

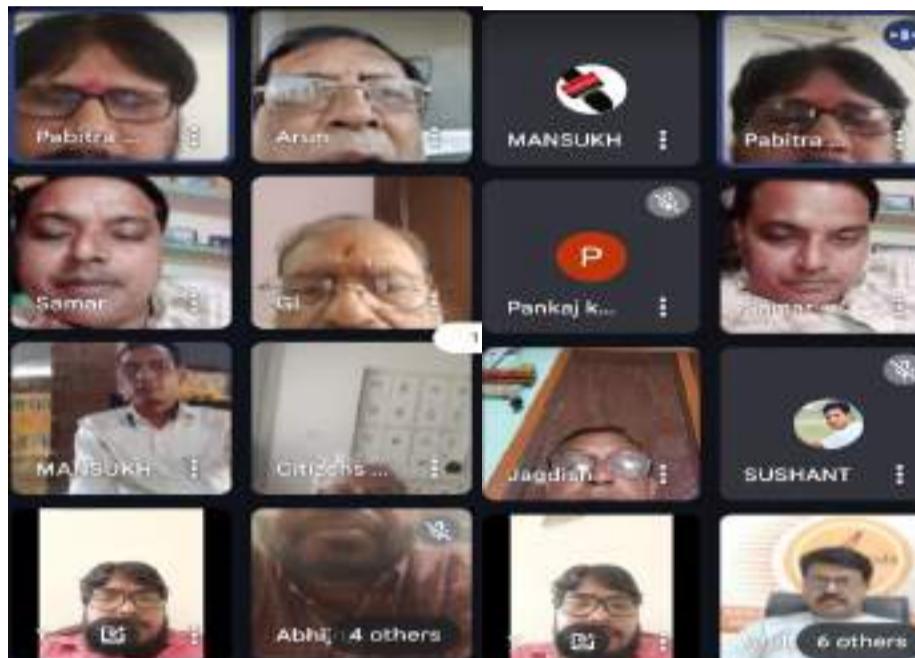
Strategy decided for National Press Day program in RPM's Google Meet

New Delhi/ Bhubaneswar (KCN): In today's online Google meeting organised by Rashtriya Patrakar Mahasangha (RPM) all the colleagues unanimously said that every minute of Upcoming November 15th & 16th meeting in delhi should be utilized NMC Chief National Convenor Sushil Sharma said Many matters were discussed during the meeting of RPM held on 21st and 22nd September in the premises of Jagannath Temple in the country's capital Delhi. Thereafter a new executive was also formed. While discussing the work done at the ground level on the problems of

journalists, it was said that we all will be ready to solve every small and big problem faced by small & Medium newspapers across the country. Today all the friends joined the google meet online and discussed the upcoming program on National Press Day in delhi and protesting at Jantar Mantar regarding the problems of journalists across the country, National President of RPM, Dr. Pabitra Mohan Samantaray Said that two days programs to be held on November 15 & 16 in delhi have been finalized. He said that by maintaining harmony with everyone, unitedly we all have to take the organization far ahead. RPM National treasurer Dheeraj Kumar sought suggestions from everyone regarding the programs to be held on the next two days. He also said that we all will discuss about strength every day and move forward with the organization. IFSMN Chairman sri Arun Goyal, who is currently in Dubai, took time out from his busy schedule and participated in the meeting and said that we all are together all the time. Let us all gather in Delhi, but before that, a plan for every minute of gathering must be drawn. He said that we can come together for

There will be a protest at Jantar Mantar on 15th November... memorandum will be given

National Press day Celebration will be held at Press Club of India on 16th November



Cyclonic storm likely to form over Bay of Bengal by Oct 23, may affect Odisha

Bhubaneswar (KCN): A cyclonic storm is likely to form over the Bay of Bengal by October 23, affecting the coastal areas of Odisha and West Bengal, the IMD said Sunday.

An upper air cyclonic circulation over the Andaman Sea is likely to intensify into a low-pressure area over the Bay of Bengal during the next 24 hours, a special weather bulletin said. The weather system is expected to move westward direction, and intensify into a depression by October 22 morning and into a cyclonic storm by October 23 over east-central Bay of Bengal, it



said. "Thereafter, it is very likely to move northwestwards and reach the northwest Bay of Bengal off Odisha-West Bengal coasts by October 24 morning," it added.

Under its influence, the coastal region of Odisha

and West Bengal is likely to receive heavy rainfall from October 23 to 25, the IMD said, advising fishermen to return to the shore by October 21. IMD Director-General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said the system is likely to take the shape of a severe cyclonic storm.

cm, and above 30 at some places," he told.

The IMD has not made any forecast on landfall location and intensity, he said.

Light to moderate rainfall is also likely in West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh, the bulletin said. Squally wind with speed reaching 40-50 gusting to 60 kmph is very likely to commence from October 23 evening in Odisha-West Bengal coasts, and it would gradually increase to 100-110 kmph gusting to 120 kmph from October 24 night to October 25 morning.

The IMD said during that period, the sea conditions are likely to be rough.

Cyclone Dana: Odisha govt in action mode

Bhubaneswar, Oct 20 (KCN): The Odisha government today asked the administration to remain prepared as possible cyclonic storm Dana is brewing over the Bay of Bengal.

India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a warning that a cyclonic circulation currently located over the central Andaman Sea is expected to intensify into cyclone Dana by October 23.

It is anticipated to reach the northwest Bay of Bengal, near the Odisha-West Bengal coasts, by



the morning of October 24. Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Suresh Pujari said the state government has started taking steps in advance to reduce the impact of the possible cyclone.

Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force (ODRF), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and fire service officials

have been asked to remain alert.

Besides, the minister said that the district collectors have been asked to prepare the cyclone shelters. As per the IMD, a Low Pressure Area is likely to form over the East-central Bay of Bengal and the adjoining North Andaman Sea within the next 24 hours. The system is projected to move westward, intensifying into a depression by the morning of October 22 and evolving into a cyclonic storm by October 23.

'Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha' to be replenished soon: Focus on 'Bikashita Gaon, Bikashita Odisha'

Bhubaneswar, Oct 20 (KCN): The Odisha government is all set to rebrand the 'Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha' Yojana and issue new guidelines for its effective implementation across the state.

The 'Ama Odisha Nabin

Odisha' Yojana will be rebranded as 'Bikashita Gaon, Bikashita Odisha' soon, informed Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water Minister Rabi Narayan Naik. Underlining the futuristic action on the rural development schemes,

Talcher to Paradip and Dhamra stretch of NW-5 set to move forward: Usha Padhee



Bhubaneswar (KCN): The Talcher to Paradip and Dhamra stretch of the NW-5 set to move forward and will soon see the light of the day, said Smt Usha Padhee, Principal Secretary of Commerce and Transport Department. Inaugurating a 2-day international conference on Coastal & Inland Water Transportation with a special focus on the greening of the water transport sector as Chief

Guest Smt Padhee said: Talcher to Paradip and Dhamra stretch of NW-5 set to move forward: Principal Secy Usha Padhee. The Union Ministry of Shipping, Port, and Waterways, and Inland Waterways Authority of India have finalized the study and preparation of the DPR along with detailed design and engineering of the cross structures on the waterways along with the cost estimates through IIT Chennai for the development of the Talcher to Paradeep and Dhamra stretch of NW-5. She added that the project's execution will be undertaken under the SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle) composed of the State Govt, Ministry of Shipping and IWAI, Coal India Ltd, and Paradeep Port Trust. In the seminar, along with the development of NW-5, the early development

of the East Coast Canal System and its connectivity to NW 1, was emphasized to reap the benefits of inland navigation for a green transportation mode and economy in the state. Prof. RP Gokaran, former Head of the Department of Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineer, IIT Kharagpur and Prof. Keshav Dev, Director, Indian Maritime University were other two prominent

personalities who presented their perspectives on the theme of the conference. UCCIL President Dr. Prabodh Kumar Mohanty in his welcome address explained the importance of the seminar for development of industry and the state. Prof Suresh Mishra President FROST (Forum for River and Ocean Scientists and Technologists) enlightened the delegation on requirement of green technology in marine transportation in Odisha state. Speaker's deliberated on the sustainability of water transportation in the restricted waters of rivers and coasts, particularly related to small vessels, with particular emphasis on greening the sector. The Conference held in Bhubaneswar on the 18th & 19th was organised jointly by the UCCIL & FROST.



in Maharashtra. Sources said the translocation process will begin after the special team identifies two tigers to be brought to Similipal. Concerned over a sizeable number of pseudo-melanistic tigers, the Odisha government had earlier written to the National Tiger Conservation Authority to consider introducing female tigers to Similipal. Odisha plans to introduce five tigers, three for Debrigarh and two for Similipal, a part of the big cat relocation project. The tigers will be brought from Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra for this purpose. As per estimation, the Similipal Tiger Reserve currently is home to 28 tigers.



New Zealand keep cool to seal comfortable win

New Delhi: A solid unbeaten 75-run stand between Will Young (48*) and Rachin Ravindra (39*) saw New Zealand through to an eight-wicket win in the tricky run chase of 107 on the fifth day of the opening Test against India in Bengaluru. The visitors lost their skipper Tom Latham for a duck in the first over of the day off Jasprit Bumrah (2-29) who bowled a menacing new-ball spell. Devon Conway huffed and puffed his way to a laboured 39-ball 17 before falling prey to Bumrah. While the target of 107 seemed quite below par even with the challenging nature of the pitch, Bumrah's spell gave India a glimmer of hope.

That, however, was quickly extinguished by Young and Ravindra. The former started fluently and looked assured even against the new ball. Ravindra carried on from where he had left in the first innings and struck a couple of boundaries in his first three balls to keep the momentum going. The pair quickly got into their work and ensured the job was done in a jiffy. Much like the first innings, India sorely missed a third pacer to keep the intensity going. Apart from the rough outside the left-hander's off stump, there wasn't much for the spinners to work with and New Zealand eventually coasted home. If missing a third seamer will now be a major talking point, Rohit Sharma's

(22) came out all guns

decision to bat on the second day will also be something that India will regret. New Zealand's bowlers landed a killer blow under favourable conditions by shooting India out for a paltry total of 46. With cloud cover and a damp pitch to exploit, Matt Henry (5-15) and William ORourke (4-22) came out all guns

blazing against the Indian batting line-up that lacked application. Some of the dismissals were to tricky deliveries but there were also quite a few soft dismissals as New Zealand relentlessly kept the pressure on.

Conway did have a horror little knock in the second innings but it was his

counterattacking innings of 91 that set New Zealand up in the first innings. The left-hander did have his share of struggles even at that point but found ways to deal with the challenges and also peppered the fence with a plethora of boundaries. India, however, briefly managed to fight back as they

reduced New Zealand to 233/7 after the visitors had initially gotten themselves to 142/1. The home side would have hoped to limit the first innings deficit but Ravindra (134) conjured up his second Test ton to deflate the Indian bowlers. The young left-hander handled pace and spin with elan, and showed an impressive range against the slower bowlers by taking them on. Ravindra's onslaught got good support from Tim Southee (65) as they put on a match-defining partnership of 137. India's realistic chances of staging a strong fightback were thwarted by this stand. Among the several major plot points in the Test match, this phase of play was also critical to New Zealand's eventual win. Ravichandran

Ashwin had a forgettable game barring the dismissal of Conway while Jadeja and Kuldeep were effective only in patches. New Zealand ultimately ended with a massive first innings lead of 356 - the kind of figure that effectively pushes the opposition to a point of no return. However, India didn't go down without a fight as they put up a much stronger second innings effort thanks to a stupendous ton from Sarfaraz Khan (150) alongside strong contributions from Rishabh Pant (99) and Virat Kohli (70). Rohit (52) set the tone early with an attacking fifty and most of India's top five batters got their eye in, and batted with high intent.

Kohli and Sarfaraz added 136 for the third wicket to put India on track but it was the 177-run stand between Sarfaraz and Pant that really pushed the home side towards hoping for a miraculous win. It helped the home side that their rapid scoring rate of close to five-runs-per-over had pushed the game forward considerably. At 408/3 with a lead of 52, Rohit's men seemed to have the momentum with a well-set Sarfaraz and Pant toying with the bowlers. That's when New Zealand got a lifeline in the form of the second new ball. And like on the second morning of the game, their pacers once again came to life in a critical passage of play.



Rabada hopeful of 2-0 series win in Bangladesh



Dhaka: South African pace bowler Kagiso Rabada said on Saturday (October 19) that the visitors are eyeing a clean sweep against Bangladesh in the upcoming two-match Test series. South Africa have not won a Test series in the subcontinent during the last 10 years, and would also look to break that jinx with the series win.

South Africa prepares to take on hosts Bangladesh in the two-match Test

series, scheduled at Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium from October 21 while the second Test of the series will be played at Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chattogram from October 29. The two Tests are part of the ongoing ICC World Test Championship cycle.

South Africa dominate the head-to-head record against Bangladesh - 12 to 0 - across 14 Tests played. But the hosts earned two draws in their

last Test series at home in 2015, courtesy of rain. "Hopefully 2-0," Rabada told broadcaster T-sports when his attention was drawn regarding their goal in the upcoming two-match series. "It is going to be a tough series without any doubt and we are ready," he said.

"Last time we played here in the ODIs. It was 2014. From what I remember, there was a bit of bounce and a little bit of seam movement. But as soon as the grass

is taken off, it can turn," he said. "I was here on the Test tour as well, where Bangladesh had scored around 250 for 2 and then it started to rain. But then it rained for the rest of the day, so couldn't really get an indication of how it was going to play," he said.

Rabada spent a lot of time in the nets bowling with old balls, that suggested he is well aware that reverse swing might play a crucial role on a low and slow Mirpur wicket. The fast-bowler, who is just one wicket away from entering the 300 Test wickets club, added that he has a simple philosophy when it comes to cricket.

"Lots of hard work and love for the game," he said.

"Work hard, love the game and don't let the pressure get to you," he said as a message to the young cricketers. He was also impressed with the upcoming crop of pacers for Bangladesh.

New Delhi: Novak Djokovic defeated Rafael Nadal in straight sets in the third-place playoff-match on Saturday. Djokovic won the match 6-2, 7-6 (7-5). The duo faced each other on the tour 60 times since 2006 but won't be meeting anymore as Nadal will retire from professional tennis after the Davis Cup tie against Netherlands.

Nadal will retire later this year after the Davis Cup tie against the Netherlands. Novak Djokovic beat Rafael Nadal in straight sets in One Last Dance between the legends of the game in the inaugural edition of the Six Kings Slam in Riyadh. On Saturday, October 19, Djokovic beat Nadal 6-2, 7-6 (7-5) in the third-place playoff match in front of a packed house.

Nadal and Djokovic have shared a great rivalry over the years, with the Serb leading the Spaniard 31-29 on the ATP tour. Djokovic had earlier beaten Nadal in straight sets in the Paris



Novak Djokovic beats Rafael Nadal in 'One Last Dance' at Six Kings Slam

Olympics two months ago. The two won't be meeting any more on the tour as Nadal will retire from professional tennis after the Davis Cup tie against the Netherlands later this year.

"The rivalry has been incredible. It's been very intense. I hope we will have a chance to sit on the beach somewhere and have a drink reflecting on life and talking about something else," Djokovic said in the on-court interview after the match.

Rafael Nadal hits an unforced error on the backhand from the Spanish great brought the curtains down on the match. "I don't know where to start. I'll go back to the first match we played in 2005 I think it was. Who would know we would be standing here 20 years later more than 60 times we faced each other. I have the utmost respect for you. Incredibly great athlete. Incredibly person," Djokovic added. In the Six Kings Slam, World No.1 Jannik Sinner will lock horns with Carlos Alcaraz in the men's singles final

Shreyas Iyer relieved to be in 'good space' with fitness after injury struggles

New Delhi: Shreyas Iyer has played seven multi-day games - two in Buchi Babu, three in Duleep Trophy and two in the Ranji Trophy - back to back in about two months and that could go down as heavy load on a body that went under the scalpel for a back surgery about 12 months ago. The back 'feels good' now, says Iyer, but there is a need to manage the work. "My job is to keep performing and keep participating as much as possible and also see to it that my body is in the best shape," the middle-order Mumbai batter

said after scoring a fluent 142 against Maharashtra in the Ranji Trophy on Saturday. He believes his body is in good shape, but in the back of his mind, there's a lingering fear that the injury might recur. "So I will make the best decision possible. After the surgery, I played the World Cup, Asia Cup and many more matches, but there was this phase where I was feeling that it might occur again. I trained a lot to see to it that I have optimum fitness and obviously it comes here and there, but now my capacity has improved.

"No matter whatever

people think outside, I have to listen to my body because I know the amount of threshold I've carried over the last few years and based on that I'll be taking the right decision and I hope that my team will also back (me)," he said.

Iyer, who scored his first Ranji Trophy century in six years - since his 178 against Baroda in December 2018 - has been focusing on his fitness. After the second day's play at the BKC Ground in Mumbai, he reflected on his efforts, stating that he was trying to push his limits. "I have improved my long distance running. I was

stressing up my body, pushing my body. (I was doing) 400, 800 meters running and I was trying to push my limits and see to it that I was at the best fitness possible."

Iyer was denied a central contract by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for skipping a Ranji game last season and since then he has tried to course correct. But the



perception has stuck. "See, I have addressed my feelings (about the longer format). Things didn't go my way. But I've also addressed it in the previous interviews I've given.

"But I'm in a good space right now. I'm doing what I'm meant to do, that is training and playing matches consistently. And I feel that all the matches I've played right now in the past have helped me gain that fitness level. This is my seventh match on the trot and yeah, the body has taken a lot of load. We have to manage here and there and see to it that I strategize in terms of how I play."

This was Iyer's 14th first class century and during the course of the knock he crossed 6000 first class runs. He was happy about it, understandably. "Obviously I was feeling a bit down with my injuries, but now getting a century after a very long time, it's a great feeling overall. I am absolutely keen for a comeback, but, yeah, as we say, control the controllables," he said talking about comeback into the Indian team in which he was once a regular in all the formats, with 14 Tests, 62 ODIs and 51 T20Is under his belt.

Jayaram Badnaik, a Student of SLN-CEC, CUO Qualifies Odisha Civil Service

Koraput, (KCN): Shri Jayaram Badnaik, a student from the inaugural batch of Civil Service aspirants at the Saheed Laxman Nayak Competitive Examination Centre (SLN-CEC) under the Central University of Odisha in collaboration with District Administration Koraput has successfully qualified for the Odisha Civil Service 2022. The SLN-CEC is located in Semiliguda, Koraput. Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University, congratulated Shri. Badnaik on his achievement and wished



him continued success in future endeavors. He thanked the Chairman and all the esteemed members of District Mineral Foundation for allocating budget for this noble initiative. He also praised the SLN-CEC team, led by its Director, Dr. Kapila Khemundu, along with the faculty members, for their dedicated efforts in

mentoring students from the region to pursue careers in civil service. Prof. Tripathi encouraged them to continue their commendable work. Dr. Kapila Khemundu, Director of SLN-CEC and Head of the Department of Sociology, also expressed his heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Badnaik, expressing confidence in his future accomplishments.

Mr. Badnaik hails from Chiliput village in Nandapur Block, Koraput district, and holds a master's degree from Ravenshaw College. The first batch of civil service aspirants at SLN-CEC was launched on August 25, 2023. According to Dr. Khemundu, admissions for the second batch have been completed, and classes are currently underway. Dr. Phagunath Bhoi, the University's Public Relations Officer, echoed these sentiments, emphasizing optimism for the center's future contributions.

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Anuj Singh was also present in this special visit.



Odisha Food Supplies Minister warns against hoarding ahead of possible cyclone

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): As the Odisha government is getting ready to face a possible cyclone, State Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Minister Krushna Chandra Patra today warned the traders against hoarding essential commodities for black marketing.

He emphasized that any such actions would be met with stringent consequences.

Speaking to reporters in Cuttack about the potential for hoarding and



black marketing, the Minister reiterated the government's stance. "I have made it clear that our administration will not tolerate black marketing. All our officials are prepared for the situation, and there will be no issues," he said.

Although the Minister expressed optimism that the cyclone may not

heavily impact Odisha, he assured the public that the state government is fully prepared for any eventuality.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecasted the formation of a cyclonic storm over the east-central Bay of Bengal by October 23.

The storm is expected to move north-westwards and approach the Odisha-West Bengal coasts by October 24, with wind speeds possibly reaching 100-120 kmph, accompanied by rainfall.

Sensational and shocking fact about the appointment of Dr. Himanshu Sekhar Rout

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Remember Pooja Khedkar who got into IAS doing forgery of certificates and fake documents and was later terminated by the Government of India. We have many Pooja Khedkar in Utkal University.

We have revealed sensational and shocking fact about appointment of Prof. Mitali Chinara, Professor and Head of Department of Analytical and Applied Economics, Utkal University. RTI Answer from Utkal University reveals that appointment of Prof. Mitali Chinara in Utkal University appears to be illegal. As per RTI letter, she has not submitted a Bank Draft for faculty application which is mandatory in any appointment process. Bank Draft or details of Bank Draft or copy of Bank Draft is not found.



Sources also reveal that she has not gone through the interview process. It seems that through her influence, she was appointed as faculty in Utkal University from a back door channel. Her appointment seems to be illegal. Now the Registrar of Utkal University has informed this through RTI Answer. The same answer is sent to the Vice Chancellor and Chancellor (Governor of Odisha) for information and necessary action.

Now RTI answer reveals sensational and shocking fact about appointment of Dr. Himanshu Sekhar Rout, Reader, Department of Analytical and Applied Economics, Utkal University. It seems that he has forged his Scheduled Caste certificate to get M.Phil admission in Utkal University. He has taken admission in SC Quota bearing Roll no 308 in the year 1995-96. The RTI answer reveals his SC caste certificate is fake. His admission on the basis of fake Scheduled Caste certificate is illegal. Original caste certificate issued from Office of Tahasildar, Dharmasala is clearly saying he belongs to Socially and Educationally Backward Class (SEBC) category. But he took admission in SC Category and later used his M.Phil Certificate for Ph.D Admission and faculty position in Utkal University. Since M.Phil degree is illegal, rest of his admission and appointment is also illegal.

Utkal University should form an investigation committee and take necessary action. By virtue of being faculties, they are placed in various important committees of Utkal University and Government of Odisha.

They are executive members of Odisha Economics Association.

The matter is serious in nature as it is about

faculties of one of the

oldest and prestigious

state university of

Odisha. There may be

many more in the

system. Both Utkal

University and

Department of Higher

Education, Government

of Odisha should take

cognizance of the matter.

15 students of KISS Clear OCS

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Fifteen students of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) have cleared Odisha Civil Services, (OCS) Examination-2022, results of which were declared by Odisha Public Service Commission (OPSC) on Saturday.

They are Nandakishor Patra, and Nilamadhab Patra from Kalahandi; Rajes Kisan, and Suman Kujur from Sambalpur; Sanjeev Hasdah, Tikilimani Soren, Rameswar Hembram, and Lambodar Hembram from Mayurbhanj;



Biswanatha Ranjan Kishan from Sundargarh; Jagajivan Majhi from Bolangir, Runita Pradhan from Kandhamal, and Shyama Madi from Malakangiri. The success of numerous students from KISS in prestigious competitive exams such as the Odisha Civil Services Exam has brought great joy to both

the students and their parents. Each year, a growing number of students achieve success in such crucial examinations, but this year stands out with about 15 students excelling in the OCS. Additionally, KISS students consistently demonstrate success in a variety of competitive exams annually. Dr. Achyuta Samanta, the Founder of KIIT & KISS, expressed his satisfaction and congratulated all the successful students. He emphasized that KISS prioritizes the well-being of its students, focusing not only on education but also on sports and holistic development. Special coaching arrangements are made for national and regional level entrance and competitive examinations. Dr. Samanta also extended his gratitude to the faculty members of KISS for their dedicated efforts.

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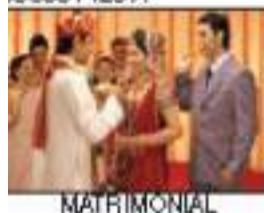
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Jai Bajrangbali: Ajay Devgn's Singham Again song is inspired by Hanuman Chalisa

The much-anticipated first song from Rohit Shetty's film Singham Again, titled Jai Bajrangbali, has been released. Composed by Thaman S, the track draws inspiration from the Hanuman Chalisa.

The song, titled Jai Bajrangbali, released on October 19

The video is picturised on Ajay Devgn's Singham and Ranveer Singh's Simmba

The first song from Rohit Shetty's upcoming film Singham Again, titled Jai Bajrangbali, has been released. The track, drawing inspiration from the Hanuman Chalisa, is composed by Thaman S with lyrics by Swanand Kirkire. Featuring a large



ensemble of vocalists, including Srikrishna, Kareemullah, Arun Koundinya, and others, the song blends devotional themes with energetic music.



Jai Bajrangbali arrives ahead of the film's release on November 1, 2024. The song sets the tone for the film's action sequences, continuing the tradition of Shetty's

Priyanka Chopra shares
memorable trip to India via pics

Priyanka Chopra Jonas recently made a memorable trip to India, and her visit was nothing short of a celebration.

Her visit to Mumbai was brief yet incredibly eventful. She arrived October 16 and packed her schedule with several events. Yesterday, the desi girl attended the special screening of her Marathi film

Paani, which is produced by her production house, Purple Pebble Pictures.

On Friday, the Baywatch actress shared a series of photos and videos from her time in Mumbai. The post features behind-the-scenes snapshots along with clips from her appearances at various events. In one of the images, Priyanka is seen sitting at a table, posing with her friends.

Other photos are from the screening of Paani. Priyanka also shared a lovely picture with her mother, Madhu Chopra, and her brother, Siddharth Chopra. Additionally, some of the images offer glimpses of the city, including the iconic India Gate.

Sharing the post on her Instagram handle, Chopra wrote, "Full calendar, sure... but it's also the little things."

Khel Khel Mein director on Akshay Kumar's low phase: Form is temporary, class is permanent

Mudassar Aziz, director of Khel Khel Mein, discussed Akshay Kumar's recent career challenges, comparing them to a cricketer's temporary dip in form while affirming his enduring talent.

The filmmaker compared the actor's low phase to a cricketer who is out of form. A lot has been said about Akshay Kumar's career graph in the last two years. The superstar saw a string of flops at the box office, leading many to believe he had lost his charm. However, in a chat with India Today, Mudassar Aziz, director of his film Khel Khel Mein compared the actor's low phase to a cricketer who is out of form, emphasising that even during such times, their class remains intact.

Aziz discussed his

experience working with him and what Akshay felt about the negative online chatter surrounding him. He shared that he has been interacting with him for the last three years, from the time he conceived the film. Aziz also mentioned that his relationship with Akshay extends over 30 years. The filmmaker further revealed that the superstar pays close attention to what is being said about him. "It all started when I as a little boy went to see Garam Masala in a theatre and laughed my lungs out. From then to coming to know him personally and now working with him, it has been such a wonderful ride. Also, he is an extremely perceptive, intelligent and aware person. It's not that a lot of this chatter does not land on his ears, it does.

He is not someone to carelessly brush that aside. It may not determine his next choice but he pays careful attention to what's being said about him," Mudassar Aziz said. He further added, "There is a very important phrase in cricket, 'Form is temporary, class is permanent'. Every time a cricketer is having a bad run, the whole nation unites to tell them what they should do, or shouldn't do. But you cannot take away their talent and the class reveal itself soon. There was no doubt in our minds about Akshay, and now with Khel Khel Mein, he's returned to comedy, batting on the wicket where he's scored many

centuries. He is back to entertaining his audiences the way they like it."

Mudassar Aziz also shared what he has learned from Akshay Kumar - a trait he feels everyone should adopt. "He treats success and failure as part of the same process. He doesn't process them differently, and that is commendable," he said.

The director also revealed how it's not just with Akshay but the entire Khel Khel Mein cast fell in love with each other while shooting. "We did not have to ask them to be friends as that camaraderie was very much already there by the time we started shoot. We have a WhatsApp group and we keep sharing reviews, posts, and even memes on it and laugh about it. The entire experience has been so satisfying. Also, none of us have the cockiness to claim we made a good film because we had trust and pride in our product."

After Khel Khel Mein and Street 2, Akshay Kumar announced his next comedy project Bhoosh Bangla, his comeback collaboration with Priyadarshan

Exclusive: Imran Khan says 'Ranbir Kapoor and I never bought into ugly reports'



Actor Imran Khan recently opened up about his relationship with colleague and Bollywood star Ranbir Kapoor. The two had made their debut around the same time. On work front, Imran was last seen in 'Katti Batti'. Colleagues Imran Khan and Ranbir Kapoor were considered two of the most sought-after actors after their debut in 2008 and 2007, respectively. Constant comparisons between contemporaries were not unusual and both Imran and Ranbir were not strangers to this. In

an exclusive chat with India Today, Imran recalled his conversations with Ranbir during the time and said while various reports always pitted them against each other, they never bought into the ugliness of it all. Imran Khan said, "It's unfortunate. And it always leaves a very unpleasant aftertaste because that's never how I viewed it. From my conversations with Ranbir back then, I remember he never bought into that sort of thing, either. My recollection of him is

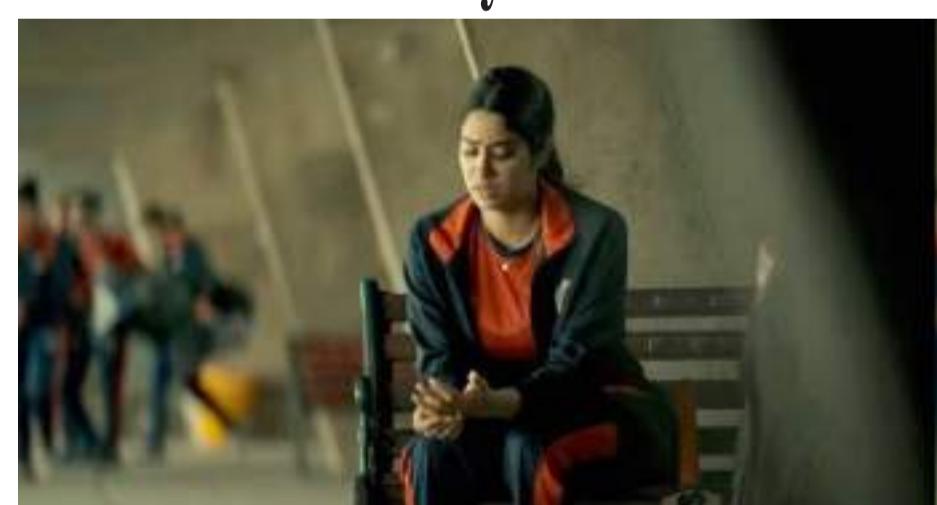
that he took the craft very seriously. He's a cinephile and he was also not engaging in that thing."

"This is just the spicy stuff that they like to talk about in the gossip magazines. I recall there were a couple of particularly ugly things that would come out. And we would always make it a point to kind of reach out and say, 'Hey, listen, aise aise hua hai [this has happened], are we cool?'"

Both Ranbir Kapoor and Imran Khan had even appeared on Koffee With Karan episode together during Season 3. Meanwhile, Imran Khan is currently developing two scripts, but is yet to sign any movie.

Imran Khan was last seen in the 2015 release, Katti Batti, with Kangana Ranaut.

'Roya Jab Tu' song: 'Mr and Mrs Mahi's' soft ballad will move you to tears



A new song from Mr and Mrs Mahi is out, called Roya. A soft moving ballad, it has been composed, written and sung by the versatile Vishal Mishra. As one can gleam from the music video, the track appears in the movie when Janhvi Kapoor and Rajkummar Rao's relationship is experiencing some issues.

Speaking about the song and what truly makes it special, Vishal Mishra said, "Roya Jab Tu" is a comforting presence for the void in our hearts. It's that soulful companion that stays with you and heals your sorrows." Mr and Mrs Mahi is being touted as a romantic drama, where cricket clashes with romance. Filmmaker Karan Johar, who is bankrolling the film, had previously spoken about the movie and said, "Some films are more than just stories. They are so much more than celluloid love. They talk to the viewer about dreams and how often people closest to us can come in the way of our dreams. Mr and Mrs Mahi is exceptionally close to our hearts." Helmed by Sharan Sharma, Mr and Mrs Mahi will release in cinemas on May 31.

Relevance of Digital Evidence in Income Tax -Part 2



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6. Digital Forensics and its significance:

Digital forensic is process of identifying and collecting digital evidence from any medium, while preserving its integrity for examination and reporting. It combines elements of law and computer science to collect and analyze data from computer systems, networks, wireless communications, and storage devices in a way that is admissible as evidence in a court of law. Digital evidence gathering is becoming an increasingly powerful tool for the department in its fight against tax-evasion. It can be used individually as key evidence or alongside more traditional methods of evidence gathering, where it could serve as a complement to other types of evidence. Further, digital evidence may help in the course of investigation to prepare subsequent steps. In nutshell, the significance of digital evidence analysis is that it:

a) Helps reconstruct past event or activity or transactions

b) Shows the evidence of

illegal activity

c) Ensures the overall integrity of network infrastructure.

7. Branch of Digital Forensics: The branches of Digital forensics are classified as follows:

a) Disk Forensics: It deals with extracting information from storage media in the form of active, deleted files and data from unallocated, slack spaces

b) Network Forensics is a branch of Cyber forensics dealing with monitoring and analysis of computer network traffic for purposes of information gathering, legal evidence or intrusion detection

c) Data base Forensics is branch of digital forensic science relating to forensic study of databases and their related meta data. This helps in understanding the time stamp of the database data created to see whether any manipulations were done in the original database

d) Mobile device forensics: It deals with examining and analyzing mobile devices to retrieve call logs, SMS/MMS, videos, audios, photos etc.

e) Email Forensics: It deals with recovery and analysis of emails including deleted

emails, calendars and contacts

f) GPS Forensics deals with examining and analyzing GPS devices to retrieve Track logs, Track points, routes, stored locations, home offices etc.

8. Key Elements of Digital Forensics: These are as follows:

a) The identification and acquiring of digital evidence: Knowing where the digital evidence is present, stored and what are the processes that can be used to retrieve the digital evidences. It is noticed that usually in big corporations, where huge number of digital devices is present, identification of crucial digital evidences will save time in analysis of digital evidence and also cost.

Many a times it is noticed that customized software like ERP/SAP are used and the strategy to retrieve the entire software is discussed with system administrator. It is also important to identify types of information stored and the appropriate technology that can be used to extract it.

After evidence is identified the forensic examiner/investigator should image/clone hard disk or storage media

b) Preservation of digital evidence should be done in a manner that there is no possible alteration, damage, data corruption or virus introduction during the process of examination.

c) Analysis of digital evidences involves discovering all files on the subject system. This includes existing normal files,

deleted yet remaining in Recycle bin, hidden files, password-protected files and encrypted files and temporary files.

d) Report the findings means giving the findings, in a simple lucid manner. The report should give description of items, process adapted for analysis, chain of custody or movement of digital evidence, hard and soft copies of findings, glossary of terms etc.

e) The presentation and use of digital evidence in assessment order and its presentation in court of law involves stating the credibility of the processes employed during analysis for testing authenticity of the data.

9. What Cyber Forensics can Reveal to Income Tax Department: Digital Evidence actually has several advantages over physical evidence:

a) It can be duplicated exactly and can be examined as if it were the original. Importantly, copies made following proper procedures have the same evidentiary value as the original.

b) With the right tools it is easy to determine if digital evidence has been modified or tampered with by comparing with the original.

c) It is possible to recover and analyze deleted files that have not been overwritten, as well as carving out portions of files and text from unallocated and slack space.

d) It is possible to do String and Key word searching for finding key files both present, and deleted files etc.

e) It is possible to do time line analysis to see when the digital evidence was created, modified, changed, merged with other files etc.

f) It is possible to know manipulations in data by seeing changes done by unauthorized persons in the data.

10. The challenges in dealing with Digital Evidence:

a) Digital evidence collected and presented should be admissible in law and steps should be taken to maintain integrity of the data.

b) Digital evidence, which is ephemeral, may pose problems in case of Survey, Search and Seizure. However, Income tax department has expert team to tackle such situations. Even they may access password protected data.

c) Problems posed in recovery of deleted data/evidence are the challenges which law enforcement agencies are capable to tackle.

d) It may be difficult to decipher the real information without knowing and getting password or without having the key to the encryption. However now I.T. department has got technical experts to take care of such issues.

11. Legal Background:

11.1 The Information

Technology Act, 2000 was enacted to provide legal recognition to transactions carried out by means of electronic data interchange and other means of electronic communication, which involve use of alternatives to paper-based methods of communication and storage of information.

The same enactment has also brought amendments in a) Indian Penal Code, 1861 b) Indian Evidence Act, 1872 c) Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891 and d) Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.

11.2 As far as Income-tax Act, 1961 is concerned, it has been amended thrice by way of Finance Act, 2001, Finance Act, 2002 and Finance Act, 2009 respectively. a) By way of first amendment by the Finance Act, 2001, section 2(12A) was inserted to give legal recognition to the books of account maintained on computer and section 2(22A) was inserted to provide definition of "document" which include electronic record as defined under Information Technology Act 2000.

Under Information Technology Act 2000 an electronic record has been defined to include data, record or data generated, image or sound stored, received or sent in an electronic form or microfilm or computer generated micro file. This definition of electronic record is wide enough to cover person in possession of computer, storage device, server,

mobile phone, i-Pod or any such device. Thus the amended law has specifically given recognition to electronic record as admissible evidence at par with a "document".

Further, powers to impound/copy a document during a survey action u/s 133A and power to seize a document during a search and seizure operation u/s 132 has also been extended to electronic records as a result of the amendment.

b) Amendment by the Finance Act, 2002, inserted provisions of section 132 (1)(iib) facilitating access to the electronic devices including computer, containing document or books of accounts in the form of electronic records by making it obligatory for the person under control of such device to afford necessary facility to inspect such records.

c) Finance Act, 2009, inserted clause (c) in Section 282(1) providing that service of notice in the form of any electronic record as provided in Chapter IV of the Information Technology Act, 2000 will constitute valid service.

11.3 Changes in Indian Evidence Act:

Under Indian Evidence Act there are several references to documents and records and entries in books of account and their recognition as evidence. By way of the Second Schedule to the Information Technology Act, the Amendments to the Indian Evidence Act have

been brought into incorporate reference to Electronic Records along with the document giving recognition to the electronic records as evidence. Further, special provisions as to evidence relating to electronic record have been inserted in the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 in sec. 65A and sec. 65B. These govern the integrity of the electronic record as evidence, as well as, the process for creating electronic record. Importantly, they recognise faithful output of computer the same evidentiary value as original without further proof or production of original. Accordingly, while handling any digital evidence, the procedure has to be in consonance of these provisions.

11.4 Under Indian Penal Code several acts of omission and commission relating to various documents and records are treated as offences. By way of First Schedule to the Information Technology Act, Amendments to the Indian Penal Code have been brought in, so as to incorporate reference to Electronic Records along with the document.

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Justice Uncovered: The Constitution's Silent Guardian

The law is no longer 'blind' in India... Strip removed from the eyes of the goddess of justice, the constitution replaced the sword

Prof. Sunil Goyal



In this way, the highest court of the land has sent a message that the 'law is no longer blind'.

On the instructions of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court DY Chandrachud, the blindfold of the Goddess of Justice has been removed and the Constitution has been replaced with the sword in the hand.

The scales in the idol's hand mean that the goddess of justice weighs the evidence and facts of the case to make a decision. The sword meant that justice would be swift and final.

Till now the idol of justice was blindfolded. He had scales in one hand and a sword in the other. The associated phrase "the law is blind" makes headlines. The statue seen in the courts is called Lady Justice statue. This idol is known as the goddess of Egypt Maat and the Greek goddess Themis.

Themis was considered a symbol of law and order. It is considered a symbol of ideologies like goodwill, justice, law and order. In Greece, Themis is considered a symbol of truth and law and order.

According to legend, Dickey was the daughter of Jus. She used to do justice to the people of the area. In Vedic culture, Zeus was called Jupiter, the god of light and wisdom by Dios. Justicia was the Roman alternative to the goddess Dickey.

Dickey was shown blindfolded. Goddess of Justice Women judges with scales and swords in their hands, blindfolded, the judicial system is considered a symbol of morality. Just as God gives equal justice without any

discrimination, similarly it also gives the goddess of justice.

Where was the Lady of Justice born, where did India come from?

The history of the Goddess of Justice i.e. the Lady of Justice is several thousand years old, the most direct comparison of the current Goddess of Justice is made to the Roman goddess of justice, Justitia.

Justice is for all and everyone is equal before the goddess of justice. Blindfolded, holding scales in one hand and sword in the other, an initiative has been initiated to change the symbols of the goddess of justice in India.

The eyes of the goddess of justice the bandage has been opened and the constitution has replaced the sword in one hand.

History of the Lady of Justice

The history of the Goddess of Justice i.e. Lady of Justice is several thousand years old. Its concept has been going back to ancient Greek and Egypt civilizations. The ancient images of the goddess of justice, also known as Lady Justice, resemble the goddess of Egypt 'Maat'. Maat was a symbol of truth and order in ancient Egyptian society. In Greek mythology there is Themis the goddess of justice and her daughter Dickey, also known as Astraea. The ancient Greeks worshipped the goddess Themis and her daughter Dickey, the embodiment of divine law and customs.

Dickey was always depicted carrying scales and was believed to rule human law. In ancient Rome, the dickey was also known as justitia. Greek goddess Themis' law, in Roman civilization the



goddess was 'Maat', a goddess standing for order who held wings of sword and truth. However, the current goddess of justice is most directly compared to Justitia, the goddess of Roman justice. Divine presence in every work in Greek civilization. Greek civilization is one of the oldest civilizations known in the world. There has been a belief of thousands of gods and goddesses in Greek civilization. There has been a god or goddess for everything like farm, grapes, wine, water, air, sky, theatre, music. The ancient Greeks were profound fatalists and believed in the divine presence in their every action. These were his spiritual symbols, it was his philosophy from which he used to take guidance. For justice too, he put forward a philosophy from his imagination that emerged as a symbol that was adopted around the world.

Powerful icons formed after the Renaissance period. Myths were also created in Europe during the

renaissance. In the newly emerged republics, the goddess of justice became a powerful symbol of law and justice for citizens. It supported the principle of divine right of kings, but it had important principles of fairness of justice along with democratic principles.

Artworks, paintings, sculptures depicting the symbol of the Goddess of Justice are found all over the world. Courts, law offices in North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Middle East, South Asia, East Asia and Australia. Statues and pictures of the goddess of justice are seen in legal institutions and educational institutions. How did the goddess of justice come to India?

From Greek civilization, the goddess of justice reached Europe and America. It was brought by a British officer in India. It was brought to India in the 17th century. During the 18th century during the British period, the idol of the goddess of justice first appeared in the 16th century. Since then it has been used in many places. The blindfold is a symbol of fairness and objectivity of the law. It also means

that decisions are not influenced by factors such as politics, money or fame. Why did the Chief Justice of India take this decision?

In the India's Chief Justice Office, Indian Chief Justice Chandrachud believed that the English legacy should now go beyond it. The law is never blind. He sees everyone equally. Therefore, the Chief Justice of India believed that the nature of the goddess of justice should be changed. Also the goddess does not have a sword in one hand. Rather, there should be a constitution; So that the message should go to the society that they do justice according to the Constitution.

Scales: Scales reflect the objectivity and obligation of law (through its representatives) to weigh and examine evidence presented in court. Each side in a legal case should be seen and compared while administering justice.

Sword: The sword is a symbol of power, prosperity and respect. It means that justice stands by its verdict and is capable of taking action.

The sword is without a sheath, which very clearly indicates that justice is transparent. The double-edged sword states that after examining the evidence, a verdict can be pronounced against any party and it is necessary to implement the verdict as well as protect the innocent party. Or able to defend.

Blindfold: The blindfold of the goddess of justice first appeared in the 16th century. Since then it has been used in many places. The blindfold is a symbol of fairness and objectivity of the law. It also means

derived from his name. The blindfold that they are blindfolded also has a deep meaning.

Being blindfolded means that the goddess of justice will always judge impartially. Judging by seeing someone can go to one side. That's why they blindfolded. It was tied.

This idol was brought India British officer from Greece. For the first time in the 17th century, it was brought India a British officer. This British officer was a court officer. During the British period, the statue of the goddess of justice was used in public use during the 18th century. Later, when the country became independent, we also accepted the goddess of justice.

Symbols of the Goddess of Justice changed in India. In the India, the costume of the goddess of justice has been changed. Now the blindfold of the goddess of India justice has been removed. The Constitution has replaced the sword in their hands.

The judiciary has changed the tradition of British rule. The Supreme Court has given a message to the country that the 'law is no longer blind'. Apart from this, the sword in one hand of the goddess, symbolizing punishment, was removed. It has been replaced by the Constitution.

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Israeli strikes on northern Gaza leave at least 87 dead or missing, Palestinian officials say

Deir Al-Balah (Gaza Strip): Israeli strikes on multiple homes in the northern Gaza Strip overnight and into Sunday left at least 87 people dead or missing, the territory's Health Ministry said.

It said another 40 people were wounded in the strikes on the town of Beit Lahiya, which was among the first targets of Israel's ground invasion nearly a year ago.

The strikes came as the United States is investigating an unauthorized release of classified documents that assess Israel's plans to attack Iran, according to three US officials. A fourth US official said the documents appear to be legitimate.

The documents, attributed to the US

Geospatial Intelligence Agency and National Security Agency and marked top secret, indicate that Israel was moving military assets in place to conduct a military strike in response to Iran's ballistic missile attack on Oct. 1.

The US officials spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to discuss the matter publicly.

The US is urging Israel to press for a cease-fire in Gaza following the killing of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar last week. But neither Israel nor Hamas has shown any renewed interest in such a deal, after months of negotiations sputtered to a halt in August.

Iran supports Hamas and the Hezbollah militant



group in Lebanon, where a year of escalating tensions boiled over into all-out war last month. Israel sent ground troops into Lebanon at the start of October.

There was no immediate comment on the strikes in Beit Lahiya from the

Israeli military, which said it was "continuing to operate across Gaza in both aerial strikes and ground operations."

Among the dead were two parents and their four children, and a woman, her son and her daughter-law and their

four children, according to Raheem Kheder, a medic. He said the strike flattened a multi-story building and at least four neighboring houses. Mounir al-Bursh, director general of the Health Ministry, said the flood of wounded from the

strikes compounded "an already catastrophic situation for the health care system" in northern Gaza, in a post on X. Internet connectivity went down in northern Gaza late Saturday and had not yet been restored by midday Sunday,

making it difficult to gather information about the strikes.

Israel has been carrying out a major operation in the urban Jabaliya refugee camp, also in northern Gaza, for the last two weeks. The military says it launched the operation against Hamas militants who had regrouped there.

The north has already suffered the heaviest destruction of the war, and has been encircled by Israeli forces since late last year, following the deadly Hamas' attack on Israel.

Israel ordered the entire population of the northern third of Gaza, including Gaza City, to evacuate to the south in the opening weeks of the war and reiterated those instructions earlier this

month. Most of the population fled last year, but around 400,000 people are believed to have remained in the north.

Palestinians who fled the north at the start of the war have not been allowed to return.

On Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas-led militants blew holes in Israel's security fence and stormed in, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducting another 250. Israel's offensive in Gaza has killed over 42,000 Palestinians, according to local health authorities, who do not distinguish combatants from civilians. The war has destroyed large areas of Gaza and displaced about 90% of its population of 2.

Chimmaya Behera Shines at the 6th Kashad Asian Open International Taekwondo Championship 2024



Jakarta, Indonesia, (KCN) : Chimmaya Behera from Bhadrak, Odisha, India, has made a remarkable appearance at the 6th Kashad Asian Open International Taekwondo Championship, held from October 15 to 19, 2024, in Jakarta. Having previously achieved consecutive gold medals at the Senior National Championships in 2022-

23 and 2023-24, Chimmaya continues to set a high standard for excellence in Taekwondo. This event marks a significant moment for both Odisha and Indian Taekwondo, as Chimmaya's achievements inspire countless youths to dedicate themselves to the sport, aiming to bring home more medals for the state and the country. As the Secretary of the State Taekwondo Association of Odisha, Chimmaya is committed to promoting Taekwondo on a larger scale and preparing athletes for both Asian and World Championships. His efforts are focused on enhancing their skills to develop them into world-class athletes.

President J&K Women Lawyers Association Advocate Hina Sultan calls on LG Manoj Sinha



Srinagar, (Aasif Malik): A delegation of J&K Women Lawyers Association led by its President Advocate Hina

Sultan called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan on Saturday. Subsequently, Advocate

Farooq Ahmad Ganai, Social Activist and Chairman Social Reconstruction Center Kashmir also called on the Lieutenant Governor.

Rajdhani College organises National Workshop on Stochastic Calculus and Mathematical Finance

New Delhi, (KCN): The Department of Mathematics, Rajdhani College, University of Delhi, organized a one-day national workshop on Stochastic Calculus and Mathematical Finance under the DST SERB SSR scheme. The workshop aimed to introduce stochastic calculus and its applications in finance, relevant for the upcoming 6th semester curriculum.

The event opened with a lamp-lighting ceremony led by Principal Prof. Rajesh Giri, guest speakers Dr. Barun Sarkar from IIT Madras, Dr. Neelima from Ramjas College and Dr. Umesh Kumar and Dr. K.K. Arora. The dignitaries, including Dr. Sarkar, Dr. Neelima, and Dr. Ankit Gupta, were felicitated for their contributions. Dr. Umesh Kumar, Convenor of the Organizing Committee, welcomed the audience,



highlighting the workshop's relevance for teachers and students. Principal Prof. Rajesh Giri stressed the importance of mathematics in all disciplines and commended the Mathematics Society ARITY for organizing the event.

Dr. Barun Sarkar conducted two technical sessions. The first covered fundamental concepts like Brownian motion, binomial trees, etc. linking them to financial applications. The second session explored advanced topics such as geometric Brownian motion and Girsanov's theorem, essential for financial modeling. The workshop concluded with a hands-on session on Mathematical Finance using Excel, led

by Dr. Umesh Kumar, Dr. Neelima, and Dr. Ankit Gupta, covering lognormal price simulations, Monte Carlo methods, and Black-Scholes formulae.

In her vote of thanks, Ms. Vandana Dhingra, teacher-in-charge of the department, expressed gratitude to Dr. Sarkar and the organizing team, thanking Principal Prof. Rajesh Giri and all participants for their support in making the event a success.

KASHUR FUNKAR SEASON-2

Srinagar (Aasif Malik):

Kashur Funkar Season-2 Elevating Culture, Sports and Community Celebration also known as Kashmiruk Fankar 2024 was organised at Sher-e-Kashmir with effect from 16 & 17 Oct 2024 by Bandipora Battalion under Sadhbhavana. It was a landmark event that underscored the vibrant cultural, ecological and sporting spirit of the Kashmir valley. Meticulously organised by Indian Army & Ali Sports Academy, this



the audience. The active participation of local youth not only highlighted their skills and passion but also reflected a positive shift in the athletic landscape of the valley, offering them a chance to grow and gain recognition at higher level.

The second day, focused on celebrating Kashmir's rich cultural and musical legacy. The grand festival showcased

captivating performances by local folk artists and school children offering a powerful tribute to the region's traditional music & culture. This cultural celebration was not only a form of entertainment but also a preservation effort to ensure that the valley's musical heritage continues to flourish. The festival attracted both local audiences and tourists, contributing to

the region's appeal as a cultural destination. Competitions held during the festival provided a platform for Kashmiri folk musicians & Army Goodwill School students to shine, ensuring the transmission of their artistry to future generations. The grand finale of the event saw a footfall of more than 4000 locals. The event was graced by GOC, Kilo Force and

other esteemed guests, including DC & SSP Bandipora. Their presence highlighted the event's significance in fostering peace, trust, and unity between the Kashmir valley and the broader Indian community. Kashur Funkar Season-2 was not just a celebration of culture and sports but a step forward in fostering unity, peace, and sustainable growth in the valley.

ragging. The selected works will compete at the state level. To further educate students and the public about police work, a "Police Open House" will be organized online. These sessions will demonstrate police performance, the use of weapons, and feature special performances by the Warangal Police Commissionerate's Jagruti Kalabandam to commemorate the martyrs. Commissioner Ambar Kishor Jha urged citizens, particularly students, to show their support for the families of police martyrs by actively participating in these events.

Warangal, Oct 20 (KCN): Warangal Police Commissioner Ambar Kishor Jha has called on the public to remember and honour the sacrifices of police martyrs who laid down their lives while ensuring law and order in the region. As part of these efforts, Police Flag Day will be observed on October 31, with a series of events dedicated to commemorating the martyrs. A key highlight of the day will be the "Shok Shrasthi" parade at the Police Martyrs Stupa in the Warangal Police Commissionerate office, where tributes will be paid to police personnel who lost their

lives in Naxalite-related incidents. Following the tribute ceremony, a police parade will be held from the Commissionerate office to Ashok Junction. Officers, personnel from various departments, and the families of martyrs are expected to participate in the event. In addition to the commemorative parade, blood donation camps will be organized across multiple locations under the Warangal Commissionerate from October 21 to 29. The camps will be held in Hanamkonda, Kazipet, Warangal, Mamnoor, Wardhannapet, Ghanpur, Narsampet, and Parkal. These camps are being held in association with the local Red Cross and will see active participation from local communities. To engage the younger generation, an essay competition titled "My Role in Making Telangana a Drug-Free State" will be conducted in Telugu, English, and Urdu for school and college students. The last date for essay submission is October 27, and district-wise prizes will be awarded to the best submissions in each language. Students can submit their

Odisha's Vision for Industrial Growth Shines at Mumbai, Sparks Global Investor Interest

BHUBANESWAR (KCN): Odisha's ambitious plans for industrial growth and investment took center stage during a successful roadshow in Mumbai, the second stop of its global investment roadshow following Delhi.

Led by Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, this high-profile event further advanced preparations for the marquee Utkarsh Odisha – Make in Odisha Conclave 2025, scheduled for January 28-29, 2025, in Bhubaneswar.

Building on the momentum of the Delhi roadshow, the Mumbai event attracted top industry leaders and influential business figures, who engaged in strategic discussions centered on Odisha's burgeoning investment landscape.

Chief Minister Shri Majhi,

in his keynote address, outlined Odisha's rapid transformation into a hub for skill-driven industries, emphasizing sectors such as IT, textiles, renewable energy, plastic, chemicals and petrochemicals.

The Chief Minister's engagements included one-on-one meetings with leading industrialists.

These discussions explored potential collaborations in key sectors, solidifying Odisha's position as a preferred investment destination for both national and international investors.

Reflecting on Odisha's growing industrial might, Chief Minister Shri Mohan Charan Majhi said, "Odisha offers immense opportunities with its business-friendly environment, demonstrated through



recognition in the BRAP 2022. With initiatives like the Single Window Clearance System and GO-SWIFT, the state ensures streamlined investment processes. Its strategic location on India's eastern coast, robust infrastructure, and access to global markets make it a hub for industrial growth. Odisha's skilled workforce, combined with strong governance, invites investors to join a vibrant ecosystem and participate in the Utkarsh Odisha Conclave 2025."

Hon'ble Shri Sampad Chandra Swain, Minister of Industries, emphasized Odisha's strategic advantages,

Odisha, with its rich heritage and strategic location on India's eastern coast, is poised for transformation into a modern industrial hub. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and aligned with the

"Purvodaya Yojana," Odisha is central to India's growth. The state offers a seamless business environment through initiatives like garment manufacturing clusters, food processing parks, and logistics hubs. Odisha invites industries to leverage its robust infrastructure, skilled workforce, and supportive government

policies. The upcoming Utkarsh Odisha – Make in Odisha Conclave 2025 in Bhubaneswar will be a vital platform to explore partnerships and drive Odisha's industrial progress.

The event highlighted ongoing initiatives such as food processing parks, garment manufacturing clusters, and the expansion of multimodal logistics hubs.

Odisha's alignment with national growth strategies such as the Purvodaya Yojana, ensuring it plays a pivotal role in India's overall economic development.

The roadshow, which followed the Delhi event, positioned Odisha as a critical player in India's industrial growth narrative.

Shri Manoj Ahuja, Chief

Secretary of the Government of Odisha, set the context with an opening address, followed by a detailed presentation by Shri Hemant Sharma, Principal Secretary of Industries, outlining the state's industrial strengths and opportunities. Odisha's comprehensive infrastructure plan, world-class Skilling Ecosystem, and strategic location were key talking points.

On the second day of Chief Minister Majhi's visit to Mumbai, the roadshow concluded with an interactive session where he shared insights into Odisha's transformative vision for industrial growth. He underscored the state's investor-friendly policies

and laid out the roadmap for the Make in Odisha Conclave 2025, inviting global investors to explore the unique opportunities that Odisha offers.

With the successful completion of the Mumbai roadshow, more than 500 attendees, including business leaders, witnessed Odisha's potential to attract investment. Odisha has laid a strong foundation for what is expected to be a landmark investment summit. The Make in Odisha Conclave 2025 promises to attract top global businesses and secure major investments across key sectors, cementing Odisha's reputation as a premier industrial and innovation hub.

Aradhana Das from Odisha crowned as 2nd Runner-Up in Mrs. India Middle East pageant

Dubai: The 2nd Season Finale of Mrs. India Middle East Beauty pageant was held in Dubai on 8th September 2024. Aradhana Das from Odisha has been crowned as 2nd Runner-Up Mrs. India Middle East in the above beauty pageant. She is the First Odia Woman to achieve podium finish in this coveted event.

This first of its kind beauty pageant, exclusively for Indian married women in the Middle East, was initiated in 2023. The 2nd Season of the pageant was organized this year in Dubai. This event has served a platform for talented married women from around Middle East and intends to celebrate the beauty, intelligence, and cultural knowledge of Indian women residing in the Gulf.

Married women, hailing



from various parts of India and residing in the Middle East participated

in this contest to showcase their talent, elegance, intellect, confidence and cultural identity. The participants competed in various rounds of the pageant, including traditional attire, gown, talent, and interview rounds. Aradhana Das from Odisha participated as a contestant in the pageant with an endeavor to present Odia culture at the global stage, along with her talent and intelligence in the beauty pageant. Aradhana hails from Bhubaneswar and resides with her husband Suryakant Behera and daughter Saanvi Behera in Dubai since the last 7 years. She was crowned as 2nd Runners-Up Mrs. India Middle East and was also awarded as Mrs. Intellectual in this year's contest.

Aradhana worked as a

before quitting her professional career after the birth of their daughter. This beauty pageant provided her with an opportunity to prove her mettle and to make Odisha proud in this international event. Speaking on the occasion, Aradhana said that she had always wanted to participate in such events but, there were other priorities which took precedence earlier. After getting to know about this event in Dubai, she decided to participate in the pageant. She said that with the grace of God and support from her family members, she could win this coveted title, making Odisha proud. Aradhana takes great pride in being an Odia and has now decided to participate in other similar events to showcase the rich culture & heritage of Odisha at the global level.

Vegetable Prices Soar Past Century Mark in Odisha as Kartik Month Begins



Cuttack (KCN): As the holy month of Kartik commences, households across Odisha are feeling the pinch of skyrocketing vegetable prices. Traditionally, this month sees a surge in vegetarian food consumption, but this year, the cost of vegetables has reached unprecedented levels, crossing the Rs 100 per kilogram mark for many staples.

The surge in prices is

attributed to a combination of factors, including the recent Assembly and Lok Sabha elections, which diverted many farmers from their fields, and extreme weather conditions that have hampered crop production. Heavy rains during the monsoon season further exacerbated the situation, leading to a significant drop in local vegetable yields.

Vegetable prices in Odisha have surged dramatically, surpassing Rs 100 per kg as the Kartik month begins. Consumers in Berhampur, Bhubaneswar, and Cuttack are facing increased financial strain. Notable spikes include capsicum at Rs 150-200 per kg in Bhubaneswar. The price rise is affecting middle and lower-income families the most. In Berhampur, brinjal is

being sold for Rs 80-90/kg, beans for Rs 100/kg, tomato for Rs 70/kg and spine gourd for Rs 100/kg. Prices of other vegetables such as bitter gourd, chili, and bottle gourd have also increased with the advent of the Kartik month.

As the Kartik month progresses, the people of Odisha are bracing for continued high prices, hoping for relief in the coming weeks.

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Abhyuday Jindal assumed charge of ICC as President

Kolkata (PARTHA ROY): Shri Abhyuday Jindal assumed charge of Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) as its new President at ICC's Annual Plenary Session held on 18th October 2024 at New Delhi. Shri Abhyuday Jindal, is Managing Director of Jindal Stainless Limited. Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, graced the event as the Chief Guest and addressed a gathering of over 200 industry leaders, government representatives and media persons. On this occasion, ICC felicitated veteran actor Padma Bhushan Smt. Sharmila Tagore for her extraordinary contribution to the Indian film and entertainment industry. Shri Piyush Goyal in his address said, "The India

story is shining bright, and the world is watching. It is up to us to seize this moment. By reforming, performing, and transforming—and effectively sharing our story with the world—industry and government can collaborate to unlock new opportunities for the emerging middle class while uplifting those below the poverty line and improving their quality of life. I also encourage every citizen to dedicate a part of their lives to serving the nation. This collective effort will help us achieve our shared dream of a prosperous and vibrant India."

Shri Goyal emphasised the need for ICC to deepen engagement with startups, promote women entrepreneurs and nourish the startup ecosystem.

Mr Abhyuday Jindal in



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 Voyage & Voyage Black credit cards were officially launched at Indira Gandhi International airport in the presence of Ajay Singh, Chairman and MD, SpiceJet and Amitabh Chaudhary, MD & CEO, Axis Bank, where they unveiled a special

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."

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 fulfillment by domestic producers.

RELIANCE NIPPON LIFE INSURANCE RECORDS STRONG GROWTH IN FY22

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."

his address said "I am deeply honoured to lead the Indian Chamber of Commerce, an institution that has played a pivotal role in shaping India's economic landscape for nearly a century. It is my vision to strengthen ICC's role as a catalyst for economic growth and innovation. Drawing from my experience across sectors, I aim to promote sustainable business practices, foster inclusive growth, and advocate for policies that empower Indian industries globally. Together, we will build a stronger, more resilient

economy supporting India's ambition to become a USD 35 trillion economy by 2047." The event started with a fireside chat with Antonio Bartoli, Ambassador of Italy to India, who emphasised the importance of strengthening bilateral relations between India and Italy. Highlighting the impact of geopolitical events like the Red Sea crisis, Bartoli called for global collaboration to secure trade routes, enhance connectivity, promote cultural exchanges, and boost trade and investment

between the two countries.

Mr Brij Bhushan Agarwal Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Shyam Metalics, assumed the role of Senior Vice President of ICC. Mr Parthiv Vikram Neotia Executive Director of Ambuja Neotia, assumed the role of Vice President of ICC. Founded in 1925, under the Leadership of immediate Past President Shri Ameya Prabhu ICC has expanded its global footprint by setting up its office in different nations to facilitate promotion of Indian businesses abroad.

CM Mann Must Compensate Punjab Rice Millers' losses of Rs.6000 Crore: Bajwa

Chandigarh (JAG M O H A N THAKEN), October 20: Punjab Congress has demanded the Chief Minister to compensate the losses of the state rice millers.

Leader of Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa said. "The Mann administration's heavy-handed tactics of forcing rice millers to store paddy without any formal agreements or assurances. This has resulted in a near-total standstill, with millers refusing to process the



has demanded that Chief Minister

Bhagwant Mann immediately compensate Punjab's rice millers, who are staring at losses estimated at ₹6000 crore due to the government's gross mismanagement of the rice procurement crisis. Bajwa condemned Mann's so-called "Plan B" for paddy milling as a "Plan Bluff," accusing the CM of attempting to mislead the public and drive a wedge between farmers and rice millers.

The root of the current crisis, according to Bajwa, is Mann's reckless endorsement of the hybrid PR-126 paddy variety, which has resulted in significant losses for millers. The PR-126 variety yields only 62 kilograms of rice per quintal, in stark contrast to the 67 kilograms produced by traditional varieties.

"Mann, acting as the brand ambassador for PR-126, promoted this variety without ensuring that proper yield testing was conducted. The consequences are now being borne by the millers, who are left facing enormous losses that could have been avoided with more responsible leadership," Bajwa asserted. Compounding the crisis, Bajwa said, are

rather than addressing the crisis head-on. "Instead of finding solutions to the very real issues that rice millers are grappling with, Mann is attempting to intimidate them and create unnecessary rifts with farmers through irresponsible and misleading statements," Bajwa remarked.

The situation has spiraled out of control, with millers left high and dry due to the government's failure to manage the procurement chain effectively. Rather than seeking scapegoats, it is time for Mann to take full responsibility for the crisis," Bajwa asserted. Bajwa demanded immediate compensation for the millers and called on the Punjab government to resolve the backlog in the procurement centres. He further urged the government to address the rice millers' long-standing concerns about issues such as breakage and dragee, ensuring that these problems are rectified in future procurement seasons.

"Once the current crisis is resolved, Mann must make sure such a disaster never happens again by taking concrete steps to meet the genuine demands of the rice millers," Bajwa concluded.