

PM Modi extends Ayushman Bharat for all over 70 years

New Delhi(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi Tuesday launched development projects worth nearly Rs 12,850 crore and extended his government's flagship health insurance scheme Ayushman Bharat to all senior citizens aged 70 years and above. The major push in the health sector was unveiled on the occasion of the ninth Ayurveda Day and the birth anniversary of Dhanvantari, the Hindu god of medicine. Modi also inaugurated phase II of India's first All India Institute of Ayurveda in the national capital which includes a Panchakarma hospital, an Ayurvedic pharmacy for drug manufacturing, a sports medicine unit, a central library, an IT and startup incubation centre, and a 500-seat

auditorium among others. In an innovative usage of drone technology to enhance service delivery and make healthcare more accessible, Modi launched drone services at 11 tertiary healthcare institutions. These are AIIMS-Rishikesh in Uttarakhand, AIIMS-Bibinagar in Telangana, AIIMS-Guwahati in Assam, AIIMS-Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh, AIIMS-Jodhpur in Rajasthan, AIIMS-Patna in Bihar, AIIMS-Bilaspur in Himachal Pradesh, AIIMS-Raebareli in Uttar Pradesh, AIIMS-Raipur in Chhattisgarh, AIIMS-Mangalagiri in Andhra Pradesh and RIMS-Imphal in Manipur. The prime minister also launched a helicopter emergency medical service from AIIMS Rishikesh, which will help

deliver medical care speedily. Modi launched a U-WIN portal that seeks to benefit pregnant women and infants by fully digitising the vaccination process. It will ensure timely administration of life-saving vaccines to pregnant women and children (from birth to 16 years) against 12 vaccine-preventable diseases. Further, the prime minister launched a portal for allied and healthcare professionals and institutes. It will act as a centralised database of existing healthcare professionals and institutes. Modi also inaugurated three medical colleges at Mandsaur, Neemuch and Seoni in Madhya Pradesh, besides facility and service extensions at

various AIIMS — Bilaspur in Himachal Pradesh, Kalyani in West Bengal, Patna in Bihar, Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh, Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh, Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh, and Manipur, Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan under the Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission, and several facilities and service

extensions at AIIMS in New Delhi and Himachal Pradesh's Bilaspur. Among other projects, Modi inaugurated an ESIC hospital at Indore in Madhya Pradesh and laid the foundation stone for such hospitals at Faridabad in Haryana, Bommastantra and Narasapur in Karnataka, Indore in Madhya Pradesh, Meerut in Uttar Pradesh, and Atchutapuram in Andhra Pradesh.

These projects are expected to bring healthcare benefits to around 55 lakh ESI beneficiaries. The other projects whose foundation stones were laid include a central research institute in yoga and naturopathy at Khordha in Odisha and Raipur in Chhattisgarh, centres of excellence at NIPER-Ahmedabad for

medical devices, at NIPER-Hyderabad for bulk drugs, NIPER-Guwahati for phytopharmaceuticals, and NIPER-Mohali for anti-bacterial anti-viral drug discovery and development. In a major boost to the Make in India initiative in the healthcare sector, the prime minister also inaugurated five projects under the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for medical devices and bulk drugs at Vapi in Gujarat, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh and Nalagarh in Himachal Pradesh.

These units will manufacture high-end medical devices, such as body implants and critical care equipment, along with important bulk drugs.



Patna metro construction site accident: Odisha Minister expresses grief over death of two labourers from state

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha Labour Minister Ganesh Ram SinghKhuntia Tuesday expressed grief over the death of two labourers from the state in an accident at Patna's metro tunnel construction site. The minister also assured to give adequate compensation to the deceased's family members after completion of the verification process. SinghKhuntia has also stated that the state government will talk to the Bihar counterpart over the issue.

Speaking to media persons in Bhubaneswar Tuesday, the labour minister said that the state labour department authorities Tuesday early morning received information from reliable sources that out of the seven victims, three hail from Odisha. Two of

them died while another Odia victim who sustained severe injuries in the mishap is currently undergoing treatment at the Patna Medical College and Hospital. "Following the receipt of information regarding the incident, we immediately deputed Satyanarayan Acharya, District Labour Officer (DLO), Bhubaneswar, to the incident spot in Patna in Bihar. He will investigate the matter immediately after reaching there. The districts to which the deceased persons belonged are yet to be ascertained. The Aadhar verification is on to find out their complete identity details," said SinghKhuntia. The Labour Minister also revealed that the deceased from Odisha were identified as Manoj and Shyam Babu. Meanwhile, another Odia

victim identified as Bijay who has sustained serious injuries is currently undergoing treatment at the Patna Medical College and Hospital. Notably, at least three workers were killed and four others sustained serious injuries during the construction of an underground tunnel for the Patna Metro. The incident occurred near the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Ashok Rajpath, Mahendru late Monday night. According to reports, the accident happened when a loco machine, used to transport materials within the tunnel, experienced a brake failure. The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC), overseeing the construction, has confirmed the incident and initiated an investigation into the cause of the brake failure.

Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and Health Minister Mukesh Mahaling attended the inauguration of the

Central Drugs Testing Laboratory, while local MPs and MLAs participated in the events at Jatni and Bargarh. Addressing the gathering, Majhi said the Odisha government will implement the Ayushman Bharat scheme soon and added that the left-out eligible beneficiaries will get the benefits of the

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allocation of Rs 21,000 crore to strengthen healthcare services in the state, which represents a 32 per cent increase from the previous budget and constitutes 8 per cent of the total budget, underscoring the BJP government's commitment to the health sector. Bhubaneswar MP

Aparajita Sarangi said the PM laid the foundation of a 100-bed Central Research Institute in Yoga and Naturopathy, to be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 100 crore. The proposed institute will provide treatment for both indoor and outdoor patients, featuring a yoga hall and offering naturopathy classes, the MP added.

Show-cause notice to servitor after photos of Shilpa Shetty visiting Lingaraj Temple go viral

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Lingaraj Temple administration in Odisha's Bhubaneswar has issued a show-cause notice to a servitor and an official, after photos and videos of actor Shilpa Shetty visiting the shrine, where photography is prohibited, went viral. The move came following an outrage among devotees over how pictures and videos were allowed to be captured inside the temple premises, officials said. Shetty was in the state capital Monday to attend an event and had visited the temple in the evening, sources said.

"It has come to our notice that Shilpa Shetty's pictures have gone viral. We have served show-cause notice to a servitor



and a supervisor in connection with the matter... They need to give an explanation within seven days," Bhubaneswar Additional District Magistrate (ADM) Rudra Narayan Mohanty, who is also in charge of the temple administration, said. Mohanty said the duo was seen in pictures along with the actor. Local MLA Babu Singh, too, raised concern over how cameras or mobile

phones were allowed inside the temple premises despite a ban. "Even when the Prime Minister or President visits the temple, no camera is allowed inside Lingaraj Temple. The celebrities who visit the shrine are also instructed to not carry mobile phones inside the premises. But still, these mistakes are happening. Strict action needs to be taken against those found involved in such incidents," Singh said.

Kolkata (PARTHA ROY): Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi distributed more than 51,000 appointment letters to newly appointed youths in various Government organisations on 29th October, 2024 at 10:30 AM through video conferencing when Bharat celebrating Dhanteras. Prime Minister Modi by touch of a button issued appointment letters to 51,236 newly recruits. During his address Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi congratulated all the new recruits for Central government organisations as well as recent recruits of Haryana Government. Shri Modi also greeted all new recruits, their families as well as all

others on the occasion of Dhanteras and Diwali. Shri. Modi mentioned government jobs are not merely jobs but is great opportunities serve the nation. This also highlights Prime Minister's commitment to priorities employment generation. It will empower the youths by providing them with meaningful opportunities to contribute to nation

building. Rozgar Mela was organised at 40 locations nationwide, with new recruits joining the Central Government across various Ministries and Departments, such as the Department of Revenue, Department of Post, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare among others. Newly appointed recruits will have the opportunity to undertake foundational training through "Karmayogi Prarambh," an online module available on the iGOT Karmayogi portal. Over 1400 e-learning courses

are available which will equip recruits with essential skills to serve in their roles effectively and work towards building a Viksit Bharat. Shri Shantanu Thakur, Minister of State Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Gol was present in Kolkata venue and personally handed over appointment letters to 25 newly recruits. Shri Shantanu Thakur mentioned Bharat has rich cultural & spiritual heritage so Government of India's effort to issue appointment letters on the occasion of Dhanteras is celebration of Bharat's cultural heritage. India Post coordinated the Rozgar Mela event for Kolkata venue.

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Central Government wants to take revenge for farmers' movement: alleges AAP

Chandigarh (JAG MOHAN THAKEN), October 29: The Aam Aadmi Party once again attacked the BJP and the central government over the issues related to the purchase and lifting of paddy and alleged that the Central Government wants to take revenge for farmers' movement.

AAP MP Malvinder Singh Kang alleged that this time the central government intentionally did not empty the warehouses to trouble the farmers of Punjab.

Kang stated that it is the routine procedure of the Food Supply Ministry of the Government of India for the FCI (Food Corporation of India) to lift old grains from its warehouses before the arrival of new grains in the mandis (markets) each year, so that there is space available for grain shifting. This process has been in place for decades, not

just for a year or two. Addressing the media along with AAP leaders Jagdeep Singh Kaka Brar and Shaminder Khinda at the party office in Chandigarh on Tuesday, Kang said that this time the central government intentionally did not empty the warehouses to trouble the farmers of Punjab. Now, as the controversy has escalated and the central government finds itself in a difficult position, it is misleading the people of Punjab through its minister Ravneet Bittu. The BJP has deliberately created this issue.

Kang raised questions regarding BJP leaders asking why the Chief Minister himself is not going to Delhi to resolve the matter. He questioned whether the BJP wants the Chief Minister of Punjab to beg the Prime Minister to empty the warehouses. If that is



what they want, they should openly state that the Chief Minister will have to plead with the Prime Minister for a resolution. Kang mentioned that since March, Punjab's Food Supply Department has been writing letters to the FCI and the central ministry, requesting the lifting of grains. But the central government was sleeping like Kumbhakaran for nine months. He noted the dates, saying that the Punjab Food Supply Department first wrote

to the FCI on March 5, followed by letters on March 11, 13, 19, and 22. In June, letters were sent on the 14th and 27th. A letter was also sent on September 3. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann also spoke to Central Minister Prahlad Joshi on September 25 and met him in Delhi on September 30. The Chief Minister also met with Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Union Minister JP Nadda. Kang challenged the BJP to tell them whom else the

Chief Minister should meet?

Kang stated that after the meeting with the Chief Minister, Prahlad Joshi claimed that 2 million metric tons would be cleared in October, while a total of 18.5 million metric tons of crops are expected to arrive in the mandis. He questioned why the warehouses were not emptied in time?

Kang pointed out that BJP leaders are portraying the Rs 44,000 crore Credit Control Limit (CCL) issued by the RBI for paddy

purchases as a favour, when in fact it is the central government's responsibility to manage purchases and storage. He accused the central government of trying to tarnish the reputation of the Punjab government to hide its own failures. He argued that the BJP is acting out of a desire to take revenge on the farmers and traders of Punjab, demonstrating its stepmotherly treatment of the state. Kang praised the Punjab government and state officials for lifting 5 lac metric tons of grain on October 28 and assured that regardless of the central government's efforts to create difficulties, the Punjab government will not let its farmers, traders, and millers face any issues. "We stand with them," he concluded.

On the other hand, the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) Tuesday said

both the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) as well as the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) were equally responsible for the harassment being suffered by farmers in Punjab due to lack of timely procurement of their paddy crop which was forcing them to sell below the minimum support price. Asserting that these parties were responsible for the miserable condition of farmers in the State, senior SAD leader Dr Daljit Singh Cheema said, "Had both the parties shouldered their responsibility in time, the present agricultural crisis could have been averted". He went on to say, "Both these parties are hand in glove with each other and are taking revenge on the farmers for the Kisan Andolan launched against the three agricultural laws". Dr Cheema said it was

pitiable that instead of solving the crisis, both AAP and the BJP were resorting to cheap politics by holding press conferences against each other and indulging in a blame game. Asserting that these press conferences were mere "tamasas", Dr Cheema said "such attempts to play to the galleries will not relieve the agony of farmers who are suffering in the grain markets and being forced to sell their produce below the market rate". Calling upon both parties to sit together and solve the problem being faced by farmers, Dr Cheema said besides ensuring procurement of paddy, appropriate rate for Basmati and lifting of last year's paddy stocks from the State, immediate arrangements should be made to ensure adequate supply of DAP fertiliser to farmers for their upcoming paddy crop.

"WALKATHON" ON VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK WAS ORGANISED BY SAMBALPUR DIVISION

Sambalpur, (KCN): On the occasion of "Vigilance Awareness Week-2024" East Coast Railway, Sambalpur Division organised a "Walkathon" on 29th October 2024 to spread awareness among the public against corruption. The main objective of this Walkathon was to spread the message of Integrity which is the main mantra to build a better world through eradication of corruption from each and every corner of our world. Under the leadership of Divisional Railway



Manager, Sambalpur, Shri Tushar Kant Pandey the Walkathon was organised

at Rail Nagar, Sambalpur. ADRM, Sambalpur Shri Anand Singh, all officers staff participated in this Walkathon.

BOBBY CHAKRABORTY'S 431ST ANTI ADDICTION CAMPAIGN AT LAKSHMIPAT SINGHANIA ACADEMY SPREADS LIGHT ON THE EVE OF DIWALI



Kolkata, (KCN): The youth, who are the pillars of our society and our future, needs to be driven towards light, away from the dark forces, who are hellbent in destroying that pillar, by corrupting their physical and mental health, with all sorts of addiction and harmful social trends.

Bobby Chakraborty a reputed actor, social activist and a teacher of method acting from Kolkata, has been relentlessly doing just that, fighting against that darkness, over a decade, through his free of cost, globally acclaimed, 'preventive' awareness

program for the children, titled 'I AM THE KING OF MY MIND'.

On October 28th, on the eve of Diwali, which is the festival of lights, he rightfully flooded the students or his 'soldiers' from Lakshmi Pat Singhania Academy, of 6th – 8th grades, with a lot of positive rays of hope and guidance, to lead a healthy life, devoid of smoking, alcoholism, smart phone addiction, online gambling through games, abusive language and online indecency to be popular.

The extremely interactive and impactful

session had soldier Kanav Shroff of Class – IX as the official photographer, assisted by soldier Mannan Jhunjhunwala of Class – VI, who was also given the all important title of 'The 1st Soldier'.

An interesting social experiment called 'Trendsetting', saw soldier Aadhya Daga of Class VII as 'The Trendsetter'.

The surprise contest at the end had soldiers Udaya, Chakravarty (VII), Darsh Agarwal (VIII) and Avantika Gupta (VII) as the winners, who along with active soldier Kanav



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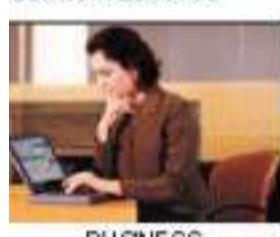
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Mere Karan Arjun aayenge: Salman-SRK blockbuster back in cinemas on November 22



Karan Arjun, starring Shah Rukh Khan and Salman Khan, is set for a global re-release in November 2024. Directed by Rakesh Roshan, the film promises to captivate

audiences once more. The news was announced by director Rakesh Roshan on X. Director Rakesh Roshan has announced that his beloved 1995 film, Karan Arjun, will return to

theatres globally on November 22, 2024. Roshan shared the news on X, posting, "Karan Arjun aa rahe hai! Witness the reincarnation across the globe in cinema halls

Aayush Sharma Shares BTS Video Of His Hardcore Workout On The Streets Of Azerbaijan



Having recently wrapped the Azerbaijan shoot schedule of his upcoming film AS04, Aayush Sharma shared a throwback video of his last-minute grind to ace the perfect body shot physique to shoot a shirtless scene.

Aayush recently announced the wrap of his straining schedule packed with action in Azerbaijan, which also included a body shot flaunting his washboard abs and toned muscles. The actor shared a video presenting the grind needed minutes before the main shot, to define the abs and muscles more prominently.

Ever since his jaw-dropping transformation from the lean, guy-next-door look from his debut film to the beefed up, toned,

physique with washboard abs for Antim: The Final Truth, Aayush Sharma has bagged his permanent spot amongst the fittest actors of the business. Further surprising everyone with his muscular built, Aayush Sharma regularly treated his

fans and followers with glimpses into his rigorous workout routine as he gears for his upcoming film AS04.

Launching debutante Sushri Mishra with AS04, Aayush Sharma also roped in veteran South Indian actor Jagapathi Babu for the film.

Produced by KK Radhamohan, under the banner of Srisathya Arts, the yet untitled action entertainer AS04 stars Aayush Sharma as the lead, co-starring debutante Sushri Mishra. Directed by Katayyan Shivpuri, the film is slated for release in 2023.

Chitrangda Singh's new emotion is 'nexcited'



Hindi film actress Chitrangda Singh has discovered a new emotion "nexcited", which is a combination of nervous and excited. Chitrangda took to Instagram, where she shared a boomerang video of herself in monochrome. In the clip, the 48-year-old actress is seen sitting in a robe and smiling at the camera.

However, the actress did not share what she is nervous and excited for. She used the queen of pop Madonna's song "True Blue" as the background score for the boomerang clip. It was recently announced that Chitrangda has joined

Deshmukh, Arjun Rampal, Lara Dutta, and late star Jiah Khan.

released. A standalone sequel to Housefull and also an uncredited remake of the 1998 Malayalam film Mattupetti Machan. The first two parts were helmed by Sajid Khan.

The third and the fourth installment was directed by Farhad Samji and the fifth film Housefull 5 is directed by Tarun Mansukhani. The fifth installment also stars Fardeen Khan, Pooja Hegde and Riteish.

The actress was last seen in Gaslight in 2023. The film, which is a mystery thriller, is directed by Pavan Kirpalani. It also stars Vikrant Massey and Sara Ali Khan.

'Fateh' Actor Sonu Sood Receives Deepfake Video From Follower; Urges Fans To Be Aware Of Cyber Criminals



Actor Sonu Sood was in for a rude shock when he received a screen recording of a deep fake video call from a follower recently. In the deep fake video call featuring Sood, the impersonator interacted with a family in need of funds for medical treatment, assuring them of financial assistance. The actor-philanthropist took to his social media handle to voice his concerns about cybercrime.

The post read: "My film FATEH is inspired by real life incidents involving Deep Fake and fake loan apps. This is the latest incident where someone tried to extract money from an unsuspecting family, by chatting with them through video call pretending to be Sonu Sood. Many innocent individuals fall into this trap. I request all of you to be vigilant if you receive such calls. #fateh"

Interestingly, inspired from such events, the actor turned writer and director for his new thriller, Fateh. Sood wrote the story after one and a half years of research and interviews with victims, cybercrime police officers, and ethical hackers. He essays the role of a tech-savvy investigation agent who is on a mission to protect the country from cybercrime.

Grammys Reduce Nominees From 10 to 8 In Top 4 Award Categories

Grammys has announced to reduce the number of nominees in four of its award categories - Album, Song, Record of the Year, and Best New Artist - from 10 to 8, Variety reported on Friday. An announcement in this regard was made after the Recording Academy updated its rules and guidelines following its semiannual board of trustees meeting. The number of nominees for those categories was increased from eight to ten in November 2021, just before the nominees for 2022 were announced -- a surprising and perplexing turn of events, given that such changes usually occur after the annual board meetings, Variety reported. While three new award categories were announced earlier this week, the reduction in the number of nominees in four award categories was announced on Friday. An Artificial Intelligence (AI)-related rule was also introduced, effectively stating that only human creators are eligible for awards; however, as with all things AI, the vast possibilities that the technology makes possible in this still-developing area necessitate an extensive series of caveats, Variety further reported. While Recording Academy CEO Harvey Mason Jr. stated at the time that the change was "an incredible opportunity for us to honour more artists and shine a light on more great music, and potentially offer a greater chance for more genres of music to be honoured", some speculated that it was done to ensure Taylor Swift received a best new album nomination for her album 'Evermore' and thus increase the chance that she would appear on the show and boost its rating, as reported by Variety.

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Diwali major festival for Overseas Hindus

Dr. Ravi Chaturvedi



Diwali, a significant cultural and religious festival, is celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains globally. Known as the "Festival of Lights," Diwali is commemorated with great enthusiasm both within India and throughout the Indian diaspora worldwide. On the primary day of Diwali, known as Lakshmi Puja, it is an official holiday in various countries, including Cambodia (Angkor Wat), Fiji, Guyana, India, Indonesia (Bali), Malaysia, Mauritius, Myanmar, Nepal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

Also referred to as Deepavali or Dewali, Diwali falls in October or November each year, with celebrations often spanning up to five days in communities where the Indian diaspora is notably present. Derived from the Sanskrit words "dipa" (lamp) and "awali" (row or line), "Deepavali" or "Diwali" translates to "Row of Lights." This illumination

symbolizes the victory of light over darkness, aligning with the Hindu New Year according to the lunar calendar and symbolizing the triumph of good over evil.

Preparations for Diwali begin well in advance, including thorough cleaning and refreshing of homes, discarding unusable items, and often repainting or refurbishing furniture. As dusk approaches, families perform Lakshmi Puja with reverence to invoke blessings of prosperity. In the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, the Diwali Motorcade, held on the eve of Diwali, is an essential tradition. This custom includes

decorating temples and lighting diyas (earthen lamps), alongside the unique activity of spinning steel wool. The motorcade parades through main streets, showcasing small trucks adorned with lights and elaborately decorated as chariots. Young Hindu women dressed as goddesses, representing Hindu deities with traditional hand postures, are seated atop these vehicles, which journey towards a central sports complex.

In the twin islands of Trinidad and Tobago, Diwali and Ramleela are central to the festival.

A key highlight of the



festivities is the Ramleela, a vibrant theatrical reenactment of episodes from the Hindu epic, the Ramayana, performed in the days leading up to Diwali. The nine-day outdoor festival showcases Rama's life story through music, dance, and colorful costumes, concluding in a dramatic finale. The largest Ramleela event is held in Couva, known for its elaborate outdoor spectacles.

In Suriname, where Diwali is a national public holiday, the celebration reflects the traditions of the Surinamese population of Indian descent. Towns such as Nickerie, Saramacca, and Wanica, with their high concentrations of Indo-Surinamese Hindus, serve as focal points for Diwali festivities each year. Over five days, people illuminate their homes with traditional *diyas*, meticulously clean and decorate their homes with

intricate *rangoli* patterns made from colored rice or sawdust, and wear new clothes to honor the festival. Diwali celebrations in Suriname also feature family feasts, fireworks, and temple visits, with households conducting rituals in worship of Goddess Lakshmi in specially prepared rooms to welcome her blessings of prosperity.

In Angkor Wat, Diwali celebrations span over seven days, marking

significant historical events and adhering closely to traditional Hindu calendar practices. Each day of the festival is observed with prescribed rituals and guidelines. The main Diwali day dazzles with displays of traditional *deyas* and electric lights, while festive meals feature sweets as a central and revered component.

Diwali has increasingly fostered cultural exchange, offering opportunities for political and religious leaders worldwide to show solidarity with Hindu communities and promote inclusivity. Since the mid-1990s, the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, initially established by Pope Paul VI as the Secretariat for non-Christians, has extended greetings and messages from the Pope to the Hindu community each Diwali.

Governments around the world also support Diwali celebrations. In Singapore, the government collaborates with the Hindu Endowment Board to organize cultural events for Diwali each year. In the UK, Diwali is celebrated prominently, with cities illuminating Diwali lights, hosting cultural performances, food stalls, and workshops. Notably, since 2009, Diwali has been observed annually at 10 Downing Street, the

official residence of the British Prime Minister, and has been attended by prominent figures such as Prince Charles, who joined celebrations at the Swaminarayan Temple in Neasden, emphasizing the contributions of the Hindu community to British society.

In the United States, Diwali was first celebrated at the White House by President George W. Bush in 2003, with its religious significance officially recognized by the U.S. Congress in 2007. President Barack Obama became the first to attend the White House Diwali celebration in person in 2009.

On a symbolic level, Diwali also sees gestures of goodwill between Indian and Pakistani forces at the border, with soldiers exchanging sweets as a mark of respect and camaraderie. This annual act of kindness highlights the festival's universal spirit of unity and harmony.

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There is need of inclusive leadership and

commitment starts from every conscious representative for the development for better living. The Leadership essentials set the expectations that adopted social development models consistently demonstrate positive impact on the future growth & sustainability. Society expects respective Government & Governance, need to adopt & manage a culture of equality where everyone can achieve their aspirations.

The governance mechanism must set the goal & all necessary measurable criteria for transparency 'the culture of progresses'. Set the goals, share them publicly, and collect data to measure the real progress, deploy innovative ideas and adopt advanced technologies for further improvement, must to ensure that "transparency to built the trust". There is need of a culture and progressive commitments for social development for every one so that every citizen irrespective of caste, social status and gender feel connected with a strong sense of trust and personal effects. Practice inclusive behaviors in a continual learning journey, and to be role models for others. The essential knowledge based criteria should focus on "Active Awareness", "Practice Presence", "Inspire & Innovation" & "Active togetherness". Priority based and focus based Global collaboration and partnership development models are key success pillars of development and future growth.

Local perspectives and awareness drive to help people identify, speak up and address issues such as financial and social bias and micro aggressions, essential to build greater understanding and help foster an inclusive development culture. It will also create a sense of belonging, so that all people can show up equally and be authentically themselves. Strive to develop social accessibility and inclusivity and strive to create environment so that all people should understand the magnitude of transformation and development. Recognize the diverse cultures of the society and reinforce the importance of communities of practices through commemorating cultural observance programs.

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Priorities "Opportunity for all" program and awareness drive about the importance of grass-root level sustainable development and encourage people to gain a better understanding of the meaningful changes. There is need of keep track the progress of the transformation through expanded the "reach out self-declaration" programs, where legally permitted, people to voluntarily share information about themselves. It will help to measure the progress of the development and will add true value for the much needed changes. Adopt and deployment of technology to build inclusive transformation projects that reflect the array of human diversity, so use of an inclusive slate process that helps reduce bias, corruption and ensure progress in transparent outcomes. Provide equitable and inclusive benefits to all people that will raise the emotional and financial aspects in gradual manner. Through equitable and inclusive benefits, strive to cultivate an environment where all people feel supported and have equitable access to the necessary advancement and representation they require.

The entire world has seen the transformative power of digital innovation, which provides the autonomy to individuals irrespective of the locations in finger tips. In a world that moves increasingly towards an integrated digital future, we should not keep out agriculture sector out of

the focus. The old human industry is agriculture industry stands at a crossroad, which need to be transform and make is necessity for sustainable growth for future development. There is need based discussion and governance policy to be adopted for the transformation within the agriculture industry by capturing its present challenges and to redefine the contours of progressive landscape for future potential of growth. The most reflective vision for value addition must be coupled with the long term strategy for better outcomes and make sure improvise the food security of the society and bring out agriculture industry from old junk crossroad. What is crucial in this transformation? These two factors are driving force 1) understanding the current state of play is the cornerstone of information decision making and 2) transparent approaches. The importance innovation and necessary changes through technology is not just overstated and not just about operational efficiency it is about reimaging the transformative way of living for future sustainability.

We must understand the necessity of importance of steering our commitment for the society with transparency, precision and dedicated effort to value creation, which is a testament to the collective insights, efforts and aspiration of social

change that succeed through innovation. It's a challenge as well as responsibility to decipher the complexity of a changing environment to deliver value to all and to the eco-system too. But we have to develop our passion and commitment to shape the vision turn into reality as entire world is committed towards digital innovation. Transformational leadership is essential by integrating sustainability, not as a mere checkbox or concept but as an integral part of development models through collaborating technology transformation with sustainability. No doubt challenges will arise in promoting adoption and managing the upcoming impact factors. There is no need to push the panic button rather we should have to focus on it, till positive outcomes for future, which is a long run process. We have to specify our goal and objective through by examining current state of the challenges, exploring innovative models, identifying the trends that are stumbling blocks for progress and by doing micro analysis to the regulatory Policy & Governance frameworks.

When thinking about how your innovative thoughts will incorporate with the changes, that will acceptable to society, you need to collate your insights carefully through necessary transformation measures and predictive developments.

At the early stage of innovation unified simulation are essential factors exploring the interplay between feasibility and sustainability through much needed governance models and best in class change management practice. Deployment of forward thinking approaches are bare necessary for the transformation journey for the next level of value creation for the society. Link with the best economic models to produce accurate foresights for future social development. Pursue and peruse long term innovation methods by leveraging advance technologies for profound and sustainability benefits. Create and support a network of catalysts to drive adoption of innovations and changes. Promote the Transformation and facilitate the Changes in time. Let there will be change, the future centric strategy and reinvention will develop the competitive advantage, along with the ability to achieve breakthrough innovation and increased social resilience in the face of disruption. Our goal should be get hold of the opportunity for innovation and to deliver 360 degree values to the social transformation and much needed changes to achieve new level of performance. It is possible through collaborating with the ecosystem to push the boundaries of technology to empower new ways of living & transformation.

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Madhya Pradesh Tourism department urge tourist to visit the state during Diwali!

KOLKATA (AMBAR MUKHERJEE): UNESCO has accepted to include Orchha in the UNESCO World Heritage List, an official of the Madhya Pradesh government said here. He invited tourists to come to visit Madhya Pradesh and explore the divine land like Ram Raja Temple in Orchha and Chitrakoot this Diwali and make the most of this festival here.

"But the excitement doesn't stop there! Diwali graciously falls on a Thursday, the 31st, October, presenting yet another golden opportunity for a four-day long weekend. Consider taking a leave on a Friday and embark on a journey to explore the ancient cities of Madhya Pradesh, Orchha and Chitrakoot, both having profound connections with Lord Rama. Read on to know what makes Chitrakoot

and Orchha's Ram Raja Temple the most talked-about destinations when it comes to the mythological connection of Lord Rama in Madhya Pradesh," the official said. Ram Raja Temple holds a special significance in the history of Orchha as a matter of fact that it is said to have been the only temple where Lord Rama is worshipped as King and offered gun salutes. Rama Raja Temple also known as Orchha Temple is the only temple in the country where Lord Rama is worshipped as the King and not as a deity. The structure is painted with hues of white, pink, and yellow. The Imperial Gazetteer delineates it as one of the finest buildings of Orchha. Apart from the architecture, the customary values of the temple are also very distinct. The God is given a gun salute by the

guards during the evening aarti. After the aarti, Lord Ram is taken to a temple from where Lord Hanuman takes him back to Ayodhya. It is said that when notable guests visit, they are greeted with paan (betel nut) and ittar (perfume), in contrast to the usual distribution of sweet prasad in other temples. A layman looking at the temple may notice that its structure doesn't resemble other typical Hindu temples, he said. Shri Ram Raja Mandir hosts the annual Ram Vivah Festival of Orchha in Kartik month. This prestigious event is attended by thousands of devotees from all over the country. Instituted to commemorate the wedding of Lord Ram and goddess Sita, the festival is marked by exceptional performances by trained horses. The decoration of the temple with lights and diyas during Diwali

looks spectacular and picturesque. Orchha is renowned for its Bundela architecture exemplified by majestic palaces, temples, and forts. The Jahangir Mahal, Raja Ram Temple, Chaturbhuj Temple, and the Orchha Fort complex are some of the prominent landmarks. The town's location on the banks of the Betwa River adds to its natural beauty and spiritual significance.

"Brimming with history,

architecture, heritage, Wildlife, Madhya Pradesh is a destination where you get to explore vivid traveling experiences. On the spiritual front too, the heart of Incredible India has much to offer. The state houses some of the most magnificent pilgrim spots offering you the much-needed respite from the chaotic life. So, this Diwali, plan a trip to Madhya Pradesh and explore the holy lands like

Chitrakoot and Orchha, the destinations that speak volumes about Lord Rama's association with these pious lands. While exploring the circuit you will come across fascinating historical tales too that well describe the respective destinations. The mythological connections with respect to Lord Ram are intriguing and you will be fascinated to see the Diwali celebrations too" he added. Chitrakoot is another tourist spot in Madhya Pradesh. During Diwali, Chitrakoot transforms into a dazzling spectacle with grand celebrations of the Deep Daan, an event that bathes the entire city in light, adding an unmatched vibrancy to the festive atmosphere. Chitrakoot means the place of many wonders and the quaint town enjoys a spiritual legacy. Ramayan

describes the birth, marriage, exile, and return of the prince of Ayodhya; Lord Ram. He was banished and sent on an exile period wherein he spent some of his years with his wife Sita and brother Laxman in the forests of Chitrakoot. Dominating the landscape is a forested hill, believed to have been the same spot where Lord Ram, Sita and Laxman took refuge. The temple houses a courtyard stretched at its entrance, where many shopkeepers and vendors sell handmade products like toys, pieces of jewelry, and sacred items. When in Orchha during Ram Vivah you can also enjoy heritage walks, and village tours and participate in exhilarating activities like river rafting as well.

The Madhya Pradesh

Tourism Board had prepared proposals for the inclusion of Orchha

and Bhedaghat in UNESCO's Tentative List in 2019 and 2021, respectively. The Archaeological Survey of India forwarded these proposals to UNESCO following a rigorous evaluation process. The Tourism Board prepared detailed dossiers for Orchha, Mandu, and Bhedaghat in collaboration with expert organizations subsequent to this. Shri Sheo Shekhar Shukla, Principal Secretary Tourism and Culture and Managing Director Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board said that under the guidance of Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav relentless efforts are taken towards preserving our historical heritage and providing world-class facilities for tourists. Expressing happiness on UNESCO's acceptance of the dossier, PS Shri Shukla said that this is a

proud achievement for the state's cultural and historical heritage.

Orchha is renowned for its unique architectural style and rich historical significance. The historical city is set to gain global recognition with its inclusion in the World Heritage List. Orchha will undoubtedly become a major attraction for international tourists.

It is noteworthy that every year the Central Government recommends to UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to nominate one heritage of the country in the UNESCO World Heritage List. M.P. At present, the temple complex of Khajuraho, the stupas of Sanchi and the rock shelters of Bhimbetka are nominated in the World Heritage List. 14 sites of the state are included in the UNESCO World Heritage list, the official added.

Mission Karmayogi recognises 8 Top Learners from GSI from Senior Officials to Drivers and MTS staff, with 'Adarsh Karmayogi Awards during National Learning Week



Kolkata (KCN): The Mission Karmayogi, a flagship programme of Government of India for training civil servants, aims to shift the Civil Services from a "Rule-Based" to a "Role-Based" and citizen-centric approach. Under this transformative program, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi launched National Learning Week, held from October 19 to 25, 2024 and now extended up to October 27, to foster a culture of continuous learning and skill enhancement at all levels. National Learning Week emphasises on capacity building, professional development, and creating a responsive, future-ready workforce. The Geological Survey of India (GSI) achieved a significant milestone during National Learning Week, with eight of its employees honoured with the prestigious Adarsh Karmayogi Award as part of the Karmayogi Bharat initiative. GSI's employees of all levels starting from MTS staff and drivers to senior officials, actively participated in this learning initiative and reaped the benefits for upgrading their skills. These awards highlight

GSI's commitment to digital learning through the iGOT Karmayogi platform, aligning with Mission Karmayogi's objective of empowering all levels of employees with the skills required to meet the evolving demands of public service. GSI's employees across the organizational hierarchy, were honoured by Shri G. Kishan Reddy, Hon'ble Union Minister of Coal & Mines, and Shri Satish Chandra Dubey, Minister of State for Coal & Mines, on October 21, 2024 in New Delhi for their participation in upskilling programs on the iGOT Karmayogi platform. The

awardees were recognised for completing over 100 courses, showcasing GSI's commitment to promoting continuous learning and professional growth within the framework of Mission Karmayogi. GSI's proactive engagement with the iGOT platform and the enthusiastic participation of its employees from senior officials to ground level staff highlight the broad impact of this initiative. By embracing digital learning, GSI reaffirms its dedication to knowledge, growth, and excellence, setting an example of commitment to public service and national development.

Kolkata, (KCN): The Geological Survey of India (GSI) launched a state-of-the-art National Meteorite Repository at its Central Headquarters in Kolkata, on Monday (October 28, 2024) inaugurated today by Shri Asit Saha, Director General, GSI. This newly constructed Meteorite Gallery represents a significant advancement in the preservation and exhibition of meteorites in India, offering modern infrastructure and enhanced facilities to

Kolkata, (KCN): Union Minister of State for Textiles and External Affairs, Shri Pabitra Margherita, marked his inaugural visit to the Central Silk Board's Muga Eri Silkworm Seed Organisation (MESSO) in Guwahati, Assam, highlighting the government's commitment to the advancement of India's sericulture sector. MESSO, with its network of 13 field units across Northeast India and Tamil Nadu, is an essential pillar in the production of high-quality Muga and Eri silkworm seeds, playing a vital role in fostering growth and innovation in sericulture. During his visit, Shri Margherita praised the transformation of sericulture in the Northeast, particularly the production and

Shri Shantanu Thakur, MoS, Ministry of Port, Shipping & Waterways leads

Kolkata, (KCN): As announced by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP), Kolkata under Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Govt. of India conducted "RUN FOR UNITY" from Millennium Park-III to the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Statue located at C.R. Avenue, Kolkata, celebrating fitness, unity and the spirit of public service celebrating

cultivation of Muga and Eri silk, which has evolved from a traditional tribal craft into a promising industry. This evolution has opened up substantial livelihood opportunities for rural and tribal communities, especially for women artisans who play an instrumental role in the sector. The Minister acknowledged the strategic efforts of the Central Silk Board, whose research and development initiatives, backed by the Government of India, have driven significant advancements. These

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas. Shri Shantanu Thakur, Union Minister of State, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Govt. of India actively participated and lead the "Run for Unity" along with Shri Rathendra Raman, Chairperson, Shri Samrat Rahi, Deputy Chairperson and officers & employees of SMP, Kolkata. CISF personnel from the SMP, Kolkata Unit also joined

initiatives, he noted, have had a tangible impact on the socio-economic conditions of ethnic communities engaged in sericulture, improving their quality of life while preserving cultural heritage. Shri Margherita commended MESSO Guwahati's forward-thinking initiatives, particularly its efforts to expand Muga culture beyond Assam into cooler regions, such as Kalimpong in West Bengal and select areas of Uttarakhand. By introducing Muga culture to these zones, MESSO

"Run for Unity" Organised by SMP, Kolkata

the marathon. More than 350 participants joined the event, embracing the mantra of national unity & fitness. The "Run for Unity" highlighted the commitment of Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata towards promoting Unity in Diversity among the citizens of Kolkata while commemorating the legacy of India's Iron Man, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Participants from various age groups and

backgrounds joined this spirited run, which aims to foster community engagement and unity. In his address, Shri Shantanu Thakur delightfully mentioned that "Today, we have gathered here to commemorate Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, this is the day to remember the importance of unity and integrity in our great nation. As we run for unity, let us remember the vision of Sardar

Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India, who played a pivotal role in shaping our country's destiny". Welcoming the Hon'ble Minister, the Chairperson said, "This event is to commemorate and pay tribute to Sardar Patel's ideals of strength and unity & contribution in shaping present day India. We are seeing an enthusiastic turnout and look forward to a day of camaraderie and pride."

GSI launches State-of-the-Art Meteorite Gallery Showcasing Rare Celestial Treasures

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showcase these extraordinary specimens from space. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Asit Saha, DG, GSI, emphasised the repository's role in enhancing India's understanding of planetary science and space exploration. He noted that the collection of hundreds of meteorites from across the globe housed here provides invaluable data on the early solar system's formation and the earth's geological

history. Dr. Joyesh Bagchi, ADG, PSS in his address highlighted that the new National Meteorite Repository stands as a testament to GSI's commitment to advancing planetary science and preserving these invaluable celestial artifacts, which deepen our understanding of the universe. He added that this modern gallery not only safeguards a remarkable collection of meteorites but also opens new avenues for scientific inquiry and inspires the

next generation of geoscientists. The National Meteorite Repository houses a rare and diverse collection of 643 meteorites from around the world, meticulously curated within the Meteorite and Planetary Science Division (MPSD) under Mission-IV, Kolkata. The gallery exhibits a wide variety of meteorite types, from ordinary chondrites and carbonaceous chondrites to achondrites, including a Martian meteorite known as Shergotty, and iron meteorites. Among this remarkable collection, 119 specimens are from meteorite falls and finds across India. The oldest meteorite in the collection is Ensisheim, an ordinary chondrite that fell in Alsace, France, on November 7, 1492 while the recent addition is the Kopargaon meteorite, an iron chondrite that fell in Maharashtra on January 24, 2023. The oldest Indian meteorite in the collection is the Krakhut meteorite, an ordinary

chondrite that fell 14 miles from Benares (Varanasi) on December 19, 1798. Since 2018, GSI has served as the Nodal Agency for the collection, preservation, and dissemination of meteorite finds and falls within Indian territory. This role supports India's scientific community and the international research community with meteorite samples for studying the origins and evolution of the solar system. In addition to

conservation, GSI undertakes independent research as well as collaborative R&D projects with various organisations to uncover insights into the evolution of the solar system and investigate potential signs of life in celestial bodies within our celestial neighbours. The new gallery is set to become a centre for public engagement, education, and research, attracting students, researchers, and meteorite enthusiasts from around the country.

Open discussion and strict laws can beat the child trafficking – Deputy CM Pravati Parida

Bhubaneswar (KCN): The Department of Women and Child Development, Odisha, in collaboration with UNICEF, hosted a State-level Stakeholder Consultation on Eliminating Child Trafficking on 29th October 2024 at the State Institute of Women and Child, Bhubaneswar. Smt. Pravati Parida, Deputy Chief Minister of Odisha, joined the event as chief guest and said that child trafficking is a sensitive issue, and the State Government

giving priority to all aspects of child and women trafficking. Deputy CM also opined that it is high time to tighten the laws related to child protection and to strengthen laws to control the digital behavior of children. In view of the current situation, Mrs. Parida also advised to apply a proactive approach to dealing with the child protection issue and to conduct awareness program and issue helpline number for quick action. Added to this, Mrs. Parida called for support from all the stakeholders to join the movement to work in a mission mode to eradicate child trafficking.

To prevent heinous crime like child and women trafficking, we all must work together in partnership, opined

Mrs. Shubha Sarma, Principal Secretary, Women and Child Development Department. She also

said that the department will make all possible efforts to prevent child trafficking. Mr.

William Hanlon Jr., UNICEF State Chief, also joined the program and appreciated Odisha Government's commitment to combat child trafficking. The program was attended by the officials of various concerned department of Odisha Government, Chairman of various district child welfare committees, district child protection officers, project coordinator of Child Helpline Number and the members of major non-government organizations of the state related to child protection. Kharagpur railway protection officer and the State Police Officers also took part in the discussion. On this occasion, a detailed discussion was conducted on the causes and prevention of child trafficking and gave stress on the approach of 4P (prevention, protection, prosecution and partnership). On this program, Mrs Monisha Banerjee, Director, WCD delivered the welcome address and Sambit Kumar Nayak. Additional Secy, WCD proposed a vote of thanks.



14-ft-long crocodile rescued



Kendrapara (KCN): Forest personnel from the Kanika Forest Range have rescued a 14.2-foot long male estuarine crocodile from a prawn ghery in Khunta village, located in the Rajkanika block of this coastal district. According to Sudarshan Gopinath Yadav, the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) of Rajnagar Mangrove (Forest) and Wildlife Division, the team, experienced in rescuing estuarine crocodiles,

captured the reptile with the help of fishing nets and later released it into the Bhitarkanika river within the national park. Sukanta Kumar Biswal, a resident of Khunta, spotted the giant crocodile Saturday in his prawn ghery. He informed the Bhitarkanika National Park authorities, who promptly deployed a forest rescue team to the site. After an eight-hour-long operation, the team

successfully secured the crocodile. Crocodiles typically stray from their natural habitat into nearby rivers and water bodies during high tide, when salinity levels rise due to the influx of tidal water into the creeks and rivulets. During the severe cyclonic storm 'Dana', high tides caused tidal water to enter water bodies in Bhitarkanika National Park, which is home to 1,811 estuarine

crocodiles. It is believed that the rescued crocodile might have strayed from its natural habitat, said DFO Yadav. A few days earlier, during the cyclone, Forest personnel also rescued a cobra that had entered Alekha Ashram in Gupti. The Bhitarkanika National Park authorities have alerted locals to avoid rivers and rivulets, as estuarine crocodiles may have entered these waters.

Newborn girl rescued from bag near pond

Keonjhar: A newborn girl packed in a bag was found dumped near a pond at Khireitangiri village under this block in Keonjhar district, Monday. On being informed, Turumunga police reached the spot and rescued the seven to 10-day old baby girl from the embankment of the pond behind a school at Dhanabeni Sahi in the village. Police handed over the newborn to the District Child Welfare Committee. Later, the infant was admitted to the district headquarters



hospital in Keonjhar. The matter came to the fore when a woman identified as Gurubari Munda had gone near the pond to attend nature's call and

heard the baby crying. She rescued her from the bag and brought her back home. Another woman named Dalimba Munda nursed her and informed

the police. It is suspected that someone might have placed the baby inside the bag, zipped it up and left it there, Turumunga IIC Dharmendra Shanti said.

Mayurbhanj: 35-year-old man sentenced to 20 years in jail for raping teen

Baripada (KCN): A 35-year-old man was sentenced to 20 years in jail by a court in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district for raping a teenage girl. The fast-track court of special judge Santosh Kumar Nayak sentenced the convict to jail and also imposed a fine of Rs 50,000 on him, Special Public Prosecutor



Manoranjan Pattnaik said.

The court directed the District Legal Services Authority to pay a compensation of Rs

50,000 to the victim, he said. On the night of July 8, 2017, the convict and another man forcibly took the 15-year-old girl to a nearby forest while she was sleeping with her grandmother and gang-raped her, according to the prosecution. The girl was rescued by

villagers, and the police were informed, following which a case was registered at the Bisoi police station. One of the accused was arrested, while the other remained absconding. The arrested accused was convicted on the basis of the statements of the victim, 18 witnesses and the medical report.



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RED.Health and Utkal Hospital join hands to address Bhubaneswar's healthcare challenges



Bhubaneswar(KCN) : In a bid to tackle the pressing healthcare challenges in Bhubaneswar, RED.Health has announced a strategic partnership with Utkal Hospital. RED.Health will deploy Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulances equipped

with state-of-the-art technology to Utkal Hospital to ensure faster emergency response services and better patient care. This collaboration aims to improve emergency medical services in the city and surrounding regions, bringing critical care closer to those in need. The flag-off ceremony was felicitated by Mr Manav (COO), Mr. Arun Khillar (CFO & Unit Head) and Dr. Abinash Mohanty (HOD Department of Emergency) from Utkal Hospital and Mr. Prashant Agarwal, Vice President of Hospital Business at RED.Health

Pigeon launched Airturbo Handheld Dry Vacuum Cleaner in the market

KOLKATA (AMBAR MUKHERJEE): Stovekraft, a leading name in innovative home, kitchen and lighting solutions, announces the launch of the Airturbo Handheld Dry Vacuum Cleaner, designed to revolutionize cleaning for both home and automotive use.

This innovative vacuum cleaner combines advanced HEPA+STEELMESH FFT Technology with an impressive 18 kPa suction power, ensuring that every corner of the space remains spotless, a spokesperson of the company said here.

The Airturbo features a robust 600W copper motor that delivers powerful suction capability, easily lifting dirt, dust, and debris from various surfaces. One of its standout qualities is the low noise operation, allowing to enjoy a quieter cleaning experience without sacrificing performance—making it perfect for households with children or pets.

Mr. Rajendra Gandhi, Managing Director of Stove Kraft Limited, stated, "Our commitment to innovation inspires us to develop products that meet and exceed customer expectations. The Airturbo is a testament to our dedication to quality, performance, and affordability, offering a next-level cleaning solution without the need for bulky, heavy vacuum cleaners. Designed to make cleaning effortless and accessible for everyone, it combines power and convenience in a lightweight package."

Weighing in at just a few kilograms, the Airturbo is

lightweight and easy to maneuver, enabling comfortable cleaning without fatigue. Its HEPA filtration system captures even the smallest particles, ensuring cleaner air while effectively tackling allergens in your home. The convenient automatic cord rewind feature saves you time and hassle during cleanup, while the included accessories—a dusting brush and an accessory nozzle—enhance its versatility for various cleaning tasks, from upholstery to tight spaces. With a generous 600 ml dust capacity, the Airturbo allows for extended cleaning sessions without the need for frequent emptying. The 4.5M power cord provides excellent reach, making it easier to clean larger areas without constantly changing outlets.

Dr. M. Nanda, Chief Marketing Officer, said "We've always believed that home cleaning should be an effortless experience. Our consumer research study revealed that consumers often found traditional vacuum cleaners too bulky, difficult space-consuming to store, and inconvenient with the constant need to change filtration/dust bags. With the Airturbo Vacuum Cleaner, we've incorporated those learnings into a product that addresses these pain points. It's lightweight, designed for easy storage, equipped with a sturdy plastic dust collector eliminating the hassle of bag changes, and features a HEPA filter to trap even the finest dust particles. Additionally, the sufficiently lengthy cord ensures greater flexibility.

and addressed the media. Commenting on the partnership, Prabhdeep Singh, Founder & CEO of RED.Health said, "In moments of crisis, every second counts. Our collaboration with Utkal Hospital is not just about deploying ambulances; it's about creating a safety net for the people of Bhubaneswar. We are here to ensure that no patient's life is at risk due to delayed emergency care. By combining our advanced technology with Utkal Hospital's medical expertise, we are taking a decisive step towards making critical healthcare accessible when it's needed most."

Mr. Manav, COO, Utkal Hospital said, "Our partnership with RED.Health is a vital step in addressing the healthcare challenges the city of Bhubaneswar faces today.

Blenders Pride Fashion Nights arrives in Bhubaneswar

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

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

Taking us on a 'Jatra' – The Journey of a Young Woman – the show encapsulated the journey of a woman from post adolescence to her nuptials, navigating the various challenges, trials and significant moments that come her way. The enigmatic journey was captured through the array of colours and textiles that Odisha Bandha/Ikkat offers.

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

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

To mark the significance of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, an

initiative of Government of India to celebrate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of our people, culture and achievements, NSDL has launched a new initiative towards investor awareness.

'Market Ka Eklavya - Express' across 75 cities, especially aimed at the college students who would very soon be entering the phase where they would start earning and naturally,

look for avenues of investment.

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

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

celebrate and commemorate 75 years of India's Independence. Our program has been particularly aimed to create awareness about the financial markets to the young minds who will be the future of our country.

In this Amrit Kaal, our digital education initiative focuses on building a path towards Financial Freedom for our youth, symbolizing the spirit of Atmanirbhar Bharat."

Nuvoco successfully completes AFR Project at its Risda Cement Plant, Chhattisgarh and Nimbol Cement Plant, Rajasthan

Bhubaneswar : Nuvoco Vistas Corp. Ltd., India's fifth-largest cement group in terms of capacity and among the leading players in East India, successfully announced the completion of its Alternative Fuel Resource (AFR) project at Risda Cement Plant (RCP), Chhattisgarh and Nimbol Cement Plant (NCP), Rajasthan. This milestone achievement illustrates Nuvoco's commitment to reducing dependency on fossil fuels and promoting sustainable practices within the cement industry. With the use of alternative fuels, the company strives to reduce the usage of fossil fuels and minimize its environmental impact.

Alternative fuels are a crucial step towards reducing carbon emissions and mitigating the adverse effects of climate change. Nuvoco has dedicatedly installed a system that is capable of utilizing agricultural waste, RDF (Refused Derived Fuel), and municipal waste that is harmful to cattle and other wildlife due to its carcinogenic qualities as an alternative fuel.

Mr. Jayakumar Krishnaswamy, Managing Director, Nuvoco stated, "As part of our PROTECT OUR PLANET agenda, we view the AFR project as an important step towards fulfilling our

commitment to sustainable cement manufacturing and reducing the environmental impacts.

The successful completion of this project demonstrates our commitment to reducing carbon emissions, maximizing waste consumption, and demonstrating responsible resource

management practices."

Additionally, he stated,

"The adoption of alternative fuels also aids in resolving issues

associated with landfills and unhygienic waste accumulation. For instance, in its cement manufacturing process, Nuvoco uses plastic waste, RDF (Refused Derived Fuel), and municipal waste that is

harmful to cattle and other wildlife due to its

carcinogenic qualities as an alternative fuel.

This along with other themes

under PROTECT OUR

PLANET agenda are

enabling Nuvoco to build

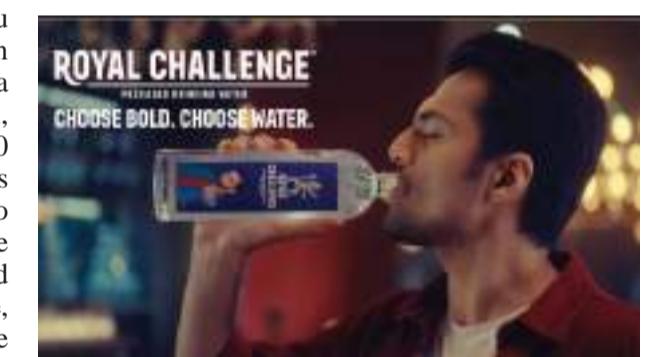
robust partnerships with

several stakeholders

and contribute to society at large."

"Choose Bold. Choose Water." Royal Challenge Packaged Drinking Water promotes hydration for better celebrations.

Bhubaneswar : Did you know, it takes about an hour to process a standard unit of alcohol, which is generally 10 grams?* As part of its ongoing commitment to promote responsible consumption, and drinking better, not more, Royal Challenge Packaged Drinking Water has launched its latest campaign, "Choose Bold. Choose Water", which emphasizes on the importance of staying hydrated when consuming alcohol. Through this campaign, the company aims to promote responsible drinking with a simple yet compelling narrative: Often, choosing water is the bold choice.



Harking back to the Diageo motto of "Drink better, not more", Royal Challenge Packaged Drinking Water through this campaign and its social engagement is playing an active role in the prevention and reduction of harmful use of alcohol, while also driving awareness and encouraging individuals to stay hydrated during social occasions. The latest campaign film shares the importance of timely water breaks during moments of alcohol consumption to take care of one's body.

Talking about this campaign, Ruchira Jaitly, Vice-President, Marketing & Portfolio head, Diageo India said, "At Diageo, we believe in drinking better, not more. A good way to do this is by ensuring hydration during drinking occasions. Royal Challenge Packaged Drinking Water wants to

drive recognition for this important and yet often ignored message with the Choose Bold, Choose Water campaign. By focusing on hydration and building the recognition for taking a break for the same, we want to foster a culture where our consumers celebrate life responsibly, and we are proud to be able to lead this conversation."

As one of the prominent packaged drinking water brands, Royal Challenge aims to set a positive example for consumers and to shape behaviour by promoting responsible drinking by choosing hydration for moderation.

Jindal Stainless signs MoU with SCTEVT, Odisha to train future-ready stainless steel professionals

Bhubaneswar: Odisha's State Council for Technical Education & Vocational Training (SCTEVT) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jindal Stainless to promote technical education in the field of stainless steel and its various applications. Under this MoU, stainless steel courses will be introduced in all the Polytechnic colleges in Odisha from June 2022. The MoU was signed by Vice Chairman, JSL, Mr SS

Upadhyay, and General Manager, Sales & Distribution, Mr Ranit Rana.

Commending the development, Chairman, SCTEVT and Principal Secretary to Government, SDTE and Industries Departments, Shri Hemant Sharma (IAS) said, "This collaboration with Jindal Stainless will enhance the learning experience for students and faculty both, as it will give them insights about and practical exposure to the stainless steel industry."

Taijul throws his hat in the ring for Test captaincy

New Delhi, (KCN): Bangladesh experienced left-arm spinner Taijul Islam said on Monday that he is fully prepared to take up Test captaincy after playing international cricket for 10 years. The question was raised after Cricbuzz recently revealed that current all format skipper Najmul Hossain is not willing to lead the side after the ongoing home series against South Africa. It was understandable that the team management did not send Najmul for the pre-series presser to ensure the topic doesn't come up during the course of the series. Najmul is waiting to have a conversation with BCB president Faruque Ahmed to make a final

call as he was appointed as the all format skipper for one year in February 2024 but different names are cropping up as his possible replacement in different formats.

Taijul, who insisted that he is not aware whether Najmul wanted to quit from his captaincy post, added his name in the list. "I haven't heard anything on this matter (regarding Najmul quitting from captaincy). It's not part of our role, I'm not fully informed on this," Taijul told reporters at the Zahir Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium on Monday.

"Having played for 10 years, I'm fully prepared (for captaincy)," he said. Taijul added that batters need to take more

players might be affected by the outside noise when asked about the likes of Tamim Iqbal or Shakib Al Hasan deciding to quit in the middle of the series.

"This is a team game. The most important thing is that the team remains in good condition. Some players may be affected by outside events, while others can continue their role with calmness," said Taijul. "Personally, I try to stay relaxed and focus on my work. But within a team, I can't say how each person reacts; everyone's mindset is different. We're not involved in management or board meetings," he said.

Taijul added that batters need to take more



responsibility against South Africa in the second Test as they are looking to save the series after losing the opening game by seven wickets

in Mirpur. "Our goal remains the same: we'll play to win. As for the match conditions, we'll understand them once the game unfolds. But the

focus will be on playing as a team - whether it's batting, bowling, or fielding. We'll do our best to win," he pointed out. "Every match is an

opportunity. From that perspective, I think this is another chance for the batters. We haven't performed on the level as expected as a team, although some have had individual performances in different matches. If we can build two or three partnerships in a game, and one or two players score a century, our target will be much bigger and everyone's working hard and is fully committed."

Taijul said that he can share his knowledge to other cricketers provided they are willing to take his advice while added that they have got high quality spinners in their possession. "(Being a senior player) I can implement things, but

Matthew Wade retires from international cricket

New Delhi: Matthew Wade, the Australian wicketkeeper-batter, has retired from international cricket and will join the coaching staff of the national Men's team, Cricket Australia announced on Tuesday. Wade, who made his international debut in October 2011, has featured in 36 Tests, 97 ODIs and 92 T20Is, with his last appearance coming in June 2024 at the T20 World Cup.

Speaking of his retirement, Wade said, "I was fully aware my international days were most likely over at the end of the last T20 World Cup. My international retirement and coaching has been a constant conversation with George (Bailey) and

Andrew (McDonald) over the past six months. "Coaching has been on my radar over the last few years and thankfully some great opportunities have come my way, for which I am very grateful and excited.

"I will continue to play BBL and the odd franchise league over the summer months but around those commitments as a player I am investing heavily in my coaching.

"As my international career closes, I want to thank all of my Australian team mates, staff and coaches. I enjoyed the ride as challenging as it can be at international level. Without good people around me I would have never got as much out of myself as I did.



"I also thank my family, mum, dad and sisters for the countless hours they put in over the years getting me to games and training. "Lastly to Julia and the kids, I can't thank them enough for the sacrifices they have made for me to continue to pursue my dreams. No words can explain how grateful I am to them, none of this would have happened

without their support." He will join Australia's coaching staff for the upcoming T20I series against Pakistan under Andre Borovec and be with the group for the ODI Series which starts in Melbourne next week. He will however continue playing domestic cricket for Tasmania and Hobart Hurricanes in the Big Bash League for at least the next two

summers. Nick Hockley, Cricket Australia CEO, said: "Congratulations to Matthew on what has been a wonderful international career during which his skill and versatility has made him an outstanding performer across all formats.

"I'm delighted he will add to his massive contribution by coaching the next generation of stars and also continuing to light up the Big Bash with the Hobart Hurricanes."

Ben Oliver, Executive General Manager, High Performance & National Teams, said: "We extend our thanks and congratulations to Matthew on an outstanding international career. action is for him to stay in New Zealand and focus on the final part of his rehabilitation so he'll be good to go for England. The England series is still a month away so taking the cautious approach now will ensure he is ready for the first Test in Christchurch."



New Zealand have already won the first two Tests of the ongoing series against India and would look to complete a clean sweep in order to enhance their chances of qualifying for the final of the World Test championship. The third Test begins in Mumbai on Friday.

Williamson to miss Mumbai Test

New Delhi: After a tumultuous 48 hours which saw them being hammered by 10 wickets by Scotland, the premature exit of their coach and a social media ruckus that ensued, USA finally found something to cheer about after their nail-biting final-over win against Nepal. In pursuit of 287, Shayan Jahangir sizzled with 104 off 97 in a mammoth 161-run stand with Monank Patel (62 off 76).

A cruising USA were bamboozled by Kushal Bhurtel's part-time leg spin as he triggered a collapse that saw USA crash from 179 for 2 to 197 for 6. USA were ultimately bailed out by Harmeet Singh's blitz innings of 57 off 44, sharing a 71-run seventh wicket stand with Shadley Van Schalkwyk, who remained unbeaten with a mature 29 off 37. It was eventually down to Shadley and Jasdeep Singh to take USA home after Harmeet's fall in the 48th over. Needing 16 off 11, Jasdeep smoked

Sandeep Lamichhane over deep square leg to calm USA's nerves. Shadley took USA home with an authoritative six down the ground in a statement win.

USA reaped instant rewards after promoting Shayan to the top of the order to accommodate inform Sanjay Krishnamurthy into the eleven at opener Sushant Modani's cost. Sompal Kami sent one thundering into Andries Gous' pads to draw first blood for Nepal in the second over. The early setback did not deter Shayan from moving through the gears in the powerplay. He revelled in his newfound freedom at the top of the order, carting seven boundaries around the ground in the powerplay. Shayan's aggressive route compensated for Monank's vigil, who has been out of form recently. Monank started off with a deftly straight drive off his first delivery but chose to bide his time later in an attempt to find his lost touch. Shayan



Bhurtel's introduction seemingly spiced up the pitch as he deceived Shayan to hole out at deep square leg. Bhurtel's vicious turn on occasions had seemed to sow an element of doubt in the batsmen's mind. Bhurtel had two in the 34th over after Milind Kumar pulled one straight to mid wicket and Krishnamurthy failed to read the wrong one to have his stumps clattered. Bhurtel induced an edge off Teja Mukkamalla in the

following over and looked prime to bowl Nepal to a win from a hopeless position. Nepal captain Rohit Paudel ejected Bhurtel out of the attack after his sixth over to introduce offspin from either end against the two left-handers Harmeet and Shadley. With the offies not being as menacing off the wicket as Bhurtel, Harmeet threw caution to the winds by pummelling Dipendra Singh Airee and Paudel with a slew of boundaries

that had USA charging back in the game. Harmeet, who's built a reputation for himself to play some blitz match-winning cameos in the T20Is, showcased his temperament with the bat in the longer white-ball format.

He reached his first ODI half-century off 35 deliveries. His atypical muted celebration upon reaching the landmark was almost a reflection of his sights heavily set on the endgame. Karan KC dashed Harmeet's hopes of seeing USA through the finish line as Harmeet miscued one after clubbing him for a six the ball before. Earlier in the day, Nepal openers Aasif Sheikh and Anil Sah shared a 98-run opening stand enabled by the inefficacy of the USA fast bowlers with the new ball. Aasif brought up his 13th half-century with a neat leg glance off Harmeet Singh, striking at little over run a ball. The landmark may have paid the price to bait Aarif into

switching to top gear as Aarif skied a sweep shot to deep square leg. Paudel had by now woken up from his slumber after waddling to 13 off 25. He unleashed a series of scoops and sweeps to have Nepal motor along. Kenjige cleaned up the big-hitting Airee in the 43rd over and Shadley nicked off Jha the following over to thwart Nepal surge towards the 280 mark. However, USA couldn't dodge Paudel's pyrotechnics that catapulted Nepal to 48 runs in the final 4 overs with 37 coming off the bat of Paudel. He dismantled Netravalkar with a 21-run over to canter towards his second ODI hundred but fell four agonising runs short after missing a scoop on the final delivery of the innings. A valiant batting effort from the Nepal captain may well have been undone by some of his tactical errors on the field later in the day.