

# Vande Bharat Connects Brahmapur

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Prime Minister Narendra Modi today virtually flagged off six Vande Bharat express trains including two trains in Odisha.

The two semi-superfast express trains started their journey from Brahmapur and Rourkela after Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually flagged off the trains from Ranchi in Jharkhand.

The two trains flagged off from Odisha are Rourkela-Howrah and Brahmapur-Tatanagar. Special functions were organised at Brahmapur and Rourkela railway stations for the flagging-off ceremony.

Governor Raghuraj Das and Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi were present at Rourkela and Brahmapur railway stations when the Prime Minister flagged off six Vande Bharat Express trains of which two started running through Odisha on Sunday.

The governor graced



the inauguration of Rourkela-Howrah Vande Bharat at Rourkela railway station, while Majhi attended the flagging off of Brahmapur-Tatanagar Vande Bharat at Brahmapur railway station. The CM boarded the Vande Bharat Express at State capital Bhubaneswar.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Majhi said the new Vande Bharat

train will connect Odisha's silk city Brahmapur to India's steel city Tatanagar and its travel timing is 9.05 hours.

Stating that the union government is giving priority to development of the railway sector in Odisha, Majhi said the Centre has made new railway projects worth Rs 1 lakh crore for the development of railway infrastructure in Odisha. So far, railway

projects worth more than Rs 70,000 crore have been approved for the state, Majhi said, adding that these projects will play an important role in strengthening the railway network in the state.

In this year's budget, around Rs 10,586 crore has been allocated for the state, the CM stated.

The Tatanagar-Brahmapur Vande Bharat train will further enhance connectivity

between Jharkhand and Odisha, improving access for passengers travelling along this important industrial corridor, railway officials said.

Brahmapur-Tatanagar Vande Bharat Express will start its inaugural run from Brahmapur at 11 am. However, the regular service of the train will commence from Tatanagar on September 18 and from Brahmapur on September 19.

With the inauguration of two new trains, five Vande Bharat trains are running through Odisha.

Shri Modi had flagged off Odisha's first Vande Bharat Express train between Puri and Howrah in May 2023. The second semi-high-speed train service was inaugurated on Puri-Rourkela route in September 2023 and the third, connecting Visakhapatnam with Bhubaneswar, in March this year.

**Chandigarh (JAG MOHAN THAKEN), September 15:** On Sunday, Arvind Kejriwal, Delhi Chief Minister, who was recently granted bail by the Apex Court in connection with the Delhi excise policy case, announced to resign. He declared that he would only sit in the CM's chair again after the people give him a "certificate of honesty."

"I am going to resign after two days and ask people whether I am honest. Till they respond, I won't sit on CM's chair," Kejriwal said. The announcement of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) National Convener Arvind Kejriwal's resignation as Delhi Chief Minister was hailed as a bold and revolutionary move by AAP Punjab leaders, who applauded their national leader wholeheartedly.

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann praised Kejriwal's decision, calling it revolutionary and attributing it to his honesty and commitment to the people. He expressed admiration for Kejriwal's thinking and



stated that the people of Delhi would support him in the upcoming assembly elections based on his integrity. Mann also noted that there have been attempts to undermine the Aam Aadmi Party by imprisoning Kejriwal, but these efforts have failed to break the party. He remarked that any other party might have succumbed under such pressure. Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema stated that Arvind Kejriwal has made a very significant decision. He pointed out that the country is aware that the Bharatiya Janata Party had fabricated a case against Kejriwal. With his recent bail from the Supreme Court, it has become clear that the allegations against him were completely false.

Cheema expressed confidence that when Kejriwal steps out of his house, millions of people will come out in support of him, and the people of Delhi will elect him as Chief Minister again. He emphasized that Kejriwal values the people of Delhi more than the Chief Minister's chair and deeply loves them. Cheema also challenged the BJP to hold elections now, asserting that the truth will prevail. He predicted a decisive defeat for the Bharatiya Janata Party in the upcoming elections, with the Aam Aadmi Party securing a resounding victory. Cabinet Minister Aman Arora stated that Arvind Kejriwal, who has pioneered a new and honest style of politics in the country, has once again demonstrated his integrity by resigning. He affirmed that the people of Delhi and the nation stand with Kejriwal and the Aam Aadmi Party, and predicted that the Aam Aadmi Party will form the government in Delhi again with a large majority.

## Modi govt aims to implement 'One Nation, One Election' within current term: Sources

**New Delhi(KCN):** The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is gearing up to roll out the 'One Nation, One Election' (ONOE) policy before the end of its current term, highly placed sources told IANS. This major electoral reform, a key objective for the BJP, has seen repeated endorsements from PM Modi throughout his political career. Sources reveal that the government is optimistic about implementing the 'One Nation, One Election' (ONOE) policy within its current term. Although the BJP won 240 seats in the latest elections — short of the 272 required for a solo majority — the government is hopeful of gaining sufficient cross-party support for this reform with the backing of its allies. Proponents argue that this approach will

diminish the frequent electoral cycles that currently disrupt Indian politics and impede effective governance. PM Modi in his Independence Day address this year, had urged political parties to unite in backing the ONOE initiative. He highlighted that the frequent elections across various levels of government pose a “barrier to India’s progress”. The concept of simultaneous elections was also a prominent pledge in the BJP’s election manifesto. The push for ‘One Nation, One Election’ gained significant momentum following the submission of a report by a panel headed by former President Ram Nath Kovind earlier this year. The committee, which presented its findings to President Droupadi Murmu, strongly supported the concept of holding simultaneous Lok Sabha and Assembly elections.

In another significant information shared by top sources Sunday while the government has initiated preparations for the decadal census, a decision on whether to include a caste column in the survey has not yet been made. “The decadal census will be conducted soon,” sources added.

India has been conducting a census every decade since 1881. The first phase of this decade’s census was slated to start April 1, 2020, but was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The implementation of the Women’s Reservation Act, passed by Parliament last year, is also tied to the decadal census. This law, which reserves one-third of seats in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies for women, will take effect only after delimitation is carried out based on the data from the first census conducted post-enactment of the Act.

# Pada Jatra For Subhadra



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Ahead of launching of BJP Government's ambitious Subhadra Yojana, Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida today launched the Subhadra Swagat Pada Jatra across all revenue villages in the State. Deputy Chief Minister K V Singh Deo, Bhubaneswar MP Aparajita Sarangi joined the Ceremony. Over 10,000 Pada Jatras are being held in different parts of the State to

promote the scheme aimed at empowering women, Shrimati Parida said. The Pada Jatra was organized in every gram Panchayat of the State as a part of an awareness campaign among the women about the scheme. More than 60 lakh women have already registered their names for Subhadra Yojana and all will receive the first installment of Rs 5000 each on September 17,

Parida informed. On a testing-basis, the State Government today transferred one rupee to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), she said. The Deputy Chief Minister said all the applicants who will apply after September 17 will also get the money. There is no need to panic. The scheme will continue till the last beneficiary gets the amount credited to her bank account, she

added. She also advised all the applicants not to worry and apply as soon as possible as the government has decided to include more than 1 crore women under the scheme for its empowerment, Parida said. She was confident that the women beneficiaries will not misuse the money and utilize it for their empowerment. This will be the foundation stone for strengthening and

empowering women in Odisha. This is PM Modi's dream of a women-led development, the Deputy CM said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the Subhadra Yojana on September 17 at a function to be held at Janata Maidan which will be attended by thousands of women from across the State. All women in the age group of 21 to 60 years in the state will be covered under the scheme. Under the scheme, the eligible women will get Rs.5000 each in two installments every year for a period of five years. The State Government has already made a budgetary provision of Rs 10,000 crore for the scheme in the 2024-25 annual budget. The money will be credited to the bank accounts of the women beneficiaries every year on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan and on International Women's Day.

## 3,000 policemen to be deployed for PM's Bhubaneswar visit Sep 17: Official

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Around 3,000 policemen including 500 officers will be deployed in the city ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's scheduled visit. September 17, a senior officer said Sunday. Cuttack-Bhubaneswar police commissioner Sanjeeb Panda said the entire 12km route from Bhubaneswar airport to Janata Maidan has been

barricaded for security purposes. "For PM's security, the deployment will include 11 DCP-rank officers, 22 additional DCPs, 66 ACP-rank officers, 100 inspectors, and 300 officers, along with 81 platoons of forces (each comprising 30 personnel) and 500 home guards. Additionally, three special tactical units

along with two companies of CRPF and the Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force (ODRAF) will be stationed,” he told a press conference. Panda noted that three IG-rank senior police officers have been assigned to supervise the security arrangements – two officers will monitor the route and one will oversee the venue. The route has been declared



a no-fly zone and vehicular movement will be restricted. The area will be sanitised by

bomb disposal and dog squads, he added. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Mohan Charan

Majhi and his deputy Pravatī Parida visited Janata Maidan to review preparations for the event organised by the state government. During his visit to Bhubaneswar, Modi will launch the state government's 'Subhadra' scheme and launch railway projects worth Rs 2,800 crore. Under the 'Subhadra' scheme, eligible women aged 21 to 60 will

receive Rs 50,000 over five years, from 2024-25 to 2028-29. An amount of Rs 10,000 per annum will be credited in two equal installments directly to the beneficiary's Aadhaar-enabled and DBT-enabled bank account. The Prime Minister is scheduled to initiate the fund transfer for over 60 lakh women September 17, which also happens

to be his birthday. Deputy CM Parida said more than 50 lakh women who have already applied for the 'Subhadra' scheme will receive their first instalment during the PM's launch event. She advised women who have not registered or did not receive assistance to be patient, as the scheme will continue until all beneficiaries receive their funds, Parida added.



# Poshan Bhi, Padhai Bhi-Field Office, CBC, Medinipur Hosts ‘Rashtriya Poshan Maah’ Event in a Unique way

**Kolkata, (KCN):** It's common for young children to be fussy about the foods they eat. It's also common for children to like something one day but dislike it the next, to refuse new foods, and to eat more or less from day to day. This all happens because choosing what to eat – or what not to eat – is part of children's development. It's a way of exploring their environment and asserting independence. Also, children's appetites go up and down depending on how much they're growing and how active they are. But for mothers it is a perennial issue, always complaining that their wards are not taking food. To discuss the issue and how to mitigate the problem, the Field Office of the Central Bureau of Communication,

Medinipur organised a unique programme on Saturday (September 14, 2024), where smart mothers suggested how to make cuisines more appetising and luring for children who are fussy eaters. With that, kids with outstanding musical talents were brought from the entire State to showcase their Hindustani Classical string instrument expertise, like Sarod, besides arranging for letter-writing contest for children and article writing competition for mothers to give a distinctive milieu at the venue-Shibpur, Howrah as a part of integrated communication and outreach programme. A prolific mom Smt Piyali Majumder suggested changing names and serving food to make it look packaged like a

product for the child. Her concern about product marketing, advertisements of food items and child behaviour is clearly discernible. Another ingenious mother, Smt Tanima Das urged in her writing to observe choices of eating behaviour of children, slowly developing taste for homemade food and warns parents that children emulate parents' habits. Too much of fast food by parents in front of the child would aid in nutritional gap of the child, she adds. Her personal experience of developing a discipline of having normal food without TV or mobile helps to concentrate on food. A health worker by profession Smt Mandira Roy stressed the virtue of patience of mothers to help develop chewing



habits in a child. Instead being fidgety on the obstinate child taste variants, shape makers and verbal story telling by the mother could be the panacea to the problem. Sternly she warns that mobile usage while eating might be a bad influence and be a deterrent in proper intake of the child. Another innovative mother Smt Arpita Dey narrated a riveting memoir of her mother serving her a tasty pulao

with carrots, beans, capsicum and chicken shreds to lure the child in her who was averse to the taste of carrots and beans. She wrote the traditional narratives on

food habits in the house passing on to generations have the best solutions to balance nutrition and taste in daily platter. Among the several entries of the mothers

some focused on discipline while some stressed the need for a lenient way to give a nutritional meal to the child. Smt Ditipriya Mukherjee wrote, she focused on giving oats but as pancakes to her son. She uses traditional ghee and jaggery in daily intake for the child for nutritional value. The routine of making easy yet healthy and tasty food has also gone well with her son who now makes healthy sandwiches for her too. Her statement broke stereotypes of gender in

kitchen and takes nutrition needs to a new level. Besides, a talk on Nutrition by Sanchita Chatterjee, Nutritionist harped on the theme, this year's Poshan Maah. The programme started with a Sarod ensemble by students of Malasri where Melody of nutrients was a highlight of the show. The prize winners were felicitated with certificates, prizes and a memento by Sri Sudipta Biswas, Field Publicity Officer, CBC, Medinipur.

## SHRI V. SOMANNA, UNION MINISTER OF STATE FOR RAILWAYS & JALSHAKTI, CONDUCTS COMPREHENSIVE INSPECTION AT JASIDIH STATION

**Asansol, (KCN):** The Union Minister of State for Railways and Jalshakti Shri V. Somantha conducted an in-depth inspection of Jasidih Station in Asansol Division over Eastern Railway (ER) today to evaluate the current status of passenger amenities and to formulate a strategic plan for their enhancement. This visit underscores Railway's commitment to improving rail infrastructure and passenger experience. Accompanied by Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, ER and the Divisional Railway Manager of Asansol, along with Branch Officers from the Asansol Division, Shri V. Somantha, inspected the ongoing redevelopment work at Jasidih Station. The visit of the Union Minister at Jasidih Station included an evaluation of construction progress and discussions with field staff to address any challenges



or concerns related to the project. A Powerpoint presentation on major upgradation and integrated re-development of Jasidih Railway Station was also showcased. During the visit, Shri Somantha interacted with passengers, soliciting their feedback and suggestions regarding their requirements for upgraded amenities. He also interacted with press and media persons during his visit. This direct interaction was aimed at gathering firsthand insights to drive effective improvements and ensure that future developments align with passenger expectations.

While interacting with the media at Jasidih station, the Union Minister informed media friends that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is going to flag off six Vande Bharat Express trains tomorrow, one of which will be from Deoghar to Varanasi Vande Bharat Express Train. Thus, this new Vande Bharat Express train will connect two cities having Jyotirlinga temples, i.e., Baidyanathdham at Deoghar on one side and Biswanathdham at Varanasi on the other. This new train will be very helpful in augment transport infrastructure at Deoghar as well as in Jharkhand. Shri Somantha also informed

media persons about the ongoing station redevelopment work at Jasidih at a cost of more than 200 crore. The redevelopment work at Jasidih which is the gateway to Baidyanathdham/ Deoghar is aimed at meeting the future requirement of increased traffic in this area. Spacious car parking, yatri nivas, water resource management of the pond around Jasidih Station, beautification of the station concourse, all will come up in future to meet the requirements of passengers as well as the local inhabitants. The Union Minister also informed the media that by 2026-27 Jasidih Station will become an iconic building of this area resembling Baidyanathdham Temple. The inaugural run of the first Vande Bharat train of this area will start its journey from Baidyanath Dham station tomorrow at 11:00 am.

## Astarang Port Plan Faces Uncertainty Amid Fierce Protests

**Bhubaneswar, (KCN Bureau):** The proposed Astarang port project in Odisha's Puri district has been thrown into uncertainty following a public hearing held by the district administration in the Astarang block on Friday. Villagers, local leaders and environmentalists protested vehemently against the establishment of the port citing concerns over displacement and environmental damage. The public hearing, organized by the district administration to discuss the environmental impact and displacement issues related to the proposed port was met with non-cooperation from the villagers slated for relocation. Around 5,000 people including political representatives, intellectuals, students, women's unions and environmentalists, gathered at Pir Jahania Pitha to express their opposition to the state government's plan to develop an industrial port in collaboration with Hyderabad-based Navyug Engineering Limited. Leading the protest were Puri District Council Vice President Swadhin Kumar Nayak, BJP youth leader Dibakar Chhatoi, Astarang Block Chairperson Arti Nayak and other local leaders, convenor Shovakar Behera including sarpanchs and panchayat members. The protest was organized under the banner of the



Vitamati Suraksha Manch, a forum dedicated to protecting the coastal environment and the livelihoods of the villagers. The protestors vowed to resist the establishment of the port at all costs, with some even stating they were willing to sacrifice their lives to protect their land and environment. The opposition raised questions about the district administration's decision to hold the public hearing in the main market of Astarang rather than in the rural areas directly affected by the project. The leaders stressed the need for the movement to protect the fertile land and the pristine coastal environment of the region to gain broader support. The Astarang port project has also been entangled in legal challenges. The new Land Acquisition Act, enacted in December 2013, requires the consent of at least 80 percent of the people affected by land acquisition before any project can proceed. While the land acquisition process had been delayed due to these legal restrictions, recent developments indicate that the state government has resumed the process, potentially paving the way for the construction of the

port. Environmentalists and local activists have raised alarms over the ecological damage that the port's construction could inflict on the sensitive coastal region. The proposed site is located near the Devi River estuary, home to rich biodiversity including 500 hectares of forest that is protected under the Departmental Act. The port's establishment threatens the destruction of rare mangrove forests which are critical to the region's ecology. Furthermore, the area is one of the world's top five nesting grounds for Olive Ridley turtles, a species that first appeared on Devi river mouth in 1981. The high-powered lighting and increased marine traffic associated with the port are expected to disrupt the turtles' nesting patterns, potentially causing a significant decline in their population. Local fishermen, too, are concerned about their livelihoods. The port could lead to the pollution of coastal waters and a depletion of fish species, threatening the livelihoods of over 25,000 fishermen who depend on the region's marine resources. Agriculture, another key source of income for local

residents, is also at risk with thousands of farmers likely to lose their farmland to the project. The protestors argue that the state government's efforts to promote tourism in the region will be undermined by the industrialization of Astarang's pristine beaches. Astarang Beach, which has become a popular tourist destination, would lose its appeal, affecting the local tourism industry. The port project, initially proposed in 2008, involves an investment of ₹6.5 billion and is planned to be constructed in three phases. A formal agreement was signed between the state government and Navyug Engineering Limited of Hyderabad on December 22, 2008. The company has earmarked land in five panchayats including 15 revenue villages in Astarang block for the port's development. However, the ongoing protests, coupled with legal hurdles and environmental concerns have cast doubt on the project's future. The district administration has yet to respond to the protests but with strong local opposition and potential environmental violations, the future of the Astarang port project remains uncertain. The villagers and environmentalists united under the Vitamati Suraksha Manch have vowed to continue their fight to protect the land, environment and livelihoods of the people of Astarang.

## Taxpayer can retract statement made during Income Tax Search

**Kolkata (KCN):** In case of an Income Tax Search generally statement of taxpayer is recorded. At the time of making such statements the taxpayer may not be knowing proper details or might be under pressure to declare extra income. In such cases the statement may be retracted said Dr Rakesh Gupta, former Member of Income Tax Appellate Tribunal addressing a meeting of All India Federation of Tax



Practitioners on Zoom on Saturday. Presiding the meeting Advocate Narayan Jain National President of AITP advised that retraction should be preferably made by Affidavit soon after search is complete. The Wealth tax has been abolished from April



2015 so it is difficult to prove whether jewellery items are declared or not. He felt that Wealth Tax Returns should be reintroduced for convenience and transparency. Dr. Rakesh Gupta spoke on provisions relating to search, how to explain

cash, jewellery & other valuables found in search; rights of taxpayers during search, evidentiary value of statement recorded in search & Survey, cautions while statements are being recorded. V. P. Gupta, Chairman, Direct Tax Committee nicely conducted the webinar and Advocate RD Kakra, Secretary General proposed vote of thanks. Webinar was attended by Samir Jani National Deputy President, Anil Mathur Natio



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# Parineeti Chopra suddenly expresses her longing for Sushant Singh Rajput

Actress Parineeti Chopra Saturday took a moment to remember her late co-star Sushant Singh Rajput, reflecting on the cherished memories they made while filming Shuddh Desi Romance in Rajasthan. Taking to Instagram Stories, Parineeti, who has 44.1 million followers on the photo-sharing application, has re-shared a video posted by an Instagram user, which says 'Explore Jodhpur through the lens of Shuddh Desi Romance'. The video showcases the iconic locations where Parineeti and Sushant filmed the title song Shuddh Desi Romance. It highlights the majestic Mehrangarh Fort and the charming palaces and bylanes of Jodhpur,

Rajasthan, which served as the backdrop for their vibrant performance. The song, choreographed by Ganesh Acharya, remains a memorable part of the film, and the video beautifully captures the essence of those picturesque settings. Parineeti wrote in the caption: "Love this! Miss you Sushant...what fun we had on this one". Shuddh Desi Romance was directed by Maneesh Sharma and produced by Aditya Chopra. It also featured Vaani Kapoor in the lead role. Set in Jaipur, Rajasthan, the movie explored the views of the younger generation on commitment, live-in relationships and



arranged marriages. On the work front, Parineeti had joined Yash Raj Films (YRF) as a public relations consultant. She then made her acting debut in

2011 YRF's romantic comedy Ladies vs Ricky Bahl starring Ranveer Singh and Anushka Sharma. She has then been a part of movies like Shuddh

Desi Romance, Hasee Toh Phasee, Jabariya Jodi, The Girl on the Train, Golmaal Again, Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar and Mission Raniganj.

Parineeti last featured as Amarjot Kaur in the biographical musical drama Amar Singh Chamkila. Directed by Imtiaz Ali, the film stars Diljit Dosanjh in the titular role.

It charts the untold true story of Punjab's original rockstar of the masses, the highest record-selling artist of his time, Amar Singh Chamkila. The film is streaming on Netflix. On the personal front, Parineeti tied the knot with Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Raghav Chadha September 24, 2023 in a private luxury hotel in Udaipur. Meanwhile, June 14, 2020, Sushant was found dead at his residence in Bandra, Mumbai. He had reportedly committed suicide.

# Birthday wishes pour in for Ayushmann Khurrana



Hindi film actor Ayushmann Khurrana, who was last seen in Dream Girl 2, is celebrating his birthday Saturday. Members of the Hindi film fraternity are sending their best wishes to the actor on his special day. Actress Sonali Bendre, who was recently seen in the second season of the streaming show 'The Broken News', took to the Stories section of her Instagram, and wished the actor.

Sharing a picture of Ayushmann, she wrote, "Happy Birthday @ayushmannk Wish you all the happiness today and everyday". Actress Shilpa Shetty Kundra also took to her Instagram Story, and uploaded a short video from the reality show 'India's Got Talent'. In the video, the two can be seen grooving to a song. Shilpa wrote on the video, "Happy Birthday. Wishing you a year full of dreams coming true!

Keep shining, BIG H U G G @ayushmannk (sic)". Incidentally, Shilpa served as a judge on 'India's Got Talent' which Ayushmann once hosted. Sonam Kapoor also took to his Insta stories and wished her Bewkoofiyaan co-star. Actress Bhumi Pednekar, who has worked with Ayushmann in Dum Laga Ke Haisha, Shubh Mangal Saavdhan, Bala,

also wished her co-star as she wrote, "Happy Birthday @ayushmannk Have the bestest year". Ayushmann Khurrana entered showbiz with the second season of the reality television show 'MTV Roadies' in 2004 and later ventured into an anchoring career. He made his film debut in 2012 with the romantic comedy Vicky Donor which won 3 National Awards at the 60th National Awards. Ayushmann is known for his portrayals of ordinary men often from north India who battle social norms. The actor was last seen in Dream Girl 2 which was released in 2023. In the film, he essayed the role of a cross-dresser and disguising as a woman, leading to a lot of chaos and confusion.

# Samantha Ruth Prabhu to be honoured with 'Woman Of The Year' at IIFA Utsavam Awards

South star Samantha Ruth Prabhu will be honoured with the Woman Of The Year award at the upcoming edition of the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Utsavam awards, the organizers have announced.

The IIFA Utsavam Awards, to be held September 27 at Yas Island, Abu Dhabi, will kick off the celebration of South Indian cinema by introducing the prestigious 'Woman of the Year' in Indian Cinema award, honouring Ruth Prabhu for her achievements.

A powerhouse in the Tamil and Telugu industries, the actor is known for her work in films like Ye Maaya Chesave, Eega, Neethaane En Ponvasantham, Mahanati, and Super Deluxe.

"IIFA Utsavam has always been special and I'm so glad to join its global tour that spotlights the rich tapestry of creativity and storytelling from South Indian Cinema to a worldwide audience.

"It's also a gentle reminder for me as an artist and a woman to continue pushing my boundaries and embrace the endless possibilities that this incredible journey offers," Ruth Prabhu said in a statement. Andre Timmins, Founder and Director, IIFA Utsavam, they are proud to celebrate Ruth Prabhu's contribution to Indian cinema.



# 'Maa Kaali' teaser: Raima Sen's film to shed light on partition's dark history

The upcoming film 'Maa Kaali' by Vijay Yelakanti, starring Raima Sen and Abhishek Singh, revisits the tragic events of Direct Action Day and the Naokhali Massacres, shedding light on the brutalities faced by Hindus in 1946 Bengal.

The makers of 'Karthikeya 2' and director Vijay Yelakanti are set to release 'Maa Kaali,' a film that delves into the tragic events of the Direct Action Day\* and the Naokhali Massacres\*. Starring Raima Sen and Abhishek Singh, the film's teaser takes viewers back to the events of August 16, 1946, revealing the brutalities inflicted upon Hindus in Bengal and the subsequent spread of the partition's fires across British India. The film, releasing this year to mark the 78th anniversary of these events, serves as a tribute to the lives lost

in the ruthless genocide and aims to uncover the political conspiracies that led to one of the 20th century's biggest human crises. It also highlights how the repercussions of these events are still felt today. Through the lens of a Hindu family reliving the atrocities of the time, the teaser highlights the motives, processes, and aftermath of the demand for India's partition. The filmmakers boldly proclaim, "Unplug the earphones. Let the truth be heard, loud and clear," inviting viewers to engage with the powerful narrative. The teaser depicts the communal turmoil in Bengal with a compelling storyline, impactful dialogues, and poignant visuals. Scenes such as the wiping of the tilak from young Hindu girls' foreheads and the desecration of Goddess Kaali's idol are designed to leave a



lasting impression on the audience. Raima Sen, reflecting on her role, shares, "Being a Bengali, the story deeply resonates with the atrocities our people faced in the massacre. However, despite being a Bengali, even I was unaware of many details of the heart-rendering event, hence when this film came to me, it

became a moral responsibility to narrate the truth of the Direct Action Day." IAS-turned-actor Abhishek Singh adds, "Maa Kaali shares the ordeal of one of the most important and relevant events of our history, yet the details of the monstrous tragedy stay unknown to this date. With the film, we

aim to create awareness of the genocide that shook the nation." Written and directed by Vijay Yelakanti, 'Maa Kaali' is produced by TG Vishwa Prasad, co-produced by Vivek Kuchibhotla, and presented by People Media Factory. The pan-Indian film, shot in Hindi, will also release

in Bengali and Telugu in theaters in 2024.

(\*Direct Action Day: Direct Action Day, observed on August 16, 1946, was a dark chapter in Indian history. It arose from the All-India Muslim League's demand for a separate Muslim homeland following British departure from India.)

(\*Naokhali Massacres: The Naokhali riots, also referred to as massacres, were a horrific episode of communal violence in October 1946, targeting Hindus in the Naokhali district of Bengal (present-day Bangladesh). Incited by rumors and fueled by tensions surrounding the partition of India, Muslim mobs attacked Hindus, leading to thousands of deaths, forced conversions, and widespread property destruction.)



# Presumptive Income Scheme for eligible business



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1. Basic Provisions:

a) Section 44AD provides for presumptive taxation of taxpayers engaged in any business except certain specified business, at a sum equal to 8%, of the total turnover not exceeding Rs. 2 crore. The scheme applies to resident taxpayers/assessee who is an individual, HUF or partnership firm (but not limited liability partnership firm), whose total turnover does not exceed the prescribed amount of Rs. 2 crore. W.e.f. Assessment Year 2024-25 the limit of turnover or gross receipts for presumptive taxation scheme u/s 44AD has been raised to Rs. 3 crores from Rs. 2 crores, provided the receipts or turnover in cash does not exceed 5% of total turnover or gross receipts.

b) The scheme provides for presumptive

taxation of assessee engaged in any business (except the business of plying, hiring or leasing goods carriages referred to in section 44AE), at a sum equal to 8%, of the total turnover or gross receipts or, as the case may be, a sum higher than the aforesaid sum claimed to be earned by the assessee. For this purpose in case of credit sale if the payment is received by an account payee cheque or bank account payee bank draft or use of electronic clearing system through a bank account or prescribed electronic mode on or before due date of filing of return u/s 139(1) the sale or turnover shall qualify for 6%. With effect from asst. year 2017-18, in case of turnover or gross receipts which is received by an account payee Cheque or an account payee bank draft or use of electronic

clearing system through a bank account or prescribed electronic mode during the previous year or before the due date of filing the Return u/s 139(1) in respect of that previous year, then the presumptive income shall be computed on that much of sales / turnover @ 6% instead of 8%.

c) Electronic modes of payment: For this purpose following electronic modes have been prescribed vide Rule 6ABBA : Credit Card; Debit Card; Net Banking; IMPS (Immediate Payment Service); UPI (Unified Payment Interface); RTGS (Real Time Gross Settlement); NEFT (National Electronic Funds Transfer), and BHIM (Bharat Interface for Money) Aadhaar Pay. d) Higher turnover limit in certain cases: W.e.f. asst. year 2024-25 the limit of turnover or gross receipts for presumptive taxation scheme u/s 44AD has been raised to Rs. 3 crores from Rs. 2 crores, provided the receipts or turnover in cash does not exceed 5% of total turnover or gross receipts.

e) Scheme does not apply: The scheme does not apply to an assessee, who has claimed deduction under sections

10A, 10AA, 10B, 10BA or deduction under any provision of sections 80HH to 80RRB i.e. Chapter VIA under the heading "C-deductions in respect of certain incomes in a previous year relevant to an assessment year". Further the scheme also does not apply to following cases – (i) a person carrying on profession as referred to in section 44AA (1), (ii) a person earning income in the nature of commission or brokerage; or (iii) a person carrying on any agency business.

g) Books of account: Assessee claiming presumptive taxation and declaring income as prescribed under this section will not be required to maintain books of account. However, if an assessee claims that his profit of the business is lower than 8% or 6%, as the case may be, but his total income is more than the threshold limit, he will have to maintain books of accounts and get tax audit of the accounts u/s 44AB.

h) Advance Tax : As provided in section 211, such assessee are required to pay advance tax equal to 100 percent

of tax liability on or before 15th March.

2. Working partners' remuneration and interest: W.e.f. asst. year 2017-18, in case of a firm, the working partners' remuneration and interest on capital paid to partners [subject to conditions and limits prescribed u/s 40(b)] will not be allowable from such presumptive profit. It may be noted that no other deduction including depreciation will be allowed to any assessee from such presumptive profit.

3. Declaring profit less than amount prescribed in sec. 44AD: Further w.e.f. asst. year 2017-18, where an eligible assessee does not declare profit for any previous year in accordance with sec. 44AD and he declares profit for any of the 5 assessment years succeeding such previous year not in accordance with sec. 44AD(1), he shall not be eligible to claim the benefit of the provisions of sec. 44AD for 5 assessment years subsequent to the assessment year relevant to the previous year in which the profit has not been declared in accordance with the provisions of section 44AD(1). That means

such person shall be barred to be assessed under section 44AD due to the condition prescribed in section 44AD(4). He will also be required to maintain books of accounts u/s 44AA and furnish the audit report u/s 44AB.

4. Where the assessee is engaged in both wholesale and retail business and cost of purchases and expenditures cannot be bifurcated: The provisions of section 44AD will apply to both wholesalers and retailers.

5. Where a liquor manufacturer sells liquor from his different retail stores and his total turnover does not exceed Rs. 2 Crore: W.e.f. asst. year 2011-12 the provisions of section 44AD will be applicable also to the manufacturer provided his turnover or gross receipt does not exceed the specified amount. W.e.f. AY 2024-25 the limit of turnover or gross receipts for presumptive taxation scheme u/s 44AD has been raised to Rs. 3 crores from Rs. 2 crores, provided the receipts or turnover in cash does not exceed 5% of total turnover or gross receipts.

6. Provisions of presumptive taxation where the total turnover

or gross receipt exceeds the prescribed limit under the relevant section: The A.O. cannot apply the provisions of presumptive taxation if the turnover or gross receipt of the assessee exceeds the prescribed limit - Awasthi Traders v. CIT [2016] 73 taxmann.com 208 (SC).

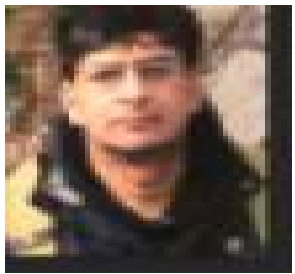
7. Presumptive income scheme relating to business of civil contract and contract for supplying labour for civil work etc.: W.e.f. asst. year 2011-12, the provisions u/s 44AD apply to all types of business other than business of plying, hiring or leasing goods carriages referred to in section 44AE and other business as specified therein subject of limit of turnover / gross receipts. 8. Depreciation allowance or any other deductions u/s 30 to 38 in computing income under presumptive taxation scheme: The presumptive amount of income, as prescribed, shall be treated as net taxable income from the eligible business, therefore, no depreciation allowance or any other deduction u/s 30 to 38 will be allowed from the said presumptive amount of income as specified in relevant section.

9. Where the income has been computed u/s 44AD, can A.O. make addition u/s 69: Section 44AD overrides section 28 to 43C, but does not override section 68 or section 69. As such additions under sections 68 and 69 are possible – ITO v. Devi Singh Solanki 99 TTJ (Jp.) 890. 10. Computing WDV of the assets used in the business whose income is taxable on presumptive basis: The written down value of any asset used for the purpose of the eligible business, shall be calculated as if the assessee has claimed and has been actually allowed the deduction for depreciation as per the rates prescribed under the Income-tax Rules for each of the relevant assessment years, for which income is estimated at the rate prescribed u/s 44AD or other relevant section.

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# Climate Change Workshop at Magadh Mahila College, Patna

Saikat Kumar Basu



Magadh Mahila College, in collaboration with the International Benevolent Research Foundation (IBRF) in Kolkata, has organized a three-day National Workshop on "Climate Change and Global Warming: Impact and Resilience" from August 8th to 10th, 2024. The workshop began on the first day with an inaugural lamp-lighting ceremony performed by Prof. (Dr.) Namita Kumari, Principal of Magadh Mahila College, Patna; Prof. Parimal Khan from the Department of Botany at Patna University; and Dr. Pushpanjali Khare, Associate Professor in the Department of Botany at Magadh Mahila College, Patna with distinguished guests Dr. Tanmoy Rudra, Executive Secretary of the Confederation of Indian Universities (CIU), New Delhi; Dr. Tridib Bandyopadhyay, Chairman of the Global Warming Reduction Centre (GWRC); and Dr. Arnesha Guha, Member Secretary of IBRF, India. Following the inauguration, Prof. (Dr.) Namita Kumari,

Principal of Magadh Mahila College, Patna, extended her greetings and welcomed the dignitaries. She then addressed the participants, emphasizing the critical issues of Climate Change and Global Warming. Dr. Tanmoy Rudra also spoke to the attendees, highlighting the workshop's significance and announcing the establishment of the Global Warming Reduction Centre at the college, with Dr. Pushpanjali Khare



IBRF, India, provided an introduction to key concepts such as climate, weather, and the physical science underlying Climate Change and Global Warming. In the second module, Dr. Saikat Basu, Research



appointed as its Coordinator. Additionally, Dr. Tridib Bandyopadhyay, Chairman of the Global Warming Reduction Centre, presented an overview of Climate Change's impact, illustrating his points with recent events in Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal. In the first session of the workshop, two lectures were held across two modules. During the first module, Dr. Arnesha Guha, Member Secretary of

Director at the University of Letabridge, offered insights into the historical perspectives and analysis of Climate Change. In the second session of the first day, three additional lectures were delivered by various resource persons across three modules. Dr. Mrinal Kanti Dey, Senior Scientist at the Academy of Science & Research (IASR), discussed the causes and impacts of Climate Change. Tridib Bandyopadhyay, Chairman of the Global

Warming Reduction Centre, elaborated on the Greenhouse Effect and Global Warming. Dr. Saikat Basu, Research Director at the University of Letabridge addressed the challenges of Climate Change concerning Food Security. On the second day of the National Workshop on "Climate Change and Global Warming: Impact and Resilience," hosted by Magadh Mahila College, Patna, in collaboration with the International Benevolent Research

Foundation (IBRF) of Kolkata, altogether six engaging lectures were presented across six informative modules. During the third session, Saikat Basu, Research Director at PFS, Letbridge, Alberta, Canada, led a compelling discussion on the relationship between vector-borne diseases and climate change, supported by recent global case studies. Following this, Dr. Mrinal Kanti Dey, Senior Scientist at the Academy of Science & Research (IASR),

elucidated the connection between climate change and ozone depletion. Dr. Basu then returned to elaborate on the specific impacts of climate change in India, covering critical areas such as biodiversity, food security, nutrition, hydrology, and forestry. In the fourth session, Dr. Basu further expanded on key concepts including "net zero" targets, green infrastructure, and the economic aspects of climate change, including its mitigation and resilience strategies. Tridib Bandyopadhyay, Chairman of the Global Warming Reduction Centre, provided a historical overview of India's energy scenario from 1902 to the present. The final

lecture of the day saw Dr. Basu exploring the role of artificial intelligence in monitoring climate change. Each lecture was highly interactive, offering participants valuable insights and fostering an engaging learning environment. The third day of the National Workshop on "Climate Change and Global Warming: Impact and Resilience," hosted by Magadh Mahila College, Patna, in association with the International Benevolent Research Foundation (IBRF) of Kolkata, was marked by two compelling lecture sessions. In the fifth session, Dr. Arnesha Guha, Member Secretary of IBRF, India, delivered two enlightening lectures. Her presentations covered the pressing issue of global warming and the collaborative efforts of international agencies to mitigate the negative impacts of developmental projects worldwide. Dr. Guha also addressed climate politics, policies, and international initiatives, including the Conference of the Parties (COP) and India's commitments and achievements in this domain. The session concluded with an assessment comprising 50 multiple-choice questions.

The workshop's closing was highlighted by a valedictory session, where Dr. Namita Kumari, Principal of Magadh Mahila College, Patna, underscored the significance of the workshop topics and motivated participants to engage in activities aimed at combating global warming and climate change. Dr. Tanmoy Rudra, Executive Secretary of the Confederation of Indian Universities (CIU), New Delhi, announced the membership of students, research scholars, and faculty members. The session concluded with participants sharing their feedback on the workshop's impact. Dr. Pushpanjali Khare, Head of the Department of Botany at Magadh Mahila College, Patna, also contributed to the closing remarks, reflecting on the workshop's success and its contributions to raising awareness and fostering action against climate change.

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## Union Minister Rao Indrajit's pain revealed



**- Rewari Haryana (KCN):** Union Minister Rao Indrajit's pain of not becoming the Chief Minister was reflected in the public meeting after getting the BJP candidate nominated in Kosli Assembly today. He said that whenever a government has been formed in the state, the credit goes to the voters of South Haryana, but this region has been neglected in government formation since the formation of Haryana. A lot of sweat was shed for the last ten years to form a government in the state, but someone else took the benefit. Now the time has come to get our rights and we will get our rights only when we stay united and raise our voice in one voice. He also reiterated that if we miss

it this time, then this opportunity will not come again. On the question of party leaders angry with BJP, he said that efforts will be made to convince them also. Today this fight is not to form a government in the state, this fight is to represent the state from South Haryana. On this occasion, party candidate Anil Yadav said that he has come into politics to serve the area. And if the people of the area give him a chance, he will work with all his heart for the area which has been neglected for decades. On this occasion, District President Vandana Popli said that before the BJP government came to power in the state, corruption was at its peak, but in the ten years

of BJP rule, corruption has been stopped and youth have been given jobs on the basis of merit without any bribe. Transparency has come in all the works in the BJP government. On this occasion, former District President of BJP Hukum Singh, President of Kisan Cell Baljeet Yadav, Chairman of Marketing Society Kapil Yadav, Mandi Pradhan Dinesh Goyal, Block Committee Chairman Dushyant Yadav, former MLA Laxman Yadav and many other officials were present. Photo Caption: Union Minister Rao Indrajit Singh speaking at an election rally in Kosli Assembly of Rewari district.

## CA Barkha Agarwal elected President of DTPA



**Kolkata (KCN):** The Direct Tax Professionals Association held its annual general meeting at Spring Club, Kolkata on Friday. Advocate Narayan Jain proposed the members of the new committee which was approved unanimously. He informed that CA Barkha Agarwal was elected president and other office bearers are: Rajesh Agarwal: I.P.P., Manju Lata Shukla, Senior Vice President,

Mahendra Agarwal Vice President, Shyam Agarwal General Secretary, Giridhar Dhelia Joint Secretary and Sujit Sultania Treasurer. The outgoing Chairman was honoured for his outstanding achievements during his tenure. New President Barkha Aggarwal thanked everyone and assured to make every possible effort for the progress of DTPA. Many former presidents

including KP Khandelwal, PR Kothari, Narendra Goyal, Vikash Parakh, Sanjay Bajoria, Paras Kochhar, DS Aggarwal congratulated the new team. DTPA is the largest organization of tax advisors with 1900 members. CA RN Rustagi, Debayan Patra, Ravi Patwa, Sumit Binani, Anirban Dutta, Sanjib Sanghi, KK Jain, KN Gupta and many senior members also attended the AGM.

## PRIME MINISTER FLAGS OFF 6 VANDE BHARAT TRAINS FROM JHARKHAND, BOOSTING CONNECTIVITY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

**Kolkata, (KCN):** Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi flagged off seven new Vande Bharat Express trains from Jharkhand today, marking a significant milestone in India's efforts to modernise its rail network. The Vande Bharat Express trains have become a hallmark of Indian Railways' modernization efforts since their inception in 2019. With these new additions, the fleet now stands at 54 trains covering 24 States and Union Territories, with connectivity to over 280 districts. These trains, designed and manufactured indigenously, set a new benchmark for luxury, speed and inclusivity in rail travel, featuring advanced amenities like ergonomic seats and Divyangjan-friendly facilities. As these trains begin service, they are expected to provide a significant boost to both religious tourism, socio-economic and industrial growth across the regions they serve. These new semi-high-speed trains, including the Howrah-Rourkela Vande Bharat Express, are expected to revolutionise rail travel by offering a faster, more comfortable travelling experience for passengers. The trains were flagged off via video conferencing at 11:00 am. These state-of-the-art trains will operate on key routes: Tatanagar-Patna, Bhagalpur-Dumka-Howrah, Brahmapur-Tatanagar, Howrah-Rourkela, Gaya-Howrah, Deoghar-Varanasi and Rourkela-Howrah. Such a novel initiative is set to boost



connectivity and economic activities, benefiting professionals, students and business communities while promoting tourism to religious destinations such as Baidyanath Dham, Kashi Vishwanath Temple, and Kalighat. The grand inaugural ceremony of the Howrah-Rourkela Vande Bharat Express was held at the Howrah station today, where dignitaries, school students and Railway officials were present. During the inaugural event, the Governor of West Bengal, Dr C V Ananda Bose delivered a heartfelt speech via audio message, praising the Indian Railways for its contribution to the growth and development of the nation. He emphasised how Indian Railways is not just a mode of transport but a unifying force connecting even the remotest regions of the country. The Governor expressed pride in the launch of these Vande Bharat trains, calling them a "symbol of national progress" and commending Prime Minister Modi for his vision. He particularly highlighted the benefits these trains would bring

to key sectors such as coal, jute and steel industries, which are central to the economies of regions like Dhanbad and Kolkata. The Union Minister of State of Education and Development of North Eastern Region, Dr. Sukanta Majumder also addressed the gathering, expressing his admiration for the modernisation efforts of Indian Railways under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi. He stated, the Vande Bharat Express trains are more than just fast trains—they represent the country's drive towards becoming a "Viksit Bharat" (developed India). Dr. Majumder also outlined how the Indian Railways is becoming a lifeline for economic growth, contributing to both social and economic mobility. He concluded his speech by urging citizens to take pride in Indian Railways, which he described as a "national treasure" that unites the country. Eastern Railway (ER) organised a cultural programme to celebrate the occasion and awarded successful students in drawing and essay competitions. The cultural programme at Howrah station included a prize distribution ceremony,

where several young students were honoured for their achievements in drawing and essay competitions. Notable awardees included Master Shibu Das from Kendriya Vidyalaya, who won first place in the drawing competition and Master Shivam Das, a Class 3 student, who also excelled in the drawing category. Master Devangshu Pathak from Sishu Bihar School, Bamangachi, was another winner recognized for his creativity in the drawing competition. Essay competition winners included Santuti Mukherjee and Atraj Raj from Kendriya Vidyalaya Bamangachi, as well as Sreya Kumari and Meghna Pal, who were honoured for their excellent essays. These students were felicitated for their talent, symbolising the engagement of the youth in national progress. In addition to the launch of the Vande Bharat trains, Prime Minister Modi also distributed sanction letters to 20,000 beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G) scheme. He participated in the Griha Pravesh celebrations of 46,000 households and

released the first installment of financial assistance to the beneficiaries. This move is part of the government's broader "Housing for All" initiative, aimed at providing affordable homes to the needy. Among the seven new Vande Bharat trains, three belong to the ER zone. These trains are:

- Bhagalpur – Dumka – Howrah Vande Bharat Express
- This train will significantly reduce travel time between Bhagalpur, Dumka, and Howrah, offering a faster and more comfortable journey for passengers in these key districts of Jharkhand and West Bengal. Deoghar – Varanasi Vande Bharat Express
- Connecting two major religious hubs, this train is expected to boost religious tourism to Baidyanath Dham in Deoghar, Jharkhand and Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. Gaya – Howrah Vande Bharat Express
- The Gaya-Howrah route will serve thousands of passengers, including students, professionals and tourists, reducing travel time between these two critical cities in Bihar and West Bengal. With the introduction of these seven new Vande Bharat trains, Indian Railways continues to stride towards transforming India's transport infrastructure. As these trains commence their journeys, they bring with them the promise of faster, more reliable travel, enhanced industrial growth, and a boost to tourism in various regions.

## Congress government will be formed in Haryana with a huge majority!

### Inauguration of Jagdish Yadav's election office in Dahina

**New Delhi, (KCN):** Rewari, Haryana (Jagdish Yadav) Today, the office of Congress candidate from Kosli assembly constituency and former minister Jagdish Yadav was inaugurated in Dahina and a huge crowd gathered on this occasion and the village's enlightened social worker Dada Jaipal and CA Himmat Singh, who left the Aam Aadmi Party and joined the Congress, openly supported Jagdish

Yadav! Former minister and MLA of Madhya Pradesh Sachin Yadav on this occasion appealed to the villagers to support former minister Jagdish Yadav for the bright development of Kosli! He said that the Congress party believes in work and the BJP wants to spoil the atmosphere of the country with the politics of hatred! Not only this, the BJP has misled the people of the country and the state with false



slogans and false promises and the BJP continues to grab votes by giving populist deceptions! Sachin Yadav said that this time Congress government is coming to power in Haryana with a huge majority, so all the

villagers should unite and vote for Congress candidate Jagdish Yadav so that the wind of development works can flow in Kosli region! On this occasion Jagdish Yadav said that he is contesting elections only

for the bright future of Kosli region! It is his dream that Kosli should be the best in development works and all the basic facilities should be there! Jagdish Yadav said that he is getting blessings from all sections and he is grateful to this region that he always got support from this region! He said that Congress government is coming to power in the state, so this time they should not miss the opportunity and support Congress!

## Puppet Training Workshop and Educational Puppet Show in Schools

**Kolkata, (Arindam Bhattacharya):** A one-day Puppet Training Programme and Educational Puppet Show along with an exhibition of the publications of CCRT were held at Ariadaha Sarbamangala Balika Vidyalaya (Morning Primary School) and in Ichapur Harijan Primary School (Day School) under Barrackpore subdivision of North 24 Parganas District. Puppet Shows are one of the cultures that have almost

disappeared from Bengal today under the influence of modern entertainment tools. These workshops and shows aim to bring them back and make puppets a tool for social awareness and education where teachers, little school students and their parents participate. Both the workshops were organised and conducted by CCRT's Trained Teacher Shri Prolay Kumar Chatterjee. Shri Soumitra Poddar, Shri Atanu Chakraborty, Shri Kausik Ghosh, Md Ramiz



Reja and Smt Soumya Mukherjee from several Districts of West Bengal attended the workshops as CCRT's Trained Teachers and demonstrated Puppetry based Learning Teaching there. These workshops were organized as per norms of CCRT, Ministry of Culture - Government of India where Finger Puppets, Rod Puppets, Glove Puppets, String Puppets, Shadow Puppets etc. were shown. These workshops show the Teachers, Students and their Parents how to make puppets quickly and its use in linking Culture with Education in schools and in community. Headmistress of 1st school Smt

Srabani Chakraborty and Head Teacher of 2nd School Shri Santosh Sharma were present and helped the Trainers to conduct those workshops smoothly. Smt Sudipta Chakraborty (Teacher of 1st school) assisted Shri Prolay Kumar Chatterjee to organise and conduct the workshop. Respected Teachers Shri Sourav Saha, Shri Brajaswar Karmakar and Shri Sujoy Kumar Das were the Guests of Honour there.



# Berhampur University to study human-wildlife conflict in Eastern Ghats in Odisha

**Berhampur(KCN):** Odisha-based Berhampur University will undertake a study on the human-wildlife conflict in the entire stretch of Eastern Ghats in the state. The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) has awarded the study project (a longitudinal study) to the university, officials said Sunday. The five-year project on "Intervention Models for Socio-Ecological Reconciliation of Human-Wildlife Conflicts in the Eastern Ghats in Odisha" to

reconcile the human-wildlife conflict pertaining to four different animals including elephant, blackbuck, leopard and snakes. The ICSSR has sanctioned Rs 2 crore for the project, said Geetanjali Dash, vice chancellor of the university. The Department of Environmental Science of the university in collaboration with MDS University, Ajmer, XIM University, Bhubaneswar, and Centre for Youth and Social Development



(CYSD) will carry out the study, she said. After completion of the study, the university will provide the policy

recommendations to the central and state governments for implementation of the

socio-economic and technology models for reconciliation of the conflict between

humans and wild animals in the region, she added.

One of the causes of the human-wildlife conflict was due to the aggressive human activities in the habitat of the wild animals. The Eastern Ghats of the state is considered as a model for such a large-scale assessment to deal with the increasing human and wildlife conflicts.

Several tangible and intangible factors including land-use changes, replacement of natural vegetation by cash crops, erection of electric fencing of

private properties, might be forcing the animals to migrate to newer areas thereby creating conflict between humans and wildlife, a professor of the university said.

The project would be undertaken through a citizen science-centric model. A mobile app will be designed in collaboration with various departments of the state government, which will be available for public users, said B Anjan Kumar Prusty, project coordinator.

The government will be implementing an early warning system of the

wild animals' proximity. The hotspot areas of these four species and human-wildlife coexistence zones would be identified, officials said.

The outcomes of the project will be focused on development of micro and small-scale entrepreneurs at the village level to ensure them a sustainable source of income and reduce their reliance on forest produce, which will ultimately reduce the faceoff between humans and wildlife, they added.

## ICAR-CIFRI conducted training for up-scaling the socio-economics of the fish farmers of Nawada District, Bihar

**Kolkata,(KCN):**ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute conducted a 7-days training programme on 'Inland Fisheries Management' during 04-10 September 2024, for the trainees of Nawada district of Bihar. Thirty fish farmers and the fisheries extension officer from the Govt. of Bihar attended the training programme. The training program was sponsored by the Directorate of Fisheries, Govt of Bihar.

Dr. B.K. Das, Director of ICAR-CIFRI inaugurated the training programme and addressed the fish farmers. He stressed the need for fish farmers to learn about inland fisheries management for a sustainable livelihood and nutritional security. He urged fishers to make use of the knowledge and skills of resource persons and the available CIFRI technology to maximize the outputs and productivity from the farms/natural water bodies. The week-long training programme comprehensively



covered a wide range of topics in inland fisheries and fish farming practices, from pre-stocking to post-stocking management of carps, nursery and rearing pond management, composite fish farming, the importance of natural food fish organisms, fish feed management, zero budget natural farming, potential candidate fishes for aquaculture in Bihar, Induced breeding and hatchery management, ornamental fisheries, enclosure culture, fish disease management, and economic evaluation of fisheries enterprise. Participants also had the opportunity to visit the In-

house facilities like Recirculatory Aquaculture System (RAS), ornamental fish hatchery units, and fish feed mill. Field visits were an integral part of the training, providing the trainees with practical exposure. They visited ICAR-CIFA Kalyani Fish Farms, Naihati Fish Market and Hatchery, sewage-fed aquaculture at East Kolkata Wetlands (EKW), and Ornamental fish market, gaining valuable insights and hands-on experience.

A feedback session has been conducted for further improvement of

training. The participants received their training certificate from Dr B. K. Das, Director, ICAR-CIFRI after completion of training on 10th September 2024. He congratulated all the participants on their successful completion of training. The training Programme was coordinated by Dr. Gunjan Karnatak and Dr. Santhana Kumar V., Scientist with assistance from Mr. Subrata Das, TO and Dr. Avishek Saha, TA. The moments of the training programme were captured by photographic team Shri. Sujit Chowdhury, ACTO and Mr. Manabendra Roy, TO.

## Illegal quarrying on Rahadpur hill: Labourer crushed to death

**Jajpur/Dharmasala/Chadheidhara(KCN):** A labourer was crushed to death under a huge pile of stones at Quarry No-4 on Rahadpur hill under Dharmasala tehsil in Jajpur district, Saturday. The deceased was identified as Aju Singh, 30, from Kuliana area of Mayurbhanj district. The labourer was buried under the huge heap of stones which caved in due to blasting near the quarry owned by the leaseholder Sandip Chandak. The compressor machine and pipes were also crushed under the stones along with the labourer. The incident allegedly occurred as the leaseholder was illegally extracting stones from the nearby quarry as the

tehsil officials are yet to make a demarcation of the leased quarries. On being informed, Jenapur police IIC Subhendu Kumar Sahu and Deputy Director, Minor Minerals department Jayprakash Nayak reached the spot and launched an investigation. Notably, newly elected MLA of Dharmasala Himanshu Sekhar Sahu had written to the Dharmasala tehsildar to complete the demarcation of the leased quarries, June 8, 2024. Three months have passed since then, but the tehsil officials are yet to take any step on the issue. Taking advantage of the laxity of the administration, the leaseholders are

illegally extracting stones exceeding the permissible limits and also beyond the leased area on the fringes of their quarries. They are making a fast buck from such illegal extraction of black stones and the state government is losing revenue worth crores. This is not the first instance of accidental loss of life in and around such quarries. Earlier, several labourers have died in many of the illegal quarries. Three labourers were crushed to death under a huge stone and soil that came rolling down the Dankari hill under Dharmasala tehsil, May 16. However,

authorities are yet to take any action against

the accused quarry owner even after registration of a case in Jenapur police station. Earlier, in a case filed before Orissa High Court, it was alleged that the tehsil officials are yet to lease out more than 60 quarries under the Dharmasala tehsil. As a result, fearing satellite mapping and penalty, some leaseholders are not extracting stones from their own quarries but illegally extracting stones from the non-leased quarries on the fringes of their quarries and making a windfall gain. Several crusher units have come up in the illegal black stone quarries but the district administration and tehsil officials are staying mum despite being aware of the wrongdoings.



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# Khimji Jewellers to Unveil 4th large format store in Bhubaneswar, 9th in Odisha at Samantarapur, Bhubaneswar

**Bhubaneswar, Odisha, 15th September 2024** – Khimji Jewellers, Odisha’s most trusted brand in fine jewellery, will unveil its luxurious 6000 sq. ft showroom at Samantarapur Chowk, Bhubaneswar, on the 15th of September 2024. This palatial showroom marks the brand’s 4th outlet in Bhubaneswar and 9th in Odisha, showcasing an expansive & exquisite collection of gold, diamond, platinum, and silver jewellery, along with a wide variety of fashion jewellery, and corporate gifting options.

The inauguration will be presided over by Mr. Mitesh Khimji, Director at Khimji Jewellers, Mr. Sumeet Khimji, Director at Khimji Jewellers, members of the Khimji family and many dignitaries. Mr. Mitesh and Mr. Sumeet expressed their immense pride in expanding Khimji’s presence further within Odisha. The showroom, with its modern design and luxurious ambience, is meticulously designed to provide an unforgettable jewellery-shopping experience. The store layout offers customers an opportunity to explore Khimji

Jewellers’ exceptional craftsmanship, ranging from timeless gold and diamond jewellery to exclusive platinum pieces and innovative silver and fashion jewellery. The store also caters to the growing demand for corporate gifting solutions, providing unique and bespoke products for corporate clients. Mr. Mitesh Khimji, Director of Khimji Jewellers, expressed his gratitude, stating, "This new showroom is a symbol of our unwavering commitment to offering the finest jewellery to our customers. We are



grateful for the continued support and loyalty of our patrons, and this store is a testament to our dedication to enhancing the shopping

experience for our customers in Bhubaneswar. To celebrate this occasion, we are pleased to offer special discounts as a token of our gratitude. This new store furthers our dedication to providing exceptional value and a memorable shopping experience, ensuring our customers' needs and preferences are always at the forefront". To commemorate and celebrate this special occasion, Khimji Jewellers is offering an array of inaugural discounts from 40% off on making charges on gold jewellery; 20% off on diamond value;

20% off on making charges of silver weight items; & 10% off on silver mrp items, from September 15, 2024. Khimji Jewellers' unwavering dedication to quality and customer satisfaction has solidified its position as the most trusted jeweller in Odisha. With nine strategically located stores across the state, Khimji Jewellers remains the top choice for those seeking timeless elegance and superior craftsmanship in their jewellery.

## 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.

honourable 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. “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.

## Tata Motors Launches ‘Festival of Cars’ with Incredible Prices for its Cars & SUVs



**Bhubaneswar(KCN) :** Tata Motors, India’s leading automotive manufacturer, has launched its biggest ever ‘Festival of Cars’ with amazing offers for this festive season. With never-before-seen pricing for several of its popular Cars and SUVs plus a bouquet of additional consumer benefits available at our showrooms, customers can enjoy cumulative benefits of up to Rs. 2.05 Lakh making it the perfect opportunity for customers to buy their dream car at beyond dream prices. The special, festive offers are available for a limited period till 31st October 2024 on all Cars and SUVs powered by petrol, diesel and CNG. Announcing the Festival of Cars, Mr. Vivek Srivatsa, Chief Commercial Officer, Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd, said, “As the festive season unfolds, we are delighted to present a spectacular array of enticing offers for our valued customers. With total benefits of up to Rs. 2.05 Lakh on ICE vehicles, this year’s festive celebration includes limited time attractive price reductions, along with attractive exchange and cash benefits, making it the perfect moment to embrace the spirit of new beginnings. We are confident that customers will seize this exceptional opportunity to own a Tata car, bringing home the best of safety and design, making this festive season truly special.”

## 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.”

## Commissions India’s Largest Fleet of Electric Lithium-Ion Forklifts

**New Delhi:** Vedanta Aluminium, India’s largest producer of aluminium, has commissioned India’s largest electric fleet of 27 forklifts, powered by lithium-ion batteries. Done in partnership with GEAR (Gemini Equipment and Rentals Private Limited) India, this sets the ball rolling

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.

## H&M revels in sunset colours and embellished details for The Festive Collection



**Bhubaneswar:** H&M India invites you to the season of celebrations with a special collection personified by all things sparkle and shine. Featuring party-ready ensembles, the collection spotlights designs showcasing strong shoulders, cropped tops and draped details among the statement suiting, party dresses and matching sets. Rhinestones, sequins and high-shine fabrics bring sophistication and vibrancy

to every piece, while a strong colour palette of hot pink, orange, red, sand, gold and black adds to the celebratory mood. For The Festive Collection, H&M wanted to create a special collection that draws upon beauty and merriment of the season. Draping along the waistline, shoulder lines and across the body accentuate the female form, while long trousers and skirts contrast with alluring cropped tops.

Tonal looks are vital, but the play of different fabrics and embellishment make it playful and modern. “The Festive Collection comes at such a special time of year and we’re thrilled with the collection. We were really inspired by the importance of light – candles, lanterns and fireworks – and worked that into a vivid sunset colour palette, but also brought in a lot of sequins, rhinestones and satin.

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

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

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.

of India, we aim to become Bank of 1st choice for MSMEs. This tie-up with SIDBI aids in realizing the Bank’s vision to have increased credit flow to the MSME sector and extend operational convenience to the MSME clientele. Under partnership, Union Bank of India through its 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.” Also, speaking on the tie-up arrangement, Shri Vivek Kumar Malhotra, CGM, SIDBI reiterated SIDBI’s commitment towards timely financing for MSMEs across all sectors.

## 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. Initially the arrangement would be at specific centers and once the arrangement stabilizes at these centers, more locations would be covered. 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



