

Odisha Hosts Successful Ambassadors' Meet in New Delhi Ahead of Utkarsh Odisha: Make in Odisha Conclave 2025

New Delhi(KCN): The Government of Odisha successfully today held an Ambassadors' Meet today at ITC Maurya, located in the Diplomatic Enclave, Chanakyapuri. The event marked an important milestone in the lead-up to the much-anticipated Utkarsh Odisha: Make in Odisha Conclave 2025.

The meet showcased Odisha's vibrant industrial ecosystem and highlighted new investment opportunities to a global audience. The event was attended by Ambassadors, High Commissioners, Consul-Generals, Trade Commissioners, and senior diplomats from 34 countries.

Notable nations included Indonesia, Norway,

Singapore, China, Japan, Brazil, Argentina, the USA, Thailand, Vietnam, and the UK.

In addition, nine foreign associations participated, reflecting the growing global interest in Odisha. In his keynote address, Chief Minister Shri Mohan Charan Majhi warmly welcomed the ambassadors. He emphasized Odisha's rich history and strategic location, which are key factors in its transformation into a leading investment destination.

The Chief Minister highlighted the state's abundant natural resources and skilled workforce, inviting all attendees to the upcoming Utkarsh

Odisha: Make in Odisha



Conclave 2025, which will serve as a platform for collaboration and growth.

The event also included an interaction session where ambassadors engaged in discussions about opportunities in Odisha.

In his concluding

remarks, Shri Sampad Chandra Swain, the Hon'ble Minister of Industries and Skill Development & Technical Education, expressed gratitude to all participants. He reinforced Odisha's vast potential for investment across various sectors

and assured the ambassadors of the government's commitment to creating a favourable business environment.

Shri Manoj Ahuja, the Chief Secretary of the Government of Odisha, welcomed everyone and emphasized that under

the leadership of Chief Minister Shri Mohan Charan Majhi, Odisha is quickly becoming a global investment destination. He spoke about the state's strong infrastructure, rich resources, skilled workforce, and progressive policies. He

External Affairs emphasized the central government's support for Odisha's development. Ms. Nirvriti Rai, Managing Director of Invest India, discussed the investment trends in the region.

The Ambassadors' Meet successfully set the stage for Odisha to position itself as a key player in attracting global investments.

The Government of Odisha looks forward to welcoming international partners to the Utkarsh Odisha: Make in Odisha Conclave 2025, scheduled for January 28-29, 2025, in Bhubaneswar. This event will explore even more opportunities for collaboration and growth.

Job aspirants protest near Odisha minister's house, demand cancellation of exam

Bhubaneswar(KCN): A number of job seekers Thursday staged a demonstration outside the residence of the Higher Education Minister

conducted by the Odisha Sub-ordinate Staff Selection Commission (OSSSC).

The OSSSC comes under the Higher

examination and alleged a lack of transparency in the process.

Many aspirants took out a rally in Cuttack during the day demanding the cancellation of the examination. The rally was held from Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Bus Terminal in Badambadi to the Collector's office. They alleged that the government deployed black-

listed firms to conduct the examination.

"We demand transparency and cancellation of the examination," the aspirants shouted while giving slogans during the rally.

Sources said that the aspirants also held a similar rally in the Boudh district where police arrested one person. Neither the minister nor the officials of the OSSSC or the state government were available for comment on the issue.

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KIIT, KISS & Jhpiego Launches 'THRIVE' To Enhance Tribal Health & Youth Empowerment

Bhubaneswar, Oct 3 (KCN): The Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), The Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), and Jhpiego, a Johns Hopkins affiliate, today expanded their partnership with a new initiative called Tribal Health Research Innovation & Vocational Empowerment (THRIVE). A new tripartite MOU was signed in this regard between KIIT, KISS and Jhpiego in the presence of the Founder of KIIT and KISS Dr Achyuta Samanta. The MOU was signed

between the Vice Chancellors of KIIT and KISS Prof Saranjit Singh and Prof Deepak Behera respectively and Country Director of Jhpiego India Dr Somesh Kumar. The new partnership will create two groundbreaking centres as part of the new initiative, serving as hubs for indigenous-led research, cultural preservation, and youth empowerment, aiming to address critical health and social challenges within Indigenous communities. The centres will be known as the Centre

for Tribal Health and Research (CTHR) and the Centre for Youth Innovation and Inclusiveness (CYII). "This collaboration we are taking to the next level. The aim is to meet immediate health needs while pursuing excellence in creating a hub for indigenous-led research, forging academic partnerships, and strengthening local capacity, ensuring that this collaboration continues to grow in scope and impact. This partnership will serve as a global example of what can be achieved through collaboration," said President and CEO of Jhpiego Dr Leslie Mancuso in a video recorded message. Advancing Jhpiego's



commitment to locally-led development, the partnership with KISS and KIIT focuses on creating sustainable and culturally resonant solutions that address the unique needs of tribal communities. "Youths can bring their issues, ideas and preferences to these institutions to shape their future and drive future solution goals particularly in health and education. Through this partnership, we are creating a model of change," said Senior Vice President of Global Programs and Technical Leadership Office, Jhpiego, Debora Bossemeyer. In his address, Dr Kumar said the launch of two Centres of Excellence in tribal health research and youth innovation is set to unite Indigenous wisdom with scientific innovation to foster youth

knowledge and leadership.

"True to our values of partnerships, positive disruption, and local capacity building, we aim to create a lasting impact and empower a healthier, more confident future for tribal communities and youth," he said.

The KIIT VC expressed hope that this partnership will eventually lead to the establishment of the John Hopkins Chair while the KISS VC will accelerate the pace of youth and women empowerment in the marginalised communities.

GANDHI AND SHASTRI JAYANTI OBSERVED AT DAV, KALINGA NAGAR



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): "The ideologies of the father of our nation Mahatma Gandhi shall be relevant for all time to come and Gandhiji shall continue to rule over the hearts of thousands and millions of people all over the world till eternity." This was the essence that echoed at every step of the grand observation which was arranged to

mark the 155th and 120th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and our 2nd Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri respectively in the premises of DAV Public School, Kalinga Nagar today. A wide range of activities were organized in and outside the school premises to pay tribute to Bapu- the epitome of peace and non-violence

as the nation commemorated his birth anniversary. In this connection, a mini marathon titled 'Run for DAV' was organized under the aegis of DAV CMC, New Delhi. More than 300 students including the Scout and Guides, NCC and JRC wing of the school and parents took part with great enthusiasm highlighting Gandhiji's philosophy of health and wellness. In order to materialize Gandhiji's dream of a clean and green India, a Cleanliness Drive was organized by the students and staff members of the school in the premises of Durga Mandap, Ghatikia. The entire programme was arranged successfully with the whole-hearted support of the members of staff.

Gandhi and Shastri Jayanti are celebrated by Odisha NARI seva Sangha



CUTTACK, (KCN): Gandhi was not a person. Mahatma Gandhi was a thinker. By using truth, non-violence and non-violence as weapons, India was able to oust the corrupt British government. On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti and Shastri Jayanti, a tribute meeting organized by Odisha NARI Seva Sangha was discussed. President Dr Pratima Mohapatra, secretary Avaa Kanungo, Hall secretary Manju Singh, organizing secretary Meera Beura, executive member Supriti Das, Kalyani Sahoo, Padmaja Tripathy, Nalini Das, treasurer, Nayantar Nanda, Tanuja Raut were present and garlanded Gandhi's photo. On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, the members of Odisha NARI Seva Sangha visited Ashirbad Old Age Home at Kanika Square, Cuttack, inquired about their problems and served lunch to the residents.



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Huge Row Over Telangana Minister Linking Naga-Samantha Divorce To KTR

Telangana's Forests Minister Konda Surekha has triggered a massive controversy with her allegations against Bharat Rashtra Samithi leader KT Rama Rao - linking him with the divorce of actors Naga Chaitanya and Samantha Ruth Prabhu, drugs and blackmail. Her comments have drawn a sharp response from Naga Chaitanya's father, veteran Telugu actor Nagarjuna Akkineni, who said her remarks are "completely irrelevant and false" and demanded that she withdraws them. "I strongly condemn the comments of the



Honorable Minister Mrs. Konda Surekha. Don't use the lives of movie stars who stay away from politics to criticize your opponents. Please respect other people's privacy," read a rough translation of his post on X, formerly Twitter.

"As a woman in a responsible position, your comments and accusations against our family are completely irrelevant and false. I request you to withdraw your comments immediately," he added. Mr Rao has not commented on the matter but his party leader and former

minister Harish Rao Thanneeru has demanded an unconditional apology from the Congress leader.

She also said that she suspected that the BRS leader was behind a series of offensive posts against her. The Congress leader had faced abuse online after a photo showing BJP leader and Medak MP Raghunandan Rao placing a garland around her neck at a programme. She accused BRS leaders of using the incident to demean her using her gender. Naga Chaitanya, who parted ways with Samantha Ruth Prabhu two years ago, got engaged to actor Sobhita Dhulipala in August.

'Tumhare Hi Rahenge Hum': Rajkummar-Shraddha's new love ballad from 'Stree 2' out

Rajkummar Rao and Shraddha Kapoor's chemistry shines again in 'Tumhare Hi Rahenge Hum', the latest love ballad from 'Stree 2'. The film is set to release on August 15, 2024. A new romantic song from 'Stree 2', featuring Shraddha Kapoor and Rajkummar Rao, has been unveiled on August 6. Titled 'Tumhare Hi Rahenge Hum', the track has been sung by Varun Jain, Shilpa Rao, and Sachin-Jigar. It releases on August 15. Taking on from where

they left, Rajkummar Rao and Shraddha Kapoor ignite the screen with their beautiful chemistry in 'Tumhare Hi Rahenge Hum'. This is the third track from the film that was released after 'Aaj Ki Raat' and 'Aayi Nai'. The lyrics of 'Tumhare Hi Rahenge Hum' is written by Amitabh Bhattacharya. The song has been mixed and mastered by Eric Pillai of FSOB Studio.

Releasing the song, music composer duo Sachin-Jigar said, "Crafting this love track was a beautiful



Alia Bhatt, Vijay Varma celebrate 2 years of 'Darlings' with a fun video



experience for us. We wanted to create a song that captures the essence of true love and the timeless chemistry between Shraddha and Rajkummar. We hope listeners experience the same magic that inspired us during the creation process." Directed by Amar Kaushik and produced by Jio Studios and Dinesh Vijan, 'Stree 2' will release on the big screen on August 15, 2024. The film clashes with 'Vedaa' and 'Khel Kel Mein' at the box office.

Alia Bhatt and Vijay Varma celebrated two years of their film 'Darlings' with a heartwarming video. The movie released in 2022 on Netflix. Actors Alia Bhatt and Vijay Varma recently shared a social media post to mark two years of their dark comedy film 'Darlings', which was released on August 5, 2022, on Netflix. The film's main cast included Alia Bhatt, Vijay Varma, Shefali Shah, and Roshan Mathew. To celebrate the occasion, Alia Bhatt's production house, Eternal Sunshine Productions, shared a

heartwarming video on Instagram. The video showcased memorable moments from the film's journey, including behind-the-scenes footage, the wrap party, and promotional events. The text on the video read "Celebrating 2 years of Darlings" and the caption stated, "Double the funs, double the loves. Happy two Darlings (sic)". Alia Bhatt is set to release her second film as a producer, 'Jigra', directed by Vasan Bala and produced by Eternal Sunshine Productions and Dharma Productions. The film will be released on October 11, starring Alia Bhatt and Vedang Raina in the lead roles.

Shah Rukh Khan's 'Jawan' set to hit Japanese theatres in November

Shah Rukh Khan's 'Jawan' is set to debut in Japan on November 29, 2024, with advanced bookings starting July 5. The film, already a global hit, is now aiming to capture the Japanese market.

After achieving remarkable success and breaking multiple box office records worldwide last year, Shah Rukh Khan's blockbuster film 'Jawan' is now ready to take over the Japanese market. The movie is scheduled for release in Japan on November 29, 2024.

Twin, a renowned distributor of Indian cinema in Japan, will handle the release of 'Jawan' in the country, marking the film's debut

in the Japanese market. Advanced bookings will commence on July 5, 2024, a full four months ahead of its release. As a special treat, people who secure their tickets in advance will receive exclusive posters featuring Shah Rukh Khan from the hit song 'Chaleya.'

With this strategic release, 'Jawan' is poised to make a significant impact in Japan, further expanding its global footprint and reinforcing Shah Rukh Khan's international appeal.

Previously, Japanese video game designer Hideo Kojima had praised Shah Rukh Khan's film 'Pathaan', showcasing his love for



the Bollywood superstar's work.

Kojima tweeted last year, "Too busy these days, mentally and physically exhausted. Need to refill my high-octane tank. So, I saw the Indian movie 'PATHAAN' in IMAX! Well, it was awesome! I was numb! It opened my blood vessels! It was a MAD MAX level of energy! After seeing this, I think I'll be able to hold it for a while! Mission Impossible, 007, RRR, John Woo, the whole shebang! A few Metal Gear elements too! There was applause after the screening. Highly recommended! (sic)."

'Jawan' was a monumental hit, earning Rs 761.98 crore in India and Rs 386.34 crore internationally within days of its initial release last year. In total, it amassed Rs 1148.32 crore worldwide, solidifying its status as a major success.

Our lives depend on the internet and social media



Voice assistants are recognized for their efficiency. The search engines, such as Google, have addressed nearly all of our inquiries. YouTube, TikTok, Instagram, and various messaging applications provide entertainment options. Providing numerous opportunities for learning and talent demonstration, they are offering young individuals a platform to present their skills.

Significantly, we are reliant on the internet. Regarding both our academic pursuits and our personal lives, we are concerned. There is an urgent requirement for all of us to have access to it at any time and from any location. In every aspect, the Internet has dominated our lives, and it would not be an exaggeration to say that it has become an indispensable requirement for the current generation. Smartphones, laptops and other modern technological tools like internet and social media have become an integral part of our lives. While the Internet has brought us many benefits, it has also created many challenges for us.

While the 'digital revolution' has reduced the distance between people living in different parts of the world, it has also widened the gap in the real social relations of people. Apart from this, excessive use of the Internet is also having negative effects on the mental health of children. In fact, the habit of using a mobile phone in a child is instilled by the parents.

Improved our quality of life and streamlined our processes. The artificial intelligence assistants such as SIRI, Alexa, and Google

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YouTube, TikTok, Instagram, and various messaging applications provide entertainment options. Providing numerous opportunities for learning and talent demonstration, they are offering young individuals a platform to present their skills.

Are we utilizing these platforms effectively? It is not the case. The attention span is diminishing due to continuous engagement with these platforms throughout the day and night. At least once in an individual's lifetime, the experience of cyberbullying is encountered. We can expect a significant number of offensive and controversial posts as a result of this initiative. This indicates that we are not enthusiasts of entertainment, but rather connoisseurs of spices.

We aim to express offense regarding each individual post. What is the reason for this? Human emotions are being manipulated by external influences seeking attention consistently. The dark web presents significant risks, particularly for adolescents and children who continue to face various challenges associated with it. It is anticipated that a resolution will be achieved regarding the current web entrapment, allowing for a transition to a more relaxed and comfortable lifestyle.

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one and a half year old children, parents' hand over mobile phones to them. By doing this, the habit of being busy with the mobile phone is gradually formed in the children. If the mobile phone is taken away from them, they start screaming or crying as if someone has beaten them. During the covid lockdown, children's classes started being held online. After that the work of online classes was stopped but the habit of children's mobile was not a holiday. There are many other reasons why children become addicted to the Internet.

Anxiety can be a challenging experience, often characterized by feelings of worry, fear, or unease. It may manifest in various ways, affecting both mental and physical well-being. Understanding its triggers and symptoms is essential for managing it effectively.

We tend to be more interested in what others are doing instead of dedicating time to ourselves. Individuals who dedicate excessive time to social media may find themselves facing depression and anxiety, as it negatively impacts their thought patterns and emotional well-being. Maintaining good mental health is essential for academic success, professional growth, and personal well-being. Therefore, it is advisable to dedicate just half an hour each day rather than consuming your entire day.

Stalking:

Smartphones are bringing people together. When you consistently share your location, your social media friends are aware of your

whereabouts. Teenagers frequently update their status, sharing what they're watching, listening to, reading, and where they are checking in. This habit evolves into an addiction and leads to hyperactivity as individuals constantly seek new updates from their friends. They review each notification and alert to ensure a timely response, as they consider promptness essential.

Teenagers connect with new friends on social media and rarely take a break. These connections may be virtual, yet they can lead to feelings of anxiety and contribute to depression. Some teenagers experience feelings of loneliness when their virtual friends are unavailable or do not respond promptly. They approached every status update and text with utmost seriousness.

Parents should engage in meaningful discussions with their children and provide guidance on navigating the situation.

Teenagers particularly need their parents' complete attention.

Cyberbullying:

A cyberbully refers to the act of utilizing social media platforms to disseminate false, humiliating, or aggressive information directed at particular individuals. Among the significant effects of social media, cyberbullying is a troubling phenomenon that has emerged as a concerning issue. Individuals who experience extended periods of cyber-bullying frequently face psychosocial challenges such as depression, isolation, loneliness, stress,

anxiety, diminished self-esteem, and in some cases, may contemplate suicide. The absence of a system to identify individuals behind cyberbullying accounts is contributing to the prevalence of these behaviors.

Lack of Sleep:

social media ranks as one of the primary contributors to sleep deprivation in today's teenagers. They frequently find themselves anxious about the content their friends are posting and sharing. Adolescents tend to remain engaged on social platforms for extended periods when not encouraged to take a break. If these actions are taken, particularly during sleep time or right before sleeping, there is a significant chance that their sleep will be disturbed. The readings provide insight into the significance of sleep and the potential dangers linked to sleep deprivation.

Decreased Self-esteem:

Many teenage girls begin to compare themselves to celebrities after engaging with social media, aspiring to achieve a slim, attractive, and affluent appearance similar to theirs.

During adolescence, it is common for individuals to emulate those they admire or view as role models. This mimicry can adversely impact their self-esteem and sense of worth. The results of various studies indicate that girls who dedicate more time to social media in order to present themselves like celebrities often find themselves isolated from their friend groups. Their friends do not embrace

them.

Social Isolation

A statistical relationship exists between social media usage and social isolation. When teenagers come across pictures or videos of a party they weren't invited to, it can lead to feelings of anxiety. It is referred to as "fear of missing out" or FOMO. Often, teenagers think they are engaging with various individuals through social media, yet they are, in reality, disconnected from the present moment and their own lives. It may lead to increased feelings of isolation and contribute to a sense of FOMO.

Unrealistic Expectations

It's no shock to say that Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat contribute to unrealistic expectations and relationships. It is not possible to verify the authenticity of someone else's actions.

In a perfect world, honesty would prevail on social media; however, the dynamics of showbiz and promotional tactics are unlikely to shift anytime soon. Instagram and YouTube celebrities, including influencers, utilize such strategies to attract audiences.

Lack of Focus

The negative effects of social media on students are readily apparent today. Various tasks, including schoolwork, classwork, or homework, demand heightened concentration to manage important responsibilities; however, many teenagers now tend to engage with social media simultaneously. Many people view it as multitasking, but that is not the case. Studies indicate that frequent interruptions

negatively impact attention and diminish both learning and performance.

Reduced Engagement

Teenagers who heavily engage with social media often neglect activities that significantly enhance mental capabilities, skills, and physical activity. Daily exercise prompts the body to release endorphins, which communicate with the brain to promote positivity and alleviate depression. Consequently, reduced activities lead to a decrease in endorphin secretion, contributing to depression, which is a prevalent issue.

Internet Addiction

Excessive social media use among teenagers may result in internet addiction. As children dedicate more time to social media, they encounter a greater variety of stories and ideas that pique their curiosity and encourage exploration. This habit can develop into an addiction that, if not addressed promptly, may impact their academic performance, mental well-being, and overall personal growth.

In such a situation, the responsibility of parents increases. They should trust the children and spend maximum time with them and support them in their studies. Despite all this, it is important to limit the use of social media and internet for children.

Do you feel down if you don't receive likes on your social media content? What emotions arise when you refrain from accessing your social media account for an entire day? What's the genuine emotion when your followers decrease? Does it evoke a negative emotion when someone decides to unfollow you? Here are several checkpoints to assess your addiction level.

Content Related to Suicide and Self-harm

social media is not only

captivating but can also contribute to suicide and self-harm. Young people online will go to great lengths to gain recognition. When young people observe someone receiving attention for self-harm activities, they often imitate this behavior without hesitation.

Online games are an easy way for kids to pass the time. They are getting attracted to internet games instead of traditional games. There is no doubt that the Internet is a useful tool for learning and acquiring knowledge for today's children and they should not be prevented from using it. Internet is also an important medium of entertainment.

So, children get attached to it easily. Latest news is always available on social media so everyone likes to stay connected with it. Despite all this, it is important to limit the use of social media and internet for children.

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"Chawal Ka Atta" for glowing skin

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'Chawal Ka Atta,' or Rice Flour, is an organic, healthy, and effective skincare ingredient that is affordable and suitable for all skin types. Rice flour has been used for centuries in traditional beauty rituals, to exfoliate and brightens the skin and protect against ultraviolet (UV) rays.

It is packed with vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants that can work wonders for your skin. This humble ingredient, commonly used in Indian kitchens, reduces excess oil, soothes irritation and gives you clear and glowing skin. It is a superstar beauty product that has the power to cleanse your skin and moisturise it thoroughly. The

antioxidants present in rice flour nourish and repair your skin. Incorporating rice flour face packs into your skincare routine will act as anti-inflammatory and antioxidant agents that function to prevent skin ageing, reduce UV damage, promote skin lightening, and improve skin and hair regrowth.

It is ideally suited to oily skin and is effective as a facial scrub. It helps to deep cleanse the skin and unclog the pores, discouraging and dislodging blackheads. It removes dead skin cells, tightens the pores, and brightens the skin.

Mix rice powder with curd and a pinch of turmeric and use it as a facial scrub. Apply on the face and rub gently on the skin with small circular movements. Wash off with water. Rice powder can also be added to "Ubtan" or body scrubs, along with gram flour, curd, rose water, powdered lemon, orange peels, etc.

Mix 3 tablespoons (tbsp) milk powder with 5 tbsp brown rice flour.



Blend in 1 tbsp olive oil (leave out if your skin is very oily). Stir in rose water gradually until you have a thick paste. Apply to the face, then allow to air dry for 10 to 15 minutes. Apply a bit of water to loosen up the mask, then gently rub it to exfoliate the skin. Rinse with fresh water and tone the skin. Mix One tablespoon of rice flour, One teaspoon of oats, and One teaspoon of honey in a jar and add Two teaspoons of milk to

make of paste of smooth consistency. Apply this pack on your face and uncovered areas, allow it to dry naturally and wash off with lukewarm water. Take two tablespoons of aloe vera and one tablespoon of rice flour. Mix to form a thick paste. Apply and let sit for 20 minutes. Rinse off and moisturize. This face pack works actively towards removing the dead skin cells and all the impurities that clog the pores and contribute to damaged and dull skin.

Exfoliating with rice powder may be used in many other ways for beauty care. You can mix one teaspoon of rice powder with a half teaspoon of coconut oil and massage it into your skin on the face and neck for an anti-ageing treatment. This would be suitable for normal to dry skin. Skin type should be kept in mind during exfoliation. Dry skin may be exfoliated only once a week. If there is any sensitivity, like dry rough, and reddish patches, the skin should not be exfoliated. Exfoliation helps oily skin, as it refines the skin texture and helps to keep the pores free of clogged oil. For oily skin can use scrubs or cleansing grains two or three times a week. For blackheads, rice powder can be mixed with rose water and used. However, if there are pimples, acne or rash, scrubs should not be used on them.

Too much exfoliation, especially on dry skin, can lead to skin sensitivity. In such cases, avoid exfoliation for some time. A soothing cream may be applied. Sometimes cold milk may help to soothe the skin. If there is a rash, a little rose water can be mixed with sandalwood paste and applied. If there is any itching, it should be referred to a dermatologist.

After exfoliation, tone the skin with rose water or a rose-based skin tonic. A cold compress with chilled rose water or skin tonic may be given, using cotton wool. Then a protective cream should be applied. If the skin is dry, a moisturizer should be applied. If one is going out in the sun, apply sunscreen after exfoliation.

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Prime Minister talks about Himachal in Haryana-Jammu Kashmir elections, but did not give a penny during the disaster: Chief Minister Sukhu

Chandigarh (JAG MOHAN THAKEN), Oct 03: Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, while addressing an election rally in Haryana at Barwala, near here in favour of Congress candidate Chandramohan, hit back at Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Chief Minister said that the Prime Minister is talking about Himachal Pradesh in the elections of Haryana and Jammu-Kashmir. He remembers Himachal only during elections, the Central Government did not give even a penny during the terrible disaster that hit the state last year.

CM Sukhu elaborated that the BJP kept doing politics in the disaster and we gave an economic package of Rs 4500 crore from our own resources. 23000 fully and partially damaged houses were rehabilitated. 1.30 lakh

rupees were given for building a house, we changed the relief manual and gave 7 lakh rupees.

BJP leaders are hiding the truth and presenting wrong facts about Himachal, which is going to become self-reliant. It would have been better if the facts given to the Prime Minister by Himachal BJP leaders were correct. Big leaders come during elections, talk big, but do not tell the truth.

Chief Minister Sukhu said that 20 months ago, the Congress government was formed in Himachal, in this short tenure, we have fulfilled 5 out of our ten guarantees. 1.36 lakh employees and officers were given the benefit of the old pension scheme in the first cabinet meeting. This decision was taken not for political gain but to provide social security to the employees. Those



who were getting a pension of Rs 3000 are now getting Rs 30000. Sukhu added that the scheme of providing Indira Gandhi Suk Samman Nidhi of Rs 1500 per month to women has been started. Rajiv Gandhi Day Boarding Schools are being built in every assembly for quality education. English medium has been started from the first class. Rajiv Gandhi Start Up Yojana

of Rs 680 crore has been started for employment of youth. Himachal Pradesh is the first state to give MSP on milk and wheat and maize produced from natural farming. The government is buying cow milk at Rs 45 and buffalo milk at Rs 55 per kg. The government will buy wheat at Rs 40 and maize at Rs 30 per kg. Sukhwinder Sukhu said that the previous BJP government distributed freebies worth Rs 5000 crore in the last six months of its tenure in Himachal. 125 units of electricity were made free for hotels and income taxpayers earning crores of rupees. Water was made free, despite this the public showed the BJP the way out of power. Congress's policies are to strengthen the rural economy. We are making the farmers economically prosperous by giving money directly in their

hands by realizing the thinking of senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi ji in Himachal. Our government has increased the daily wage of MNREGA from 240 to 300 rupees. The government has given the status of Children of the State to 4000 orphan children by adopting them. Our government is the first welfare government in the country to do this. The Chief Minister said that the government will bear the entire cost of education of the children of widowed women in Himachal till the age of 27 years. We are going to make Himachal self-reliant. Our state will be economically self-reliant in 2027 and the most prosperous state in the country in 2032. We have changed our policies; we have moved towards being economically self-reliant by bringing financial discipline. Our government has worked

to advance the poor and implemented welfare schemes, only then we won the Shimla Municipal Corporation election and the Assembly by-election. Sukhwinder Sukhu said that Congress candidate from Panchkula Chandramohan will win and become a minister in the Haryana government. He has pain for the poor and respect for the farmers. His father, late Chaudhary Bhajan Lal had been the Chief Minister of Haryana. Gurugram and the surrounding area developed according to his thinking. He gave Haryana the idea of becoming self-reliant. The people of Panchkula should elect Chandramohan, he will create employment opportunities. The area will develop in all directions. Former Chief Minister Bhupendra Hooda and the Congress Party have given many

guarantees including OPS to employees, Rs 2000 per month to women and loan waiver to farmers, which they will fulfil if they form the government. Today, employees in Haryana are on the streets for OPS, they will not have to protest for long. The Congress government of Haryana will give them OPS. The Congress party represents all castes, religions and ideologies. When you go to vote on October 5, approve the policies of the Congress. Only the Congress can make welfare schemes for Haryana.

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh paid tribute to the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, who fought for the country's independence, and former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri, who gave the slogan of Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan.

Blue Cloud Softech Solutions Ltd. achieves ISO 9001-2015 and ISO 27001-2022 Certifications

Kolkata (AMBAR MUKHERJEE): Hyderabad based Blue Cloud Softech Solutions Ltd, a leading provider of IT solutions, announced that it has been awarded ISO 9001-2015 and ISO 27001-2022 certifications, further solidifying its commitment to quality management, information security, and service excellence.

These internationally recognized certifications are a testament to Blue Cloud Softech's adherence to global standards and its dedication to providing secure, high-quality IT solutions. Certifications Achieved are ISO 9001:2015 – Quality Management System and ISO 27001:2022 – Information Security Management System.

The ISO 9001:2015 certification ensures that Blue Cloud Softech maintains a robust quality management system that enhances customer

satisfaction by consistently meeting client expectations. The ISO 27001:2022 certification demonstrates the company's effective management of sensitive information, ensuring confidentiality, integrity, and availability of data. CPO and Whole Time Director of Blue Cloud Softech Solutions Limited, Mr. Manoj Sandilya Telakapalli said that "Achieving these ISO certifications is a significant milestone for our organization. It reflects our commitment to maintaining the highest standards of quality, security, and service delivery. These certifications are a direct result of our team's hard work and dedication, and they further strengthen our ability to deliver exceptional value to our clients across the globe." This achievement positions Blue Cloud Softech Solutions Limited as a trusted

partner for businesses seeking secure, reliable, and high-quality IT services. The company plans to continue investing in cutting-edge technology and robust processes to ensure continued compliance with international standards. Blue Cloud Softech Solutions Limited is a leading IT solutions provider specializing in delivering innovative, secure, and scalable technology solutions with a strong focus on healthcare, enterprise-grade AI applications, and AI enabled Cyber Security products. The company provides cutting-edge healthcare technology, leveraging artificial intelligence to improve patient care, optimize healthcare processes, and enhance medical decision-making. In addition to healthcare, Blue Cloud Softech serves various industries, offering IT consulting, software service management.

Karnataka Minister Sparks Row With Beef Comment On VD Savarkar



Mumbai (KCN): BJP icon VD Savarkar, a Chitpavan brahmin, not only was a non-vegetarian, "many say he even ate beef", said Karnataka Health minister Dinesh Gundu Rao today, triggering off the next massive political controversy ahead of the assembly election in Maharashtra. He also said that Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the founder of Pakistan, was not a fundamentalist but Savarkar was. The BJP has started vociferous protests, and Savarkar's grandson has threatened to file a defamation suit against the Karnataka leader.

"Savarkar, a Chitpavan Brahmin, used to eat meat. He was a non-veg eater and he was not against cow slaughter... Some say that he used to eat beef as well. As a Brahmin, he used to eat meat and was openly propagating eating meat," Mr Rao said days after Maharashtra declared

spitting on the moon," said BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh. "Kanhaiya Kumar, who raises 'bharat tere tukde honge' slogan, is embraced. Red carpet is rolled out for those who consider Afzal Guru (Parliament attack convict) a hero... What kind of 'mohabbat ki dukan' Rahul Gandhi has opened where the martyrs and freedom fighters are insulted?" he said. The Shiv Sena of Eknath Shinde warned

Rao for his statement, he said.

It is the Congress strategy to defame Savarkar, especially ahead of elections, he said. "Earlier, Rahul Gandhi was doing it and now his leaders are making statements... The Congress wants to divide Hindu society between castes and win elections. This is like the British's policy of divide and rule," he was quoted as saying by news agency Press Trust of India.

"The statement about Savarkar eating beef and supporting cow slaughter is false. His original article in Marathi meant that cows were very useful and that's why they are considered deities. He was also the president of a Gau Raksha Sammelan... I am going to file a defamation suit against him," he added. He further claimed that former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had always followed the policies of Veer Savarkar and never followed a single policy of Jawaharlal Nehru or Mahatma Gandhi.

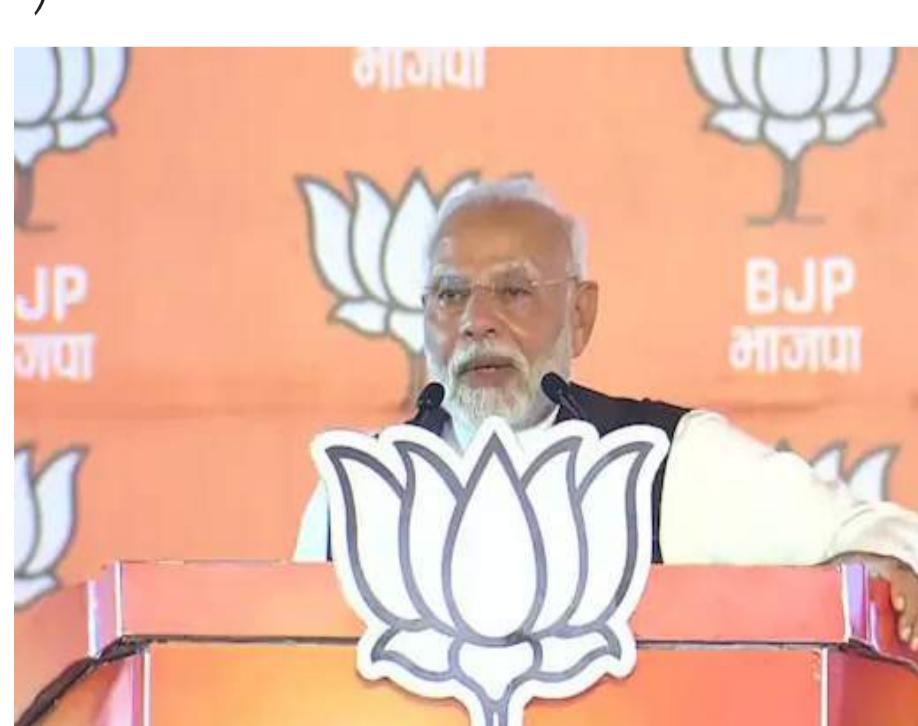
"Congress Stands For Nepotism, Casteism": PM's Final Pitch For Haryana Polls

New Delhi (KCN): Upping the ante against the Congress less than two hours before campaigning ended for the Haryana Assembly elections, which will be held in two days, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the party stands for corruption, casteism, communalism and nepotism.

In a series of tweets on X on Thursday, Prime Minister Modi said that he has travelled across Haryana in the last few days and the people's enthusiasm has given him confidence that they will elect the BJP for a third straight term and not accept the "divisive and negative" politics of the Congress.

which has been in power in the state since 2014, has worked towards making the lives of the people of Haryana prosperous and focused on the welfare of all sections, the PM pointed to the "failure" of Congress governments in Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka.

"The people of Haryana know that the Congress means a guarantee of corruption, casteism, communalism and nepotism. The basic objective of the politics of father and son ('bapu-bete ki rajneeti') is only selfishness... Today, people are also seeing the failure of Congress governments from



spoken about ending reservation. The jibe was seen as a reference to Mr Gandhi's comments during a trip to the US last month, when he had said that the Congress would "think of ending reservation when India is a fair place". The Congress leader later said the remarks were misunderstood and

insisted that his party would take the quota limit beyond 50%.

Claiming that the Congress can never

make India strong, PM Modi added, "Today the eyes of the whole world are on India. The world is looking towards India with a lot of hope and expectation. In such a situation it becomes very important that the people of Haryana elect a government that works towards strengthening India. Congress can never make the country strong. Therefore, I request my voters of Haryana to give their blessings to the BJP again."

Addressing a rally in

the state's Nuh earlier in the day, Mr Gandhi said the battle in Haryana was between hatred and love.

"Hatred has to be ended. India is not a country of hatred, it is the country of 'mohabbat' (love). And you have shown this to the entire country," said Mr Gandhi.

"The BJP and the RSS are hell-bent on attacking the Constitution... The fight is about this. If the Constitution does not remain, the poor will not have anything," he added.

Polling will be held in all 90 Assembly constituencies in Haryana on Saturday and counting will take place on October 8.

Road on forest land sans gram sabha sparks row

Joda (KCN): Authorities of a mining firm have committed irregularities in the construction of a road by clearing a forest without conducting any gram sabha at Tonto village under Bhadrashahi panchayat of Joda mining division in Keonjhar district, a report said. The road construction was taken up by the mining firm for the transportation of minerals from its Roida-II mines at Tonto. Peeved over the issue, more than 1,300 villagers including women have been staging a sit-in at the place for the last 100



days demanding a high-level inquiry into the alleged wrongdoing. The matter came to the fore when the villagers narrated the issue before the media while its jungle committee demanded an impartial probe.

The villagers alleged that Narbheram Company owns the Roida-II mines in Tonto. The mining firm flouted norms and constructed a road in a forest by clearing the green cover without conducting any gram sabha. The villagers alleged that the mining firm has constructed the road even without the approval of Mines department. Villagers and

members of the village committee Sukadev Munda, Budhuni Munda, Radhika Munda, Gora

Munda, Muni Munda and Suna Munda have alleged that the mining firm has felled 40-feet tall trees and cleared the hills without conducting any gram sabha. The mining firm also did not consult

iron ores) and other stones weighing thousands of tonnes while cutting down the hill using heavy stone-cutting equipment, the villagers and members of the jungle committee alleged.

Kasturi Oram, former sarpanch of the panchayat, said the mining firm has cut down trees from the forest without conducting any gram sabha. It has also swindled large volumes of iron ore and earned crores in premium without the approval of the Mines department. Demanding a thorough investigation into the issue, she alleged that the mining firm had smuggled more than 1 lakh tonne iron ore to a nearby plant.

Sources in the office of the deputy director of mines at Joda said that the office has seized over 5,000 MT iron ore in the first phase and 35,000-tonne iron ore in second phase of construction of the road by clearing forest cover of 700 metre in length. Keonjhar DFO Dhanraj HD said the road is being constructed with the approval of the Union government. Barbil forest ranger Ranjan Kalo said the state government has approved the construction of the road.

Five cops face music over man's mysterious death

Phulbani (KCN): Kandhamal police Wednesday placed two cops under suspension and disengaged three home guards from duty following the mysterious death of a person recently. Kandhamal SP Suvendu Kumar Patra has taken this action against the police officials of Gochhapada police station after the deceased's family members and villagers alleged involvement of police in the death of the man, identified as Jyestha Bandaki, a resident of Boudh district. Bandaki's body, who was a ganja smuggler, was found near Danganamu ghat under Gochapada police station September 26.

Kanistha Bandaki, the younger brother of Jyestha Bandaki, alleged,

"My brother and his friend were travelling on a motorcycle. My brother's friend, who escaped from the police, told us that the police chased them and hit their two-wheeler from behind. When my brother fell down, the police beat him and then killed him on the spot. Later, they dumped his body in the 'ghat' and left the spot with his motorcycle." The SP has suspended an ASI and a havildar. Besides, he disengaged three home guards on duty at the spot September 26, and assigned a senior DSP rank officer to investigate the case, sources said.

According to the SP, the police officials were checking motor vehicles near the ghat that day. At that time, Jyestha and another man did not stop their two-wheeler at the spot. "When the police van chased them, the duo

ran away into the forest after leaving the motorcycle in the middle of the road. The police team returned to the police station with the bike," the SP said. "I'm not ruling out any criminal angle. I'm personally monitoring the case, and we are trying to examine the person who accompanied the deceased man on that day," he added.

Another lone elephant tranquilised in Bonai



Rourkela (KCN): Fourteen days after a wild elephant was tranquilised and a radio collar was put around it, another wild elephant has been tranquilised under Bonai Forest Division. The elephant was terrorising residents for the last three months and was finally tranquilised in the small hours of Wednesday. This male elephant, left

out of a herd, has been a troublemaker in the area. It has caused large-scale damage to properties, crops and injuries to human beings during the last three months, said sources. The villagers of many remote areas and also the residents of Bonai had made fervent appeals to the DFO of Bonai, Lalit Patra, to tranquillise it and put a radio collar around it so

that the department could track it. Patra and his squad including, ACF of Bonai Jagannath Prasad Bisoi, all rangers of the division, foresters, guards, elephant squad, staff from Similipal Forest, a special doctor and the tranquilising team started keeping track of the elephant and it was tracked inside the jungle near Bonai town around 12:30 am. Soon, the tranquiliser was shot into it. "Without wasting time, we immediately put the radio collar around it. The previous one is also helping us," said Patra. It was later allowed to go deep into the jungle when it regained its senses. On September 18, another elephant was tranquilised and a radio collar was put around it.

'Lovebirds' found hanging from tree

Attabira (KCN): In a shocking incident, police recovered the bodies of a youth and a minor girl – reportedly lovebirds – hanging from a tree near Bindhyabasini hill at Sankrida under Bheden block in Bargarh district Wednesday. The deceased were identified as Sunil

Kathar, 25, and Lija Bhue, 17, both residents of Sarasapali village under Rusuda outpost in Bheden police limits. The police seized the bodies and sent them to Bargarh Hospital for autopsy. However, it is still unclear whether they committed suicide or the deaths

happened due to some other reasons. Bheden police registered a case of unnatural death (No-17/24) and started an investigation. According to reports, Sunil and Lija had been in a relationship for a long time. However, their families were opposing it as they were from different castes.



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Trans-National Tripartite MoU on Global Women Safety

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

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

research activities, conduct Seminars, Conferences and Meetings on relevant issues and promote opportunities for mutual benefit and larger good of society and women across the world. This Partnership has



In a first, entities from India and Nepal joined hands to take on the responsibility to Enable and Empower Women across the Globe. Women's Revolution Private Limited (Womentor) with Fight Back Private Limited (FightBack) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Institute of Security and Safety Management (IISSM) at New Delhi.

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

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

Aakash Sambalpur announces Educational Scholarships for Admissions



Sambalpur: Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), a national leader in test preparatory services, has announced various scholarships prior to the commencement of its new session scheduled to begin in April 2024 to enable students to realise their dream of becoming doctors and engineers.

The first scholarship is the Instant Admission Cum Scholarship Test (iACST), offering up to 90% scholarship for admission into Medical, Engineering, and Foundation courses. Additionally, Aakash will provide special discounts to children of martyrs, defense personnel and terrorism-affected individuals.

Mr. Anup Agarwal, Chief Business Officer at Aakash Educational Services Limited, stated, "We are dedicated to providing accessible and impactful educational opportunities for students across India. Through initiatives like iACST and our scholarship programmes, we aim to empower deserving students to achieve their academic and career aspirations. We are proud to continue our tradition of supporting the education of children of our brave Armed Forces personnel and are committed to fostering excellence and inclusivity in education."

The Instant Admission Cum Scholarship Test (iACST) offers students immediate scholarship awards and opportunities

for instant admission. Students can take the exam online and receive details of their earned scholarships instantly, enabling them to secure instant admission under the expert guidance of Aakash faculty. The online iACST, lasting 60 minutes, can be taken between 10 AM and 8 PM on designated exam days.

The Other dignitaries present at the occasion were Nalini Kanta Mohapatra, Branch Head, Bikash Das, Regional Sales & Growth Head, Sumit Kumar, Engineering Academy Head, Santosh Kumar, Foundation Academy Head.

Catering to students in Class VIII to XII, iACST serves as a platform for them to showcase their potential for careers in Medicine or Engineering. Scholarships awarded through iACST are applicable for admission into Medical, Engineering, and Foundation classroom courses. iACST is conducted via the Aakash Computer-Based Test (CBT) platform, as well as through the Aakash website and dedicated mobile applications for both Android and Apple platforms.

In addition to its scholarship initiatives, AESL is committed to social responsibility by supporting the education of wards of Defence Personnel. Aakash will provide tuition fee waivers of up to 100% to

the children of martyrs. Similarly, an additional discount of 10% will be given to the children of defense personnel and terrorism-affected individuals over and above their iACST scores. This initiative till date has

benefited over 75,000 students since 2014.

Aakash also celebrates its success in the recent JEE Mains 2024, where 41,263 students qualified the examination. Noteworthy achievements include 4,198 students attaining a percentile score of 95 and above, while 939 students secured a percentile score of 99 and above. Rishi Shekhar Shukla from Hyderabad achieved a perfect 100 percentile, with Abhiraj Singh from Karnal, Sri Ram A from Trinavali, and Viswanath K S from Hyderabad securing an exceptional percentile of 99.99, among others.

Union Bank of India signs MOU with SIDBI for Co-Financing arrangement of MSMEs

Mumbai: Union Bank of India today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for a Co-Financing arrangement for MSMEs. The MoU was signed by Shri Lal Singh, Chief General Manager, Union Bank of India and Shri Vivek Kumar Malhotra, Chief General Manager, SIDBI. SIDBI is country's principal financial institution engaged in the Promotion, Financing and Development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

Under the MoU, Union Bank of India would consider Joint financing/Co-Financing with SIDBI to Projects/Units in the MSME. This MoU would help the Banks to increase their

customer base, while helping the MSMEs to meet their funding requirements. The key highlights of the arrangement include joint identification of viable projects and term loan and working capital financing to MSMEs. The Pan India branch network can provide general Banking products like Current Accounts, Savings Accounts, Working Capital facilities and other related services to the MSME Customers of SIDBI.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Lal Singh, CGM (MSME), Union Bank of India, said "MSME is one of the key sectors of our Indian Economy contributing to GDP, Exports, Manufacturing Output, Employment, Women Empowerment etc. MSME is one of the focused areas of the Bank and at Union Bank

Spice Money to enable farmers to withdraw PM-KISAN subsidy through its 1 million Adhikari Network

New Delhi: The Government of India has disbursed PM KISAN subsidy, directly to the farmers' bank accounts benefiting over 10 crore farmers and

families who have received a grant of Rs 2,000 each. Spice Money, India's leading rural fintech with 1 million strong Adhikari network covering 18,500 plus pin codes, is assisting the farmers and farmer families residing in the heartlands of the country, to withdraw this subsidy through AePS at their doorstep Adhikari outlet.

The PM Kisan Scheme, a central sector scheme with 100% funding from the Government of India, became operational on December 1, 2018. Under this scheme, income support of ₹ 6000 per year, divided into three installments, is directly transferred to the bank accounts of landholding farmer families, consisting of the husband, wife, and minor children.

Speaking on this, Sanjeev Kumar, Co-Founder & CEO, Spice Money, said, "At Spice Money, we have been

striving to solve the problem of access to banking & financial services in rural India.

As the 11th installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi is rolled out, our 1 million

Adhikaris operating across 18,500 pin codes, will be an enabler in ensuring easy access and withdrawal of this subsidy to the rightful 10 crore beneficiaries of this scheme.

Farmers and farmer families will no longer have to travel large distances to bank branches or just let the money lie idle in their accounts in times of need. Our Adhikaris, trusted banking partners in their communities, will be there at the villages to help farmers withdraw their money, with the help of AePS, thereby providing much-needed safe and secure access to the subsidy amount."

Spice Money has been spearheading the efforts towards bridging the financial services gap in rural India

by providing banking and financial services to the remotest corners of the country, across 700 districts and 5,000 blocks, thereby revolutionising the way Bharat banks.

Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India registers 3,53,188 unit sales

Gurugram: Noting a positive upward movement during the month, Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India today announced its sales numbers for May 2022.

The company's total sales for the month stood at 3,53,188 with 3,20,844 domestic sales and 32,344 exports compared to the subdued market performance for same period last year amidst multiple lockdowns owing to impact from second wave of pandemic.

Commenting on the sales performance in May '22, Mr. Atsushi Ogata, Managing Director, President & CEO, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India said, "The market is gaining back strength as disturbances in terms of supply side are subsiding coupled with rise in physical presence at office and educational institutions. The sales figures this month remain incomparable from May '21 as frequent lockdowns in wake of second wave marred the performance during this period last year. Growth in domestic as well as international trade continues to complement each other as we approach an early monsoon."

RELIANCE BRANDS LIMITED INKS A JV WITH PLASTIC LEGNO SPA

Mumbai: RELIANCE BRANDS LIMITED (RBL) and Plastic Legno SPA have signed a joint venture arrangement through which RBL will acquire a 40% stake in Plastic Legno SPA's toy manufacturing business in India. This investment by RBL serves a dual purpose, bringing in vertical integration for RBL's toy business and helping diversify the supply chain with a long-term strategic interest in building toy manufacturing in India.

Plastic Legno SPA is owned by the Sunino group that boasts of more than 25 years of toy production experience in Europe. The group started its India business in 2009 out of a need to develop a strong production hub that would cater to global markets, but more importantly to the fast evolving and growing Indian market.

"We are very privileged to have RBL as a partner in this Joint Venture. We are confident that Plastic Legno's experience in Toys production and Hamley's commercial outreach, will complement one another to enable the JV Company to achieve greater heights and successes. We have important development plans to implement, always in the spirit of creating a cultural background in this specific sector in India. We are ready for the challenges of the future, but when there is a group like RBL alongside, we are sure that together we can do a great development," said Paolo Sunino, Co-owner, Sunino Group.

Prime Minister's vision of Atmanirbhar India, this collaboration with Plastic Legno's deep experience in world-class toy manufacturing coupled with our strong footing in the global toy retail industry would open new doors and unparalleled opportunities for toys manufactured in India. It is imperative for RBL to build design to shelf capability for a strategic advantage over the competition and to be an accelerator in building a robust toy manufacturing ecosystem in India not only for domestic consumption but also for global markets," said the spokesperson of Reliance Brands Limited.

RBL has a strong play in the Toy industry with its portfolio of Hamleys, the British toy retailer and homegrown toy brand - Rowan, making RBL one of the

leading toy distributors. Hamleys currently has a global footprint across 15 countries with 213 doors and is India's largest chain of toy stores.

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

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

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

by intelligent terminals and provide Vedanta Aluminium insights on a real-time basis with respect to forklift speed, access to operate, collision avoidance, optimization analysis for operational efficiency and equipment maintenance, among others.



Doubts arise over cricket's inclusion in 2026 Asian Games

New Delhi: Fresh doubts have been cast over the potential inclusion of cricket in the Asian Games in Nagoya, Japan, in 2026. "...as far as we've been told by the local organising committee, cricket is not in the 2026 Asian Games," Alan Curr, Head of Cricket Operations at the Japan Cricket Association (JCA), told Emerging Cricket website. "I have said everything I have to say on the matter in that interview," the JCA official told



Buttler set for white-ball return on tour of West Indies



London: England will welcome back their regular white-ball captain Jos Buttler for the upcoming tour of West Indies, where they play three T20Is and five ODIs in October-November this year. Buttler missed the recent T20Is and ODIs against Australia as he recovered from a calf injury. England squad for West Indies ODIs and T20Is: Jos Buttler, Jofra Archer, Jacob Bethell, Jaffer Chohan, Sam Curran, Will Jacks, Liam Livingstone, Saqib Mahmood, Dan Mousley, Jamie Overton, Adil Rashid, Phil Salt, Reece Topley, John Turner

England have also named three uncapped players in the squad, including 22-year-old Yorkshire leg-spinner Jaffer Chohan who has earned his first call-up to the senior side. He's also

the first graduate of the South Asian Cricket Academy to be selected to an England Men's squad. The other two uncapped players are John Turner and Dan Mousley, who were part of the squad in the series against Australia.

England have picked an initial squad of 14 players, and will have two more added from the Test squad in Pakistan once the third fixture of that series begins - on October 28 in Rawalpindi. Harry Brook, who led England in the Australia series in place of Buttler, is part of the Test squad.

The tour of the Caribbean will begin with the ODIs - the first two on October 31 and November 2 in Antigua before heading to Barbados for the third on November 6. The five T20Is will be played between November 9 and 17.

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Lille stunned defending champions Real Madrid with a 1-0 home victory in the Champions League group phase on Wednesday, October 2, halting the 15-time European Cup winners' impressive 36-match unbeaten streak across all competitions. Jonathan David converted a penalty just before halftime, three minutes into stoppage time, marking Real's first defeat since January. The result also ended Madrid's remarkable 14-game unbeaten run in the Champions League.

With this win, Ligue 1

"Look, if cricket is actually included in the Games, obviously that would be fantastic. However, we have followed up with the organising committee who were pretty clear. There are 41 other sports they are going to deliver for the Games and cricket is not one of them at this stage. Unless someone tells us any differently, we won't be making any plans to take our teams to participate in this event," Curr told Emerging Cricket.

Asked about those

comments, Curr told this website, "There is not much more to say." He went on to add, "The JCA has no power or ability to influence on this matter. It is down to the OCA (Olympic Council of Asia) and the local organising committee." In the Nagoya Asian Games website, 41 sports feature, nine more than the recent Paris Games sports list, and cricket is not one among them. Absence of cricket from the Asiad could be a setback in its globalisation efforts. It has been

included in the Los Angeles Olympics in 2028 and is also expected to feature in the next edition of Olympics in 2032, when the Games will be held in Brisbane, Australia, a cricket-crazy country. When contacted, Randhir Singh, the head of Olympic Council of Asia, said he is hopeful that cricket will be a discipline. "That is my understanding. It's an Olympic sport now. I have inquired about it and I am hopeful it will be there in Nagoya," Singh told this website.

Champions League: Lille shock Real Madrid, end team's 36-match unbeaten run



side Lille now has three points from two matches in the revamped format of Europe's premier club competition, matching Real's points after they won their opening game against VfB Stuttgart. On his penalty, David remarked, "I try to focus, to keep calm to take a good shot, but I'm confident when it comes to taking penalties. It has not sunk in yet, but it's a

memorable night." Real Madrid goalkeeper Andriy Lunin acknowledged the team's lack of usual intensity. "It's difficult to analyse right after. We lacked aggression, creativity—what we always have," he stated. "In the second half, we showed more desire, but in the first half we were worse, that's obvious. We want to win because

we know what colours we're playing in. But that's OK. Courage, keep working and prepare for the next game." Carlo Ancelotti's squad saw Kylian Mbappe, who recently transferred from Ligue 1 champions Paris Saint-Germain, start on the bench due to a muscle injury sustained last week. Real's Vinicius Jr. had the first significant chance of

the match with a low shot in the sixth minute, followed by a close-range attempt from Endrick that was blocked by Lille's Lucas Chevalier. Lille nearly broke the deadlock after 26 minutes when Lunin pulled off a stunning double save, first denying David's header and then parrying his follow-up shot. The hosts finally found their breakthrough in stoppage time when Eduardo Camavinga

handled Edon Zhegrov's free kick.

Following a VAR review,

David confidently slotted home the resulting penalty. In the second half, Lille maintained their pressure, refusing to retreat as Real Madrid

enjoyed possession and attempted to cut off the supply to England

midfielder Jude

Bellingham.

Pakistan expected to name 3 separate captains after Babar's resignation: Reports



New Delhi, (KCN): Pakistan might appoint three separate captains in three formats after the resignation of Babar Azam from the position of white-ball captain. PTI reported that the choice might not be straightforward due to workload issues.

Pakistan could have separate cricket captains in all three formats due to the heavy schedule and the pressure it could put on one white-ball skipper, according to sources. The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) was expected to hand over Babar Azam the ODI captaincy for the upcoming white-ball matches, but the senior

batter tendered his resignation around midnight on Wednesday to focus on his batting. Insiders suggest that appointing the next captain for the shorter formats will not be straightforward for white-ball head coach Gary Kirsten or the selection committee. "Mohammad Rizwan is the obvious choice for the white-ball captaincy given that, along with Babar, he is the only player who is an automatic selection in all formats of the game," said an insider. However, the hectic international calendar poses a worrying factor for red-ball coach Jason Gillespie, Kirsten, the PCB, and the selectors regarding Rizwan's workload. Rizwan, Babar, and Shaheen Shah Afridi are all-format players, making workload management a significant concern. Pakistan is scheduled to play 18 ODIs and T20Is in Australia, Zimbabwe, and South Africa between November and December, followed by a two-Test series in South Africa. After returning home in January, the team will engage in a two-Test series with the West Indies and an ODI tri-series with New Zealand and South Africa, leading up to the ICC Champions Trophy in February-March. After the ICC event, Pakistan will fly to New Zealand for a white-ball series before the PCB organises the Pakistan Super League. Babar was captain in all three formats for more than three years, but Kirsten and the selectors have reservations over whether Rizwan could handle the workload in the coming months while also leading the side in ODIs and T20Is," said another source.



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"Aggression is all about your actions, not about my reactions. The kind of batting we do, the kind of field positioning we have, the kind of bowling we do, that to me is aggression," Rohit Sharma said in a BCCI video.

"When we lost two and a half days it was very easy for us to just drift away from the goal we have, which was to win the Test match. We needed 7 wickets quickly on that day, and that is when it started," he further added.

Sharma lauded the bowlers, led by Jasprit Bumrah and Ravichandran Ashwin for setting the tone on Day 4 of the Test match. Dismantled the Bangladesh side.

"The bowlers came to the party first. They got the wickets that we needed. And then when we came inside, we had to take a little bit of risk to get a result. I know the result could have gone either way. But I was okay with it. So was the coach and the other players as well. Because you have to be brave enough to take those decisions and go and play that way," Rohit said in the video.

"When things fall in place, everything looks good. And that is where it can change quickly when things don't fall in place. Everybody would have started criticising the decision that we took on the field, the decisions that I take on the field. I trust on it and then I go

inside this changing room. And that is what mattered and that is what we went with in this game. It was a clear plan that we want the result, how we can get the result. Everybody started finding answers for that. I think it was an exceptional series," he further added.

Speaking about his brand of captaincy, Rohit said that a captain needs to be adaptable and prepare every approach. Sharma said that it was important to recognise that not every decision was going to go his way but he needed to back his calls and trust on it.

"I think when you are playing at such a high level, you need to have a bit of everything. You need to be calm, to think wisely. There are a lot of decisions that you have to take on the field. Not every decision will go your way, but you have to back it and use your experience, use your knowledge. So that is what I do. I have been there enough to trust my judgement that I do take on the field, the decisions that I take on the field. I trust on it and then I go