lahari is doing her bit to revive these traditions. She has trained over 500 young women in weaving Kapdaganda shawls and performing traditional dances. Lahari's efforts stem from her understanding of how lack of awareness keeps the Dongria Kondh community on the fringes of mainstream society. She has taken it upon herself to bridge this gap. After finishing her household chores, Lahari spends her days working on the farmlands in Niyamgiri foothills and

dedicates two to three days a week to visit nearby villages. Moreover, she conducts evening gatherings every Sunday to educate residents about the harms of child marriage, substance abuse, blind faith and superstitions. She also emphasises the importance of accessing government schemes, ensuring fair prices for their goods, and promoting education, particularly for girls. In addition, Lahari teaches villagers about healthy practices, urging them to use government

health services for safe deliveries and other medical needs. She advocates for gender equality, girls' education and the importance of maintaining cleanliness and hygiene. Lahari's reason behind the commitment is personal—she regrets being unable to educate her eldest daughter due to her own lack of awareness. This realisation motivates her to work tirelessly to educate others. Supported by her family, which includes two sons and three daughters, Lahari has extended her influence on over 1,000 men and women in her community. Despite making a significant impact, Lahari acknowledges that economic hardship and other challenges often hinder the community's development. However, she remains undeterred, stating that collective awareness is the first step towards progress.

## 4 artistes in race for Kansa role

**Bargarh(KCN):** Dhanu Yatra, the grand open-air theatre festival, is set to commence January 3, 2025 and will continue for 11 days. Selection of the actor who will portray Kansa next year is now underway. According to sources from the district administration, one of the four actors who were ranked between second and fifth position in the previous audition will be selected for the role. The final decision on who will play Kansa in the upcoming edition of the festival will be revealed soon.



Traditionally, an actor is selected every three years to play the character of the demon king in the Dhanu Yatra. Hrusikesh Bhoi, who portrayed Kansa in the last two editions, had his final opportunity to reprise the role this year. However, controversies surrounding him have led to his exclusion. Reports surfaced that Bhoi, while working as a driver for the district health



department's hearservice, faced allegations of demanding and accepting bribe for the transportation of a body, October 7. This led to his suspension from duty and Bhatli police filed a criminal case against him. Following public outrage and demands for his removal, the Dhanu Yatra Advisory Committee and the working council decided November 22 to

bar Bhoi from participating in the festival. To replace him, four previous contenders — Artatrana Sunani, Jagadananda Mishra, Bhubaneswar Pradhan, and Sushil Kumar Meher — have been shortlisted. These artistes will participate in the selection process, the Dhanu Yatra Committee announced Monday in a press

release. The selected actor will perform in the role only for the upcoming edition of the festival. The usual three-year selection process will resume for subsequent editions. While the date for the final audition is yet to be announced, it will be declared soon, said festival secretary Sureswara Satapathy.

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# JSW MG Motor India Launches Windsor, India’s 1st Intelligent CUV

**Bhubaneswar, (KCN):** JSW MG Motor India, today launched India’s first Intelligent CUV-the MG Windsor, at the price of a manual compact SUV. The Windsor, combining the comfort of a sedan and the expanse of an SUV, will be offered with innovative aerodynamic design, spacious and opulent interiors, reassuring safety, smart connectivity, driving comfort, and many hi-tech features. It is built on ‘Pure EV Platform’ offering a luxurious business-class experience. With BaaS—a unique ownership program, MG Windsor is offered at INR 9.99 Lakhs + 3.5 Rs. /km for battery\*.

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owner of MG Windsor. With the eHUB by MG app, the company is offering one year of free public charging, making it easier than ever for Windsor owners to power up anytime, anywhere. JSW MG Motor India is also introducing its 3-60 assured buyback plan for the Windsor which ensures that it will retain 60% of its value after 3 years/45,000kms\*\*.

The Intelligent CUV features an AeroGlide design language, which is futuristic and transcends the concept of traditional segmentation. The interiors are opulent and luxurious with spacious Aero Lounge seats that can be reclined to 1350, coupled with the expansive Infinity View Glass Roof, adding to the business class experience. Immersive entertainment and smart connectivity features are

powered by a massive 15.6” GRANDVIEW Touch Display in the central console. The Windsor comes with the powerful PMS Motor which is IP67 certified. Impressive performance is derived through a 38 kWh Li-ion battery pack and 4 driving modes (Eco+, Eco, Normal and Sport) that deliver 100KW (136ps) power and 200Nm of instant torque, offering a range

of 331 kms\*\*\*. It can be charged in 40 minutes at any DC fast charger. Speaking at the launch, Parth Jindal, Director, JSW MG Motor India, said, “The MG Windsor is the realization of the vision and promise behind JSW MG India and marks a significant milestone in this journey. The Windsor is the first car that has come out of the JV and the team has worked very hard in developing and bringing it to the Indian market. This vehicle embodies our commitment to delivering to our Indian customers the best of innovation the world has to offer. As a crossover utility vehicle, the Windsor merges the comfort of a sedan with the expanse of an SUV, making it an ideal car for the Indian household. With its advanced features, innovative

design, and disruptive pricing, the Windsor sets a new benchmark. I look forward to seeing the MG Windsor on our Indian roads, delighting our customers and helping them travel sustainably with comfort, style and power.” Sharing his views on the occasion, Rajeev Chaba, CEO Emeritus, JSW MG Motor India said, “With its delightful features and easy to drive dynamics, MG Windsor will certainly invite newer sets of customers to try EVs. Enabling this, we have created a clear channel for smart and unique ownership through the BaaS program, complemented with additional benefits. With these initiatives, we are addressing the barrier of incremental upfront cost of owning an EV

and supporting easy and hassle-free ownership through the user-friendly eHUB by MG app that brings the EV ecosystem to the fingertips of customers. I am confident that the overall package of the Windsor will prove to be a catalyst in strengthening the EV segment further for prospective car buyers.” MG Windsor is a vision to bring the luxury of business class lifestyle and travel to the lives of every Indian. It is an ideal vehicle for customers looking to beat the bustling urban roads and tighter spaces in smaller towns, in comfort and style. The Intelligent CUV is being offered in three variants: Excite, Exclusive, and Essence; and four colours: Starburst Black, Pearl White, Clay Beige, and Turquoise Green.

## SpiceJet and Axis Bank launch co-branded credit card

**GURUGRAM:**SpiceJet, the country’s favourite airline and Axis Bank, India’s third largest private sector bank, have partnered to launch the most rewarding co-branded credit card, powered by Visathat will offer a host of privileges and benefits to customers. The card comes in two variants – SpiceJet Axis Bank Voyage and Voyage Black, and is aimed at facilitating a superlative travel experience for flyers through SpiceClub, the first frequent flyer program by a low cost carrier in India.

Through this collaboration, the two brands hope to capitalize on the resurgent demand for travel following two years of stagnation caused by the pandemic. Further, with the shared goal of expanding their reach to Tier 2 & 3 cities and other synergies, the brands are committed to serving a much larger populace.

SpiceJet-Axis Bank credit card livery on a SpiceJet Boeing 737 MAX aircraft.

The products are designed to enable customers use the rewards earned on their daily spends for booking flights and add-ons, thus encouraging both travel and digital payments embedded with benefits of SpiceJet’s frequent flyer program, SpiceClub.

Customers can earn benefits up to 7% on the Voyage Black credit card which is a Top-tier offering in the travel credit card segment. In addition, the redemption of earned points does not have any limitations on blackout dates, festival demand, and are on first-come basis. Cardholders would get exclusive SpiceClub membership with direct entry in either Silver or Gold tiers, and special benefits like complimentary or discounted travel add-ons, priority check-in, SpiceMax upgrade, preferred seat selection, complimentary meal etc.

Ajay Singh, Chairman and Managing Director, SpiceJet, said, “I am delighted to announce the launch of the SpiceJet-Axis Bank co-branded Credit Card. This card will make every customer journey an even more rewarding one. We are the pioneers of the frequent flyer program for budget airlines in the country and this partnership with Axis Bank significantly strengthens the value offering of SpiceClub. Our association with Axis Bank – founded on the shared vision to offer unparalleled customer experience – is yet another innovative step towards creating a world class travel experience. I hope to see our customers enjoying the benefits of this rewarding collaboration as much as they love to fly with us.”

both the districts joined the efforts to eliminate child marriage, including Anganwadi workers, SHG and CBO members, PRI representatives, parents, religious leaders, and youths. The events featured candlelight rallies and oath-taking ceremonies, which

with the Kailash Satyarthi Children’s Foundation to create child-marriage-free districts. Key stakeholders involved in the initiative included the District Superintendent of Police (DSP), members of the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), the



## JSW Infrastructure begins commercial operations at Paradip East Quay Terminal in Odisha

**Paradip/ Bhubaneswar :** JSW Infrastructure, India’s leading ports company and part of US\$ 13 billion JSW Group, has begun commercial operations at Paradip East Quay Coal Terminal in Odisha. This is a fully-mechanized terminal at Paradip Port Trust with an annual coal handling capacity of 30 million tons . The coal terminal has been built as a cape compliant terminal and will handle capesize vessels once the dredging at Paradip Port is completed. The terminal has capacity to unload 25 rakes per day and can load two vessels simultaneously. The infrastructure of the terminal is built to ensure higher productivity while reducing overall logistics cost to power producers.

The company has invested approximately Rs 1,300 crore to establish this terminal at Paradip Port. Paradip Port Trust awarded JSW Infrastructure to develop a fully-mechanized coal terminal on Build, Operate & Transfer basis for 30 years. Following the commissioning of this coal terminal, JSW Infrastructure’s current cargo capacity crosses 150 MTPA. It aims to have a total cargo handling capacity of 200 MTPA by FY24. Commenting on its coal terminal at Paradip, Mr Arun Maheshwari, Joint MD & CEO of JSW Infrastructure said, “Paradip Port continues to be an attractive sea route for coal movement. With the commissioning of this terminal, India can now offer

cape size shipments with efficient operations. During the last few months, steam coal prices globally have witnessed sharp increase forcing thermal power plants and other coal based industry to switch to domestic coal. Start of this coal terminal has come at the right time to fill up the demand gap of domestic coal. Through high productivity and larger shipment size, we hope to reduce overall logistics costs for our coal cargo customers. As the country pursues PM’s vision of Atma Nirbhar Bharat, the total thermal coal demand in India is expected to remain strong and our endeavor would be to maximize fulfilment by domestic producers.

## Sony announces the Next-Gen Smart BRAVIA 32W830K Google TV

**Bhubaneswar :** Sony India today announced the launch of BRAVIA 32W830K television with attractive picture quality and life like sound. The all-new 80 cm (32) HD ready Google TV lets you enjoy movies, games and shows from apps or broadcast in an instant with advanced voice controls and built-in Chromecast.

Now seamlessly integrate Google TV and bring together more than 700,000 movies, shows, live TV and more from apps and subscriptions and organize seamlessly. With BRAVIA 32W830K, browse content from across your apps, intelligently organized just for you. Customers can easily find something to watch with personalized recommendations and bookmark shows and movies by adding a watchlist from phone and watch it on TV to keep track of what to watch. Users can even add to their Watchlist from their phone or laptop with Google Search and find everything in one place. BRAVIA 32W830K supports Apple Home Kit and AirPlay that seamlessly integrates Apple devices like iPads and iPhones with the TV for effortless content streaming. Easily control your TV with Hands-free voice capabilities. The hands-free voice control is built into the TV, no need to reach for the remote every time to search for entertainment, get answers, or control the TV and smart home devices. Simply say, “OK Google” to issue a voice command.

1,049 child marriages in Odisha to date. In alignment with its mission, HBT actively participated in the nationwide launch of the ‘Bal Vivah Mukh Bharat’ (Child Marriage Free India) campaign, inaugurated today, November 27, by the Government of India at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. As a key partner of the Just Rights for Children (JRC) alliance, a national network of over 250 civil society organizations working in 400 districts, HBT spearheaded district-level inauguration events in Keonjhar and Kandhamal, alongside its ongoing collaboration

Child Development Project Officers (CDPO), District Child Protection Officers (DCPO), members of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), representatives from Child Care Institutes (CCI), and adolescent girls. In Kandhamal, the campaign rollout included village-level initiatives across 50 villages in five Panchayats—Raikia, Mandakia, Gochhapada, Phiringia, and Kainjhar. Similarly, Keonjhar hosted block-level events in Patana, Hatadihi, and Banaspal blocks, reaching 50 villages across 13 Gram Panchayats. Around 4,300 people in

## DSP Mutual Fund launches DSP Business Cycle Fund; offers investors chance to enter and exit themes at the right time

**Mumbai :**DSP Mutual Fund has announced the launch of the DSP Business Cycle Fund, an open-ended equity following business cycles-based investing theme. This fund provides investors with the opportunity to invest across various market capitalizations, including large, mid and smallcap companies. The investment strategy focuses on dynamically allocating assets to industries and sectors that exhibit strong growth

potential, improving fundamentals, and attractive valuations. The DSP Business Cycle Fund employs a framework-driven approach to select industries and companies with high growth or turnaround potential. It allows for active allocation to sectors during upcycles while also implementing cash calls and other risk management strategies. By focusing on identifying strong industry cycles, the fund offers an

unconstrained investment approach across market capitalizations, enabling investors to participate in growth opportunities regardless of company size. The fund categorizes its investment universe into broader sectors and evaluates them at the industry level. It aims to identify industries that are at the bottom of their cycle with potential for significant growth, trading at low valuations compared to benchmarks.

## RELIANCE NIPPON LIFE INSURANCE RECORDS STRONG GROWTH INFY22

**Mumbai :** Reliance Nippon Life Insurance Company Limited, a JV between Reliance Capital and Nippon Life of Japan, announced its financial results for the year ended March 31, 2022. The key performance highlights as on March 31, 2022 include: Commenting on the company’s strong performance in FY22, Mr. Ashish Vohra, ED &

CEO, Reliance Nippon Life Insurance said, “FY22 continued to pose its own set of challenges with the outbreak of the second, and then the third wave of the pandemic. We are grateful for the support we have received from our customers, employees, distributors, service providers and their families, that powered our journey of providing maximum value to each

one of our stakeholders.” Mr. Vohra further highlighted that in a volatile economic environment of today, there is a heightened appreciation of Life Insurance for ensuring certainty of life coverage as well as financial investments. These guarantees are designed to drive durable long-term returns and to help customers fulfill their life goals and form the

bedrock of our business model. The company paid death claims, maturity and survival benefit payouts of over Rs. 1,877 Cr in FY22 and achieved an impressive claims settlement ratio of 98.7% for FY22, up from 98.5% in FY21. The company expeditiously settled 3,517 Covid related claims worth Rs. 117 Cr. within an average period of 9 working days. Mr. Vohra

further commented, “A death claim is the ultimate test of a Life Insurance product, and it is the ‘dharma’ of a Life Insurer to honour all such claims with speed and accuracy. We continue to be fully committed and financially stable at 235% solvency (against the regulatory requirement of 150%), to meet all customer claims that may arise in the times ahead.”



# West Indies without Stafanie Taylor for India tour



pleasing," Head Coach Shane Deitz said. His side went as far as the semifinal in the showpiece event, losing to eventual champions New Zealand.

"Since I've taken over, I've seen improvements in all areas, but we still have a long way to go. The consistency of high-level performance is what we need to keep working towards and this is a good opportunity to play six matches against one of

We want to get more girls involved with franchise cricket moving forward and looking toward India, it's always good to play in front of the Indian IPL teams. It is good for our ladies to start getting their names in front of those people, to hopefully open some opportunities in the future," Deitz added.

West Indies' last white-ball series in India came eight years ago in 2016, where they bagged the T20I series 3-0, but were on the losing side of the same scoreline in the ODIs. The tour this year, kicks off with the T20Is on December 15, 17 and 19 - all at the Dr. DY Patil Sports Academy in Navi Mumbai. The teams will then head to Baroda for the three ODIs on December 22, 24 and 27.

who claimed three wickets, addressed the media in her place. When asked if this was the best batting performance by a Bangladeshi batter in women's ODIs, Sultana responded: "No, she (Sharmin) can do better than this. I hope she will perform even better in the next match. She batted

really well. This is only the second time I've seen her bat this aggressively. She can improve further if she wants. It would have been great if she had reached her hundred."

Sultana also commented on the pitch, describing it as unusually batting-friendly for Mirpur, which is typically slow and low. "I didn't feel today's wicket was slow and low. When they bowled, some deliveries reached chest height. If it was a slow and low wicket, the ball would have stayed below our knees. Maybe there were a few odd deliveries, but the wicket was good. This was a 270-run wicket," she explained. "Our main target was to score 300. But we couldn't do it. We'll try to go beyond 300 in the next match," she added.

# Australia add Beau Webster to Test squad amid Marsh fitness concerns

in Brisbane that begins four days after the scheduled end of the Adelaide Test. Meanwhile, Webster's call-up is a reward for his excellent performances in first class cricket over the last two seasons. Last year, he became only the second player in Sheffield Shield history - after Sir Garfield Sobers - to score more than 900 runs and

take 30 wickets in a season. This season, he's already hit 448 runs at an average of 56 along with his 16 wickets in first class cricket. This includes knocks of 61\* and 46\* and figures of 3 for 19 and 3 for 49 against the visiting India A side this month.

"To get a few runs and wickets (for Australia A) was pleasing against a

strong Indian side," Webster said. "Any time you're playing 'A' cricket it's one step below Test level, so it does hold you in good stead. To get the call from 'Bails' (selector George Bailey) at the end of the NSW game was a really proud moment and I can't wait to get stuck in.

"There's a tight turnaround between the Adelaide and Gabba Test so I think (I'm there) just to have some cover there for that middle-order role, whichever way they go." Australia squad for second Test: Pat Cummins (c), Scott Boland, Alex Carey (wk), Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Usman Khawaja, Marnus Labuschagne, Nathan Lyon, Mitch Marsh, Nathan McSweeney, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc, Beau Webster

**New Delhi:** Star India batter Virat Kohli will have a big series in Australia, said Rahul Dravid ahead of the 2nd Test match at Adelaide. Dravid said that Kohli has been batting really well overseas and getting a hundred early against Australia will free him up.

Senior India batter Virat Kohli will have a big series in Australia, said former India head coach Rahul Dravid. Speaking on Star Sports, Dravid said that Kohli had been batting well on difficult pitches overseas and could end up tormenting Australia in the ongoing Border Gavaskar Trophy. The Indian talisman hit a gritty century on the first Test match against Perth in Australia. Kohli was sensational in the second half of that innings, after his initial struggles. Kohli became the fourth Indian batter to hit 30 centuries in Test cricket.

after Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid and Sunil Gavaskar.

"He's been batting really well, even in South Africa a few months ago when we were there, I thought he was batting really well on a couple of difficult wickets. It's just nice for him to be able to get that hundred at the start of the series. I think he could have a big series," said David on Star Sports.

During the Perth Test match, former Indian cricketer Sunil Gavaskar had spoken about the visible difference in Virat Kohli's approach with the bat in Perth. "His body was completely relaxed when he came into bat in the second innings. In the first innings, he came out to bat when India had lost two early wickets, he might have been under pressure. In the second innings, I think he gave himself a little more time to play the ball and

apart from the wider stance, I think he allowed himself to play the bounce by being a little bit more upright," Gavaskar told the broadcasters at the end of the Perth Test.

Coming into the Test series, Kohli had a terrible outing against New Zealand at home, scoring just 93 runs across 3 Test matches. The batter changed his stance, worked on his game and tried to dominate Australia from the go in the first Test match at Perth. Kohli's hundred, combined with terrific performances from Yashasvi Jaiswal, KL Rahul and Jasprit Bumrah, helped India secure their first-ever win at the Optus Stadium by a massive 295-run margin. In fact, this was Australia's first Test match loss at the Optus. India will next play a Pink Ball Test match against Australia in Adelaide, starting on 6 December.

## Financial repercussions likely as ICC misses CT25 contractual deadline

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commercially is a  
significant and hitherto  
unknown facet of the  
entire Champions  
Trophy saga. The ICC  
would not comment on  
matters that are  
commercial but time is  
running out for its  
business partners,  
stakeholders as well as  
the hosts. There may be  
some commercial  
impact for this delay.  
In a separate yet  
relevant development,  
the Pakistan Cricket  
Board (PCB), the  
designated hosts, has  
taken serious exception  
to the prolonged delay in  
resolving the crisis.  
Cricbuzz understands  
that a senior PCB  
official is said to have  
contacted ICC CEO  
Geoff Allardice to

express displeasure over the ongoing uncertainty. This, it can be confirmed, is independent of the questions the PCB had sent to the ICC after the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) said the Men in Blue would not travel to Pakistan.


It is being reported, meanwhile, that the broadcaster opposes any proposal to decouple India and Pakistan into separate groups, which would allow Pakistan to play all its league fixtures at home. Having India and Pakistan in the same group would require the hosts to travel to another country for their match against India under the hybrid arrangement, a plan the ICC is most likely to adopt during its November 29

meeting. There may be some truth to these points, as they highlight the context of the 50-over format, which has been steadily and rapidly losing its appeal to the shorter T20 version. Worldwide debates have been questioning the relevance of ODIs altogether. The loudest argument in favour of the 50-over



format remains the quadrennial World Cup, which is a huge commercial success, with the India-Pakistan clash being its blue riband fixture.

While the World Cup itself features 10 teams, a Champions Trophy with just two teams less, would make little sense without an India-Pakistan match,

A group of men in suits are standing on a stage during a cricket event. In the background, there is a large ICC logo and a banner that reads "ICC CHAMPIONS TROPHY". The men are engaged in conversation, and one man is gesturing with his hand. The stage is set against a backdrop of a green field and a blue sky.

Notably, the ICC had previously rejected proposals to convert the Champions Trophy to a Twenty20 format. Given the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the tournament's draw and fixtures, there is a growing debate over whether a shorter format might have been more logistically, operationally, and commercially viable. It is now the biggest challenge for the ICC to convince a defiant Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to embrace the hybrid model, which is expected to be overwhelmingly backed at the ICC board meeting on Friday. The PCB's rigid stance of not accepting it means the Champions Trophy will have implications since

India is refusing to travel to the country. This could force the ICC to consider relocating the tournament, raising the possibility of Pakistan boycotting the event altogether.

What, then, are the consequences? It is a fact that in the global cricket ecosystem, a Champions Trophy without Pakistan would lose some of its lustre, but without India, it would be virtually worthless, close to zero value - a non-starter. Besides, Pakistan's problem is that its biggest asset is the value that it brings to a tournament by playing India. The underlying factor is that commerce drives the system and there is negligible commerce without India.