

Biden hails PM Modi's trip to Ukraine; Foreign Secy Misri says very important conversations underway

Wilmington: US President Joe Biden commended Prime Minister Narendra Modi's historic visit to Ukraine last month and his message of peace, as the two leaders held wide-ranging talks that figured pressing global challenges including the situation in the war-ravaged country.

The US President hosted Modi at his personal home in Wilmington, Delaware Saturday afternoon hours after the prime minister arrived in the US on a three-day visit.

At a media briefing, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, while answering a question on defusing the Ukraine crisis, said "very important" conversations are underway with multiple people on all sides of the conflict.

In the talks, Biden conveyed to the Indian prime minister that the US supports initiatives to

reform global institutions to reflect India's important voice, including permanent membership for New Delhi in a reformed UN Security Council, according to a joint fact-sheet on the meeting.

Though the Modi-Biden talks primarily focused on bilateral ties, the two leaders also touched upon key global challenges including the Russia-Ukraine conflict and the situation in the Indo-Pacific that has witnessed increasing Chinese muscle-flexing. The fact-sheet said President Biden expressed his "immense appreciation" for India's leading role on the world stage, particularly Modi's leadership in the G-20 and in the Global South and his commitment to strengthen the Quad to ensure a free, open, and prosperous Indo-Pacific. It said India is at the forefront of efforts to seek solutions to the most



pressing challenges, from supporting the global response to the COVID-19 pandemic to addressing the devastating consequences of conflicts around the world.

"President Biden commended Prime Minister Modi for his historic visits to Poland and Ukraine, the first by an Indian prime minister in decades, and for his message of peace and ongoing humanitarian support for Ukraine, including its energy sector, and on the importance of international law, including

the UN charter," it said. It is understood that Modi briefed Biden on his visits to Moscow in July and to Kyiv last month.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, when asked at a media briefing on the extent of discussion on the Russia-Ukraine conflict between the two leaders and whether the Indian side mentioned any kind of peace proposal, only said New Delhi is involved in a set of negotiations.

"I want to again underline that we are involved in a set of ongoing conversations with interlocutors on all

sides," he said.

"It is, obviously, people see value in India's engagement in these conversations and we are able to talk to multiple interlocutors, and this is not something that is going to have an outcome in the present stage because there is still quite a bit of work that remains to be done," he added.

"As and when there is something in the nature of what you have suggested, we will come back to you, but at the moment, these are very important conversations that are going on with

multiple people on all sides of this conflict," Misri said.

In his talks with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv August 23, Modi said both Ukraine and Russia should sit together without wasting time to end the ongoing war and that India was ready to play an "active role" to restore peace in the region.

The prime minister said India was on the side of peace since the beginning of the conflict and he would even like to contribute personally for a peaceful resolution

of the crisis.

In their meeting, Modi and Biden reaffirmed their support for the freedom of navigation and the protection of commerce, including critical maritime routes in the Middle East where India will assume co-lead in 2025 of the Combined Task Force 150 to work with Combined Maritime Forces to secure sea lanes in the Arabian Sea, the document said.

The leaders voiced their view that a closer US-India partnership is vital to the success of efforts to build a cleaner, inclusive, more secure, and more prosperous future for the planet, it added.

Modi and Biden also deliberated on ways to further bolster India-US cooperation in areas of semiconductors, clean energy and defence.

"President Biden and Prime Minister Modi hailed a watershed arrangement to establish

BJD calls six-hour Bhubaneswar bandh over 'assault' of Army officer, fiancée

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The opposition BJD called Bhubaneswar bandh Tuesday, protesting the alleged assault of an Army officer and his fiancée in police custody. Addressing a press conference Sunday, BJD MLA Arun Kumar Sahoo said the bandh will be held for six hours from 6am till noon.

BJD vice-president Debi

Prasad Mishra said, "Our party president, Naveen Patnaik, is shocked over the incident. The custodial torture and sexual assault incident has shamed Odisha. The bandh will be observed to intensify the protest against police brutality. After much discussion, we have decided to call for the six-hour bandh in Bhubaneswar."

Patnaik Friday demanded

a court-monitored SIT probe and a judicial inquiry into the matter. The BJD has also submitted a memorandum addressed to President Droupadi Murmu and sought her intervention. The Army officer and his fiancée were allegedly assaulted when they went to the Bharatpur Police Station to lodge an FIR after they were harassed in an incident of road rage.

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The Congress leaders also demanded immediate dismissal of all the police officials responsible for the brutality with the officer's fiancée, who is the daughter of a retired Brigadier, a judicial probe, and the setting up of an Ex-Servicemen Commission on the pattern of the SC/ST Commission.

On September 15, an army officer along with his fiancée was brutally assaulted inside a police station in Bhubaneswar. While narrating her ordeal, the army officer's fiancée said that she was physically and sexually harassed inside a police station in Odisha.

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BJD to study 'one nation, one election' before taking stand on it: Naveen Patnaik

Bhubaneswar(KCN): BJD president Naveen Patnaik said his party will undertake a detailed study on simultaneous elections before taking a stand on it.

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Replying to a question on the new BJP government in the state, the former CM said, "All

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is not a good record." He referred to the "assault" of an Odia officer allegedly by Governor Raghubar Das's son.

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Anura Dissanayake wins Sri Lanka's presidential election

Colombo: Marxist leader Anura Kumara Dissanayake Sunday was declared winner of the Sri Lankan presidential election by the country's Election Commission after an unprecedented second round of counting of votes.

Dissanayake, 56, the leader of the Marxist Janatha Vimukthi

Peramuna party's broader front National People's Power (NPP), defeated his closest rival Sajith Premadasa of Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB). Incumbent president Ranil Wickremesinghe was eliminated in the first round after he failed to become within the top two in the vote list. NPP said



Dissanayake will take oath Monday.

Earlier, the Election Commission ordered a second round of counting after no

candidate secured over 50 per cent votes needed to be declared the winner of Saturday's election. Dissanayake will be the country's 9th president. No election in Sri Lanka has ever progressed to the second round of counting, as single candidates have always emerged as clear winners based on first-preference votes.

India Script History By Winning Rare Double Gold At Chess Olympiad 2024

India on Sunday scripted history as its men's and women's teams clinched their maiden gold medals in the 45th Chess Olympiad after beating their respective opponents in the final round. The men's team defeated Slovenia after D Gukesh, Arjun Erigaisi and R Praggnanadhaa won their respective matches in the 11th and final round match. The women's team beat Azerbaijan 3.5-0.5 to clinch the title. Indian men had earlier won two

bronze -- in 2014 and 2022 -- in the tournament. Indian women had won a bronze in the 2022 edition in Chennai. World Championship challenger Gukesh and Arjun Erigaisi yet again

delivered in key games to help India secure its first title in the open category. Up against Slovenia, Gukesh was at his very best in the technical phase of the game as black against Vladimir Fedoseev. Though it was a laboured victory, the 18-year-old Grandmaster was spot

on with his tremendous strategic display. Erigaisi also won with black on the third board against Jan Subeli out of a surprising Centre Counter defense game. If this was not enough, Praggnanadhaa struck form and scored a crushing victory over Anton Demchenko, as India secured 3-0 triumph over Slovenia with one game still remaining. The Indian men ended up with a remarkable 21 points out of a possible 22.



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Congress Saturday urged the Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi to reach out to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to seek action in the Odisha incident in which an army officer and his fiancée were assaulted inside a police station.

"Chief of Army Staff that he must reach out to the Prime Minister and tell him that enough is enough. The Army Chief should also convey to the Prime Minister that all this is not acceptable to them (the army personnel). Is this how a defence personnel is treated by some 'uniformed goons' inside a police station in the BJP-ruled state of Odisha," Congress' Ex-Serviceman Department

Chairman Col Rohit Chaudhary (retd) said at a press conference along with Odisha in-charge Ajoy Kumar at the party headquarters here. Chaudhary added that under the Army Act, no Army officer can be detained without any case and those responsible can be terminated immediately. "The Army officer, accompanying his fiance who was brutalised inside the police station, had been unlawfully kept in custody for 14 hours," he said. Ajoy Kumar questioned PM Modi and the Defence Minister as to when would they speak about the shameful incident that took place inside a police station in Odisha.

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incident," Ajoy Kumar said. He asked when would PM Modi write a full-page editorial in leading newspapers, saying "Enough is enough" about the incidents that have taken place with the defence personnel and their family members and friends in the BJP-ruled states of Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur and Rajasthan.

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Odisha CM cancels Mayurbhanj visit due to technical glitch in helicopter

Keonjhar(KCN): Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Sunday cancelled his tour to Mayurbhanj district after his helicopter developed a snag, officials said.

He cut short his tour and has started his return journey to Bhubaneswar from Keonjhar by road, they said. Majhi was on a three-day tour to his home district Keonjhar and neighbouring Mayurbhanj from Friday. He was scheduled to visit Baripada town in Mayurbhanj district from Keonjhar this afternoon. However, his chopper suddenly developed some technical glitches, the officials said.

Due to the problem, the Chief Minister cancelled his Baripada visit and started his return journey to Bhubaneswar by road, they said.

17 athletics who participated in Paris Olympics & Paralympics felicitated by KIIT

Bhubaneswar (KCN): KIIT-DU hosted a momentous event on Sunday honouring the students of the Varsity who represented India at the recently concluded Paris Olympics and Paralympics. The Founder of the University Dr. Achyuta Samanta led the celebration, which showcased the achievements of these remarkable athletes and highlighted the vital role of sports in education. Each athlete was awarded a cash prize of Rs 7 lakh as recognition of their achievements. They included 15 Olympians and 2 Paralympians. Dr Samanta emphasised that the athletes are the cornerstone of KIIT's

success in sports, citing the institution's significant contribution to developing athletic talent. He noted that KIIT is proud to have sent the largest contingent of athletes to the Olympics, with a total of 20 Olympians and 2 Paralympians emerging from the institute. Special prizes were awarded to Amit Rohidas and Pravin Kumar for their medal-winning performances at the Olympics. The athletes honoured today included Amit Rohidas (hockey), Kishore Kumar Jena and Annu Rani (javelin throw), Tajinderpal Singh Toor (shot put), Parul Choudhary (5000m steeplechase), Jyothi Yarraj (100m hurdles),



234 posts of doctors lie vacant in Jagatsinghpur

Jagatsinghpur (KCN): Healthcare services in Jagatsinghpur district have gone for a toss as 234 posts of doctors out of sanctioned 385 are lying vacant in various hospitals of the coastal district. Similarly, out of 718 sanctioned posts of nursing officers 472 are vacant. The numerous vacancies have often sparked outrage among the residents but are yet to be filled up. Locals have warned of an agitation if the vacant posts are not filled up soon. What is more surprising is that the post of Chief District Medical Officer (CDMO) has been vacant for more than a month, but no step has been taken to fill the vacancy. The sorry state of healthcare in the district is not limited to the inadequacy of doctors and nursing officers as many other posts of healthcare personnel are also lying vacant. Sources said 25 out of 69 sanctioned posts of pharmacists, 21 out of 44 sanctioned posts of laboratory technicians and five out of 12 sanctioned posts of radiographers are vacant. Similarly, the district has vacancies in

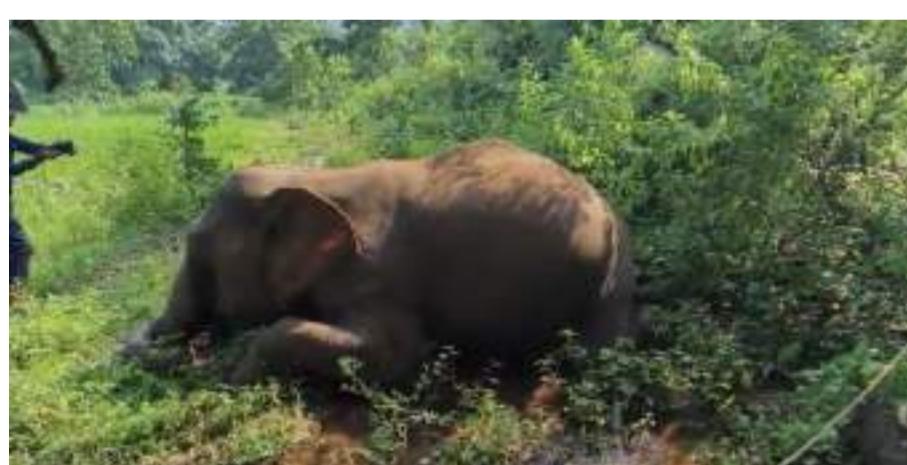


91 out of 258 sanctioned posts of multi-purpose health workers (MPHW-Women), 40 out of 142 sanctioned posts of MPHW (Men), and 23 out of 99 sanctioned posts of Group-D employees. A quick visit to the district headquarters hospital will reveal the actual healthcare scenario in the district. The district headquarters hospital has a total of 400 beds including that in the mother and child health centres. The hospital has 123 sanctioned posts of doctors, out of which 81 posts are still lying vacant. Similarly, there are vacancies in 159 out of 211 sanctioned posts of nursing officers, two out of seven sanctioned posts of pharmacists, three out of six sanctioned posts of radiographers, two out of 14 posts are lying vacant. Residents alleged that proper healthcare

radiographers, two out of six sanctioned posts of MPHW (Women), three out of four MPHW (Men) and three out of six sanctioned posts of Group-D posts. Moreover, 19 out of a total 33 posts of district medical officer (medical services) - cum - superintendent, additional district public health officer (VBD), additional district public health officer (leprosy), additional district public health officer (disease control), paediatric consultant, senior consultant, medicine, orthopaedic consultant, skin and VD consultant, psychiatric consultant, three GDMO, BBO have been filled up while 14 posts are lying vacant. Residents alleged that services are not available even in the district headquarters hospital, let alone other small hospitals of the district. Patients have to wait for a long time at the outdoor units to get checked by the doctors. The wait further gets longer if the doctor arrives late in the hospital. Majority of the times non-serious patients are referred to Cuttack even without primary treatment at the district headquarters hospital while some of the doctors allegedly try to refer patients to nursing homes or private hospitals, locals alleged. Efforts to contact the CDMO (in-charge) over phone for his version on the issue failed as he did not respond to the call of this correspondent.

Jumbo carcass found near Similipal

Baripada (KCN): Forest personnel recovered the carcass of a female elephant near Similipal sanctuary in Mayurbhanj district, Friday. The elephant is estimated to have been around 45 years old. Although the exact cause of the jumbo's death is unclear, poaching is suspected to be the reason. According to information received, Forest personnel found the carcass near a stream in Baliadhipa forest area of Bangiriposhi range under Baripada Forest Division and informed the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO). Soon, a medical team arrived at the scene and launched an investigation. According to the Forest Department, the autopsy will be



conducted and videographed Saturday in the presence of a veterinary team, forest officials, Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF), rangers, a scientific team and independent witnesses. Blood samples will be sent to the lab to determine the exact cause of death through examination and analysis, they added. Two months ago, a six-

year-old elephant died after coming in contact with electric wires in Chiakhia area under Nakichua section of Rasgovindpur range in this district. Similarly, a female elephant had died due to electrocution in Jamushuli village of Saitpur Panchayat under Betnoti range, September 12. Animal lover Bibhudatta Das expressed concerns that

Priyanka (20km race walk), Prachi and MR Poovamma (4x400m relay), Paramjeet Singh Bisht, Akshdeep Singh, and Vikash Singh (20km race walk), Ankita (5000m run), Rampal and Praveen Kumar (parathletes in high jump), among others.

The event also recognized athletes who recently won medals at the 2024 South Asian Championship and the state-level weightlifting championships. Amit Rohidas shared his gratitude, recalling Dr. Samanta's encouragement to compete without stress. "KIIT and KISS have one of the best infrastructures for sports, unmatched anywhere in

India," he said, highlighting the support the institutions provide to their athletes.

The event was attended by notable figures, including Odisha's star athletes such as Dutee Chand, Anuradha Biswal, and others. Dr. Gaganendu Dash, Director of the Sports and Yoga Department at KIIT introduced the athletes. Upendra Mohanty, advisor, KIIT & KISS Sports was also present.

KIIT Vice Chancellor Prof Saranjit Singh, Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Debashis Bandyopadhyay and other dignitaries praised Dr. Samanta's efforts in fostering an environment conducive to athletic excellence.



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Rakul Preet dishes out health goals with 'jowar roti, karela & tofu' lunch on 'De De Pyaar De 2' set



Actress Rakul Preet Singh, who is currently filming her upcoming project, De De Pyaar De 2 in Punjab, shared a glimpse of her wholesome lunch, featuring a nutritious spread of karela, jowar roti, and tofu. Rakul, who has 23.7 million followers on Instagram, recently gave fans a peek into her healthy lunch via her Stories. Sharing a vibrant photo of her meal, which included a generous serving of jowar roti, karela, and tofu, she playfully captioned it, "Lunch... Who loves Karela... I do." De De Pyaar De 2 is the upcoming sequel of the 2019 romantic

comedy, which was written by Luv Ranjan and directed by Akin Ali. Alongside Rakul, the film featured Ajay Devgn and Tabu in the lead roles. The sequel will feature Ajay and R Madhavan. It is scheduled to release in theatres May 1, 2025.

Meanwhile, on the personal front, Rakul is married to filmmaker Jackky Bhagnani. They had tied the knot February 21, 2024 in Goa. On the professional front, Rakul made her acting debut in 2009 with the Kannada film, Gilli, which was a remake of Selvaraghavan's 7G Rainbow Colony. She then went on to feature in Telugu movies like Keratam, Venkatadri

Express, Rough, Loukyam, Current Theega, Bruce Lee, Nannaku Prematho, Thaakka, Puthagam, Dhruva and Jaya Janaki Nayaka among others. Rakul also did Tamil films like Thadaiyara Yennamo Yedho, Theeran Adhigaram Ondru, and Boo. The Hindi films that starred Rakul are Yaariyan, Aiyaary, De De

Pyaar De, Sardar Ka Grandson, Runway 34, Cutputli, Doctor G, Thank God, and Chhatriwali.

She last featured in Tamil vigilante action film Indian 2, directed by S Shankar, and is jointly produced by Lyca Productions and Red Giant Movies. The movie is sequel to the 1996 film Indian, and Kamal Haasan reprises his role as Senapathy.

Apart from Rakul, it also features Siddharth, SJ Suryah, Bobby Simha, Vivek, Priya Bhavani Shankar, Gulshan Grover, Samuthirakani and Nedumudi Venu in pivotal roles. She also has Meri Patni Ka Remake in the kitty.

Sukesh Chandrashekhar unveils portrait of Jacqueline



Alleged conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar, currently lodged in a Delhi jail, has unveiled a striking artwork featuring actress Jacqueline Fernandez. The piece is prominently displayed on the upper deck of a lavish yacht that he gifted to her for 39th birthday.

The yacht has been named 'Lady Jacqueline'. In a recent letter addressed to the actress, Sukesh wrote: "My Love, My Jacqueline, Baby my Baby, saw your new pictures, God how can someone be so pretty, Baby you are just too extremely pretty. On this note, I have two things to dedicate to you my love, today."

He dedicated the song 'Sajni' from the recently released movie 'Laapataa Ladies'. "Baby, first I wanna dedicate an apt song, which is my current mood, and right now feelings for you, and the song is 'SAJNI' from

Lapata Ladies. Baby every line in that track is for you. I really don't know how my day and night is passing without you around me or me talking to you," wrote Sukesh.

He further said: "My Second Dedication is unveiling a stunning Art Work of your Portrait installed in the upper Deck of your Birthday Gift. Lady Jacqueline, which is enroute to Mumbai, as of now. Bomma my Baby, you know what's special about this Art Work, it's a Work which is straight out of my dreams, which is brought to reality, and now installed in your Baby Lady Jacqueline, for you my Sajni, I hope you will like it."

"Baby Sometimes we all face the Highs and Lows, it's just a part of our lives, we even feel we don't need anyone. Loving yourself is enough, or our close ones, But, Baby we give our heart only to the 'One'. No matter what hits us our Heart beats

only for that one person, and for me that's you and just you, come what may, and the same is with you and I know it, and you have loved me as crazy as it can get and no matter what just remember the promise we made to each other, I would never give up on you My Baby, Rest you know me better my Doll," he said.

He added: "Baby you know, what's the amazing thing our love story is today's Romeo Juliet, and the whole world is witness to it, because our love story is set a Benchmark Example to how love has no barriers. Baby Girl, a thousand would

say a thousand things, look and hear what really exists deep in our Heart, and all that it would say is 'JFS' forever."

"Baby my love, just two more to go, Can't wait my Love, I Love you my Jackie, every second only thinking about you my Baby Boo. Love you like crazy my Sajni, my Botta Bomma. You are amazing my love. Missing You, Love Mr S," concluded Sukesh.

Sukesh was arrested May 29, 2015, for offences under Sections 420 (cheating) and 120-B (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), and some sections of the Prize

Chits and Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act and the Maharashtra Protection of Interest of Depositors (in Financial Establishments) Act.

He allegedly used illegal money to buy gifts for Jacqueline, as per the ED charge sheet filed in 2022.

Jacqueline was summoned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for questioning in a money laundering case involving Sukesh Chandrashekhar. Earlier, to mark Jacqueline's birthday, the conman has pledged a donation of Rs 15 crore and 300 homes for the families of the victims of the Wayanad landslide disaster.

He has also announced 100 iPhone 15 Pro for making the song 'Yimmy Yimmy' featuring Jacqueline, a super hit.

The Sri Lankan actress and model Jacqueline made her acting debut in 2009 with fantasy

action comedy Aladin directed by Sujoy Ghosh. The film starred Amitabh Bachchan, Sanjay Dutt, and Riteish Deshmukh.

She then featured in a special number Aapka Kya Hoga in the 2010 comedy drama Housefull.

The actress has appeared in movies like Race 2, Kick, Roy, Brothers, Housefull 3, Dishoom, A Gentleman, Judwaa 2, Race 3, Drive, Mrs. Serial Killer, Bhoot Police, Bachchan Paandey, Vikrant Rona, Ram Setu, and Cirkus. She was last seen in a special appearance in the song Deewane in the 2023 comedy-drama Selfie directed by Raj Mehta and produced by Star Studios Dharma Productions, Magic Frames, Prithviraj Productions and Cape of Good Films. The film stars Akshay Kumar and Emraan Hashmi.

Jacqueline next has Fateh, and Welcome To The Jungle in the pipeline.

'Tauba Tauba' fever: Revisiting Bollywood songs that left internet groovy



Here's a look at how and why the internet embraces the viral Bollywood dance numbers like Vicky Kaushal's 'Tauba Tauba', Katrina Kaif's 'Kala Chashma', and others.

What makes a song go viral on the internet? There's no formula to make a song go viral. It's about this whole package - of music, lyrics, dance, who's performing it and how it's being presented.

Like everything else in the creative business, a good video has to click with the audience. For it to go viral, it has to appeal to all kinds of audience - even those who usually don't consume that kind of content. 'Tauba Tauba', a new song from the Bollywood film 'Bad Newz' has done just the same.

It has instantly crawled up the top chartbusters' list and even though it is just all about the glam, with a very sexualised Vicky Kaushal, it's a hit among the audience. So much so that he has got newfound popularity among the heartland audience, known for never holding back their craze for a scintillating dance number.

'Tauba Tauba' has music by Punjabi singer Karan Aujla, and it is choreographed by Bosco Martis. Interestingly, it does a great deal of glorifying a woman's beauty, referring to Tripti Dimri in the video, but ends up highlighting Vicky as the very definition of 'tall, dark, handsome'. Vicky's tryst with Punjabi music and his casual dance moves have made

many videos go viral on Instagram before, but this time, he seems almost unstoppable. The choreography does justice in utilising the actor's full potential as a dancer in a never-seen-before fashion. While the popularity of 'Tauba Tauba' can be largely attributed to the actor's ever-growing charm, it is also the vibe that it exudes. When a trend rises on

social media, it breaks down into many forms of entertainment, but the vibe remains the same. You could be a failure at dancing, nowhere near to Vicky's smooth-like-butter-moves, but if you could still manage to match the mood of the song, your job is done. 'Tauba Tauba' is also one of those dance numbers which is brilliantly made to please the female gaze, as opposed to your regular dance numbers where the 'Chikni Chameli' and the 'Sheelas' of the world are objectified to satisfy the male gaze. It puts the onus of glamourising the screen on a man's shoulder, and he never disappoints.

Every time a

Bollywood song has taken the internet by storm, it hasn't just been done casually. It was back in 2015 when it all began. Salman Khan decided to give his audience a double dose of 'Prem' on-screen. It was Sonam Kapoor's graceful moves on the song 'Prem Ratan Dhan Payo' which made everyone sit up, take notice, and try it again and again till they got them right. So, we didn't just get influencers, but also the brides, the bridesmaids and everyone who could keep their timidity at bay, grooving to the song with their waist out hands up. The popularity of the song made the singer, Palak Muchhal, an overnight star, and Sonam, who was not known for her dance until then, a quintessential demure Bollywood heroine.

Presumptive Income from goods carriages u/s 44AE



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The provisions of presumptive income under section 44AE apply to the assessee who own not more than 10 goods carriages at any time during the previous year and carrying on the business of plying, hiring or leasing those goods carriages. Insurance charges, depreciation and other similar expenditure cannot be claimed out of the income from goods vehicles computed u/s 44AE: No such deduction under the head "Income from business or profession" shall be allowed in computing the total income from goods carriage u/s 44AE.

Assessing Officer cannot make separate addition for receipt on account of scrap sales: Where the income has been

assessed by applying the provisions of section 44AE which include all sorts of income and takes care of all the expenditure incurred by the assessee, no addition can be made separately on account of sale proceeds of the scrap because the profit has not been estimated on the basis of receipt and expenditure. The receipt from scrap is the outcome of expenditure debited from P & L account. The receipt cannot be separately considered as it is not a separate source of income - Mohd. Aslam v. Income Tax Officer [2005] 94 TTJ (Jd.) 282.

Written down value of the assets used in the goods carriage business: The written down value of any asset for the purpose of the goods carriage

business, shall be calculated as if the assessee has claimed and has been actually allowed the deduction as per the rates prescribed under the Income-tax Rules in respect of the depreciation for each of the relevant assessment years, for which income is considered on estimated basis at the rates prescribed u/s 44AE.

Opting for some lorries and normal computation of income for other lorries is not permitted: The provisions u/s 44AE are special provisions for computing profits and gains of business of plying, hiring or leasing of goods carriages. A scheme of compounding of income is provided therein. A specified amount per goods carriage per month is presumptively determined as the income of the assessee. Once income is presumptively determined under these provisions, it is deemed that all expenditure have been allowed in determining that income. This is a

summary scheme of assessment. This provision can be availed by an assessee who owns not more than 10 goods carriages. Another important feature of the scheme provided u/s 44AE is that the running of the lorries undertaken by the assessee is treated as a separate business. There is no provision under that section which enables an assessee to apply the provisions of section 44AE in the case of some lorries and to go for regular assessment on the basis of books of account in respect of the remaining lorries. As, plying, hiring or leasing the goods carriages is treated as a separate business, all the lorries owned by the assessee form part of the said business and the tax treatment of all those lorries need to be on a uniform manner. This kind of pick and choose approach is not permissible under the scheme provided in section 44AE. Either the income from all the lorries need to be determined u/s 44AE or income from all the lorries need to be determined on regular basis. Both are not

permissible. The scheme is that of 'Either/or' - DCIT v. C.P. Kunhimohammed [2005] 94 ITD 278 (Coch.). Whether an assessee whose income is to be assessed u/s 44AE, is required to get his accounts audited: Such assessee is neither required to get his accounts audited u/s 44AB nor is he required to maintain books of account u/s 44AA, if he declares income on the basis of presumptive income scheme as per section 44AE(1). However, in case the assessee claims his income to be lower than the profits or gains deemed u/s 44AE then he shall have to maintain books of account as required u/s 44AA as well as get his accounts audited u/s 44AB and furnish the audit report within the date specified u/s 44AB.

Where the assessee does not opt for presumptive scheme u/s 44AE and A.O. rejects books of accounts and estimates the income. Should A.O. estimate income on the basis of section 44AE: Ahmedabad Bench of ITAT in the case of Kesharhai Ghamarhai

Chaudhary v. ITO 141 TTJ (Ahd.) (UO) 94 held that when the legislature has provided some formula for estimation of income in the case of a transporter, who owns less than ten goods carriages, there would not be any justification for not estimating the income of the assessee as per the formula prescribed in section 44AE.

Whether deduction for salary and interest on capital to partners is allowable upto the limit prescribed u/s 40(b) after computing presumptive income u/s 44AE: The deduction for salary and interest on capital to partners are admissible deductions subject to limit prescribed u/s 40(b) as per proviso to section 44AE(3). (However it may be noted that in case of income from eligible business the deduction for salary and interest on capital to partners are no longer admissible deductions w.e.f. assessment year 2017-18 as the proviso to section 44AD(2) has been omitted).

Whether the presumptive income schemes u/s 44AD, 44AE, 44BB or 44BBB are optional and whether

assessee can declare a lower profit than stipulated under respective sections: Presumptive income schemes u/s 44AD, 44AE, 44AF, 44BB or 44BBB are optional. The assessee can declare a lower profit but in such case he is required to fulfil the following conditions:

[1] the assessee must keep books of account as required u/s 44AA.

[2] assessee gets his accounts audited u/s 44AB and furnishes the audit report on or before the date specified u/s 44AB, which is normally one month prior to the due date of filing the return.

However, in case of those falling under section 44AD as substituted w.e.f. asst. year 2011-12, if an assessee claims that his profit of the business is lower than 8% 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.

If an assessee shows in his return lower income than specified in sections 44AD, 44AE, 44BB and 44BBB and does not get his accounts

audited, can his A.O. increase his income as specified in the respective sections as well as levy penalty u/s 271B for non-furnishing of audit report: If the A.O. increases the income as specified in section 44AD, 44AE, 44BB or 44BBB then he is not entitled to simultaneously impose penalty u/s 271B. It may be noted that the requirement of audit is only in case of declaring incomes lower than the amount prescribed u/s 44AD, 44AE, 44BB or 44BBB. Going by the principles of natural justice, one cannot be punished twice for the same thing. Therefore, if the A.O. is assessing the income at amount as prescribed under the presumptive scheme, the penalty u/s 271B should not be initiated.

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Time to Act & Raise Voice



An assistant professor at Utkal University, a leading state-run institution, was suspended recently following allegations of sexually harassing a female student in his office last month. The suspension came after an internal complaints committee submitted a report based on the woman's complaint. The committee had been formed to investigate the allegations. The accused faculty Shri Atal Bihari Das belongs to Department of Applied & Analytical Economics. According to an order issued by the registrar on Wednesday: "In pursuance of the order dated September 18 of the Vice Chancellor, Utkal University, which follows the recommendation of the Internal Complaints Committee probing the alleged harassment of a girl student, (the

professor) is hereby placed under suspension with immediate effect." The committee, made up of university faculty and an external legal expert, held several meetings and gathered evidence before finalising its report. According to a senior university official, the report found prima facie evidence of molestation against the assistant professor. The faculty has been suspended and ordered not to leave the campus without the Vice Chancellor's permission.

In her complaint to the department's sexual harassment cell, the student said the incident took place at around 2 pm on August 16. She had gone to collect a book with the assistant professor's permission when he allegedly molested her. She claimed he asked her to sit close to him, touched her inappropriately, and held her waist when she tried to resist. As she attempted to escape, she alleged he pulled her legs and made inappropriate comments, telling her not to disclose the incident. The student said she was

"mentally broken" after the incident and had not spoken to anyone about it, including her parents, as her mother was unwell. She requested the case be handled with "utmost confidentiality and empathy" and pledged full cooperation in the investigation. On September 17, Odisha Governor Raghbir Das, the university's chancellor, intervened, directing the Vice Chancellor to submit a factual and action taken report.

According to the Crime in India 2022: Statistics Volume 1, the annual report by the National Crime Records Bureau, there was a 4% rise in the registered crimes against women in 2022, compared to the previous year. In absolute numbers, the total number of registered crimes against women was 4,45,256 cases in 2022. Of these, 31.4% were registered under "cruelty by husband or his relatives," 19.2% were "kidnapping and abduction of women," 18.7% were of "assault on women with intent to outrage her modesty," and 7% were cases

under "rape." Similarly, there was a significant rise of 8.7% in crimes against children in 2022, which amounts to 1,62,449 registered cases. Among these, 45.7% of cases constituted of "kidnapping and abduction" and 39.7% of cases were under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012. The rise in crime rates registered is higher in the metropolitan cities. It is important to note, as the report also cautions, that these are just the cases registered with the police. There could be a vast gap between the actual crimes committed and those reported.

A time-bound justice and sensitive judiciary are fundamental to fight back this grim reality and restore the sense of trust in society. Despite the efforts from civil society and the legal community for judicial reforms, the ground reality is dismal and it hardly comes under media scrutiny. The study by the Supreme Court, titled the State of the Judiciary: A Report on Infrastructure, Budgeting, Human

Resources and ICT (2023), states that there are over five crore pending cases in India dealt with by 20,580 judges across the Supreme Court, high courts, and district courts. The report found that more than 42.9% of courtrooms have been under construction for over three years. There are a staggering number of issues plaguing the judiciary when it comes to having a basic infrastructure in place. Some of these are serious shortages of judicial support staff, vacancies of judges, non-compliance with the recruitment timelines and extreme delays, lack of courtrooms, washrooms, poor representation, limited digitisation, e-filing facilities and videoconferencing facilities and so on. A strong and sound judiciary is not simply "strong punishment" or "strong law" but the whole mechanism of the justice delivery system. Additionally, there are challenges of pronouncing judgments fearlessly without the threats of mobs, media trials, or political

pressures. In the last decade or so, all discussions on social justice, socio-economic issues, and human rights have disappeared from the mainstream media. Today, any attempt at critique is seen as "anti-religion," "anti-national" or "anti-establishment." The government's focus on women's empowerment through schemes, cash transfers, or nutritional programmes, though important, becomes the dominant national and regional narrative of change. And hence, when incidents like the release of convicted gang rapists in the Bilkis Bano case, abuse of a large number of women in Manipur in the ongoing conflict, and the battle by women wrestlers against the ex-chief of the Wrestling Federation of India happens, the media-created bubble of good governance and toxic positivity bursts. The public outrage derails this image-management wagon dragged on for too long by the divisive media. Safety and freedom to live as fearless citizens is a collective effort; no high-decibel arguments but listening and questioning through conversations; it has no theatrics and spectacle but gradual conscientisation. It is a daily routine work

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Government is initiating reforms in law & judicial systems to improve justice delivery mechanism: MOS Law Arjun Ram Meghwal



Kolkata (PARTHA ROY): Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal Minister of State [Independent Charge]

Ministry of Law and Justice Government of India said "... Government is initiating reforms in law and judicial systems to improve quality of justice delivery mechanism across the country to fast track justice delivery mechanism as well as minimise stress of litigants..."

while addressing a symposium on "Legal Reforms for Sustainable Growth - Paving the path to India's \$5 Trillion Economy by 2030" organised by Bharat Chamber of Commerce on 20th September 2024 at Bharat Chamber in Kolkata in association with Indian Council of Arbitration.

MOS Meghwal highlighted Government is proactively removing outdated laws due to evolving socio-economic

cultural landscape of the country as well as technological evolution. Minister also mentioned about implementation of the three new criminal laws, the "Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita," the "Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita," and the "Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam," which have replaced the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), and the Indian Evidence Act respectively, effective from 1 July 2024 in an effort to improve criminal justice delivery mechanism.

Shri Meghwal indicated work is on to strengthen Arbitration laws & Arbitration systems in India.

Efforts are on to make India an international Arbitration hub.

Government of India has set up India International Arbitration Centre (IIAC) as an institution of national importance to make New Delhi an

international arbitration hub. Indian government plans to set up an international arbitration centre in GIFT City, Gujarat. India is witnessing a sea change in the landscape of arbitration mechanisms. Due to India's dedication to strengthening of arbitration ecosystem, encouraging investor confidence, passing legislative reforms and resolving increasingly complex disputes, institutional arbitration has gained a great deal of traction in India.

Shri NG Khaitan President of Bharat Chamber of Commerce in his welcome address lauded Government of India's efforts to usher in legal reforms proactively with changing times. Shri Arun Chawla Director General Indian Council of Arbitration & Advisor FICCI also spoke on importance of Arbitration on commercial disputes and economic development of India.

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"Chandrababu Naidu Habitual Liar": Jagan Reddy Writes To PM Amid Laddoo Row

Hyderabad (KCN): Amid the massive row over allegations that animal fat was used in the preparation of Tirumala laddus, former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, calling the incumbent Chief Minister N Chandrababu a "pathological liar" and accusing him of hurting the beliefs of crores of people "purely for political objectives".

The YSR Congress Party chief has said the entire country is looking at the Prime Minister and it is imperative that Mr Naidu be reprimanded in (the) severest way for his shameless act of spreading lies". He has demanded that the "truth be brought to light" to allay the suspicions in the minds of crores of Hindu devotees.

Mr Naidu's TDP swept the Andhra polls this year and paved the way for Mr Reddy's exit as Chief Minister. TDP is also a key ally of the BJP at the Centre and its support is critical to NDA's majority in Lok Sabha after the BJP suffered a setback in this general election.

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The YSRCP chief claimed that the people's perception of the new government is "quite negative" and the Tirupati row was aimed at diverting attention from its failures.

Addressing an NDA legislative party meeting

robustness of the policies and procedures of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams, which manages the temple. Explaining the checks to ensure the ghee's quality, he said every tanker that reaches the temple should have certification

decades and there have been several instances when tankers were rejected.

"A responsible Chief Minister should, in fact, attempt to bring to the attention of the public the robustness of the checks and balances in place to

lipolysis and so forth. Therefore, if any of the above scenarios exist, then the methodology adopted would yield an incorrect or false positive result."

The YSRCP leader said Mr Naidu had, in "total disregard to strong religious sentiments and with the malafide intent to spread lies", brought the issue to light in a political party meeting on September 18, more than two months after the tanker was rejected. "The inaction of Mr. Naidu for the period of two months conveys that he did not believe that the ghee was adulterated physically with animal fats and that the finding of questionable quality was made in the process of routine checks as per the protocol."

"Sir, Mr. Chandrababu Naidu a pathological and habitual liar has stooped so low as to seriously hurt the beliefs of crores of people purely for political objectives. His actions have indeed lowered not only the stature of a Chief Minister but also that of everyone in public life and also the sanctity of the world-renowned TTD and its practices. Sir, the entire Country looks to you at this crucial juncture. It is very imperative that Mr. Naidu be reprimanded in severest way for his shameless act of spreading lies and the truth be brought to light," he wrote.

Wednesday, Mr Naidu said animal fat was used to make the sought-after laddoos given as 'prasad' by the Sri Venkateswara Temple under the Jagan Reddy government.

Mr Reddy said the tanker containing the possibly adulterated ghee arrived at Tirupati on July 12, but was rejected and not used to prepare prasadams. "The robust practices in place for decades in TTD could identify the questionable quality and therefore the ghee was not used. Despite this comforting scenario, Mr. Naidu chose to callously make a remark that Tirumala Laddus were made with animal fats and not with ghee," he wrote.

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give them comfort as to sanctity of the functioning of the TTD. The way in which Mr Naidu acted was in a manner totally devoid of social responsibility," he said.

"Further at the temple, three samples are obtained from every tanker and the same are tested and only after the three samples pass the test would the ghee be allowed to be put to use. If it so happens that if even one of the samples turns out to be substandard, the tanker is rejected and is not allowed to pass. Therefore, the question of sub-standard material being used in the preparation of prasadams does not arise," Mr Reddy said. He added that this process has been in force for several

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role of consumption, which accounts for 60% of India's GDP and Bengal's vast workforce, which includes 3.62 crore employees. Moreover, we are proud of our self-help groups, which employ 1.2 crore women. Amazon and Flipkart are here to onboard these artisans and craftspeople, giving them a global platform.

This partnership will allow Bengal's unique creations to reach consumers worldwide. I urge everyone to explore not only the traditional crafts but also the cutting-edge technologies presented here. This unique convergence of heritage and innovation is being showcased for the first time in such a format, a tribute to our Chief Minister's vision."

Dr. Shashi Panja, stated, "The Bengal Shopping Festival, inaugurated by Chief Minister, is a celebration of the state's rich culture, craftsmanship and economic progress. It aims to boost Bengal's MSMEs, artisans and grassroots businesses by creating direct access to consumers, fostering growth and sustainability. West Bengal leads the nation in female-owned MSMEs, reflecting Chief Minister's commitment to women's empowerment. The state's economy has grown significantly with major investments in infrastructure and industrial development.

The Bengal Export Promotion Policy 2023 aims to make the state a global trading hub. This festival highlights the state's diverse industries, from handlooms to electronics and provides a platform for artisans and small businesses to thrive. The festival symbolises Bengal's dedication to inclusive, equitable growth and is a testament to the state's continuous journey toward prosperity."

Ms. Chandrima Bhattacharya, stated, "This festival, unprecedented in its scale and purpose, reflects our collective effort to empower MSMEs, local artisans and small businesses—the pillars of Bengal's thriving economy. As Dr. Panja mentioned West Bengal has seen remarkable growth since the government took charge. From 2010-11 to 2023, the GSDP has grown 5-fold and our own tax revenue has risen by nearly 4 times. Expenditures on state development and social sectors have increased by over 5 and 10 times, respectively. These achievements are a result of targeted strategies and the leadership of our Chief Minister. Women empowerment has been a cornerstone of our development. 44% of the state's budget is allocated to women's empowerment, with over 12 lakh self-help groups

in rural Bengal, benefitting over 120 lakh women. In the urban sector, there are an additional 90,000 self-help groups. The government provides interest subsidies to these women, supporting their entrepreneurial ventures. This festival showcases the craftsmanship of many women and I urge you all to support them by purchasing their products. Women are the backbone of society and their hands are key to our state's progress. Under the leadership of our Chief Minister, the state is in capable hands and this festival is a testament to our collective effort to uplift the community."

Mr. Alapan Bandyopadhyay, Chairman, West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., Government of West Bengal, stated, "We celebrate Bengal's rich cultural heritage and provide a dynamic platform for rural artisans, small businesses and grassroots consumers. This 5-day expo at Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan is a public-private partnership, bringing together artisans and small businesses on an unprecedented scale. Initiated by CWBTA, this is the first large-scale event of its kind in the state, showcasing Bengal's artistic brilliance, from intricate handloom sarees to creative craftsmanship."

Bengal Shopping Festival 2024 Begins to showcase diverse art & cultural heritage & boost MSMEs

Kolkata (PARTHA ROY): An unique & first ever Bengal Shopping Festival 2024 was inaugurated by West Bengal Chief Minister Smt. Mamata Banerjee on 20th September 2024 virtually at Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan in Kolkata. Bengal Shopping Festival is on from 20th - 24th September 2024.

Confederation of West Bengal Trade Associations (CWBTA) and West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation (WBIDC) are organising the festival. The festival aims to position West Bengal as a global shopping destination by spotlighting the region's robust retail and commercial sectors.

Festival was inaugurated in presence of Dr. Amit Mitra, Principal Chief Advisor to Chief Minister and Finance Department, Government of West Bengal (holding the rank of Cabinet Minister); Dr. Shashi Panja, Minister-in-Charge, Department of Industry, Commerce & Enterprises, Women & Child Development and Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal; Ms. Chandrima Bhattacharya, Minister of State, Departments of Finance (Independent Charge), Health & Family Welfare, Land & Land Reforms, Refugee Relief and Rehabilitation, Planning & Statistics, and



Geographical Indication (GI) items. Emphasising Khadi and handloom, the event reflects the region's artisanal heritage. By drawing local industries, government bodies, multinational brands and start-ups, the Expo is set to enhance local economic activity, attract tourists and create employment opportunities, all while serving as a vibrant precursor to the Durga Puja festivities.

While addressing over the phone, Chief Minister of West Bengal, Smt. Mamata Banerjee, stated, "The Bengal Shopping Expo is a unique initiative and I congratulate everyone involved in making this festival a success. This event offers a remarkable platform for artisans, showcasing their craftsmanship to a broader audience. I'm pleased to announce the inauguration of three Banglar Saree showrooms at Durga Chowk, Haldia; Eco Park, New Town; and Phulia, Nadia.

Additionally, four other showrooms have been established in Kolkata's Dakshinapan, Dhana Dhanya, Purba Medinipur (New Digha) and Banga Bhavan in Delhi. These showrooms offer a wide range of sarees to suit different budgets and sales have already reached 25 crores, with expectations for further growth. Bengal leads in producing high-quality sarees and through these initiatives, many people involved in the industry have benefited. Over 400 stalls at this exhibition feature a variety of products, from jewelry to clothing. The Bengal Shopping Festival also highlights the state's prestigious handloom and handicraft brands like Biswa Bangla, Banglar Saree, Tantuja, Manjusha, and Bangsree, Resham Shilpi, showcasing our rich cultural heritage. Additionally, Geographical Indication (GI) products such as Madur Kathi, Bengal Patachitra, Kantha and Chhau Masks take

center stage, adding to the festival's charm. I firmly believe that products from various districts of West Bengal need better marketing and exposure. Although Durga Puja is approaching, sales have been lower due to the flood-affected areas. We are continuously monitoring the situation and I assure you that we are working on relief efforts. Let us all work together for the upliftment of Bengal. Wishing everyone the best for the upcoming festivals."

Dr. Amit Mitra, stated, "This event highlights Bengal's deep-rooted cultural heritage and cutting-edge industries. For the first time in India, we bring together 144 platforms of traditional artisans, showcasing crafts that would otherwise require visiting remote villages. This initiative also reflects Bengal's focus on MSMEs with 98 lakh units supporting over 1.36 crore workers across 650 clusters. The festival also emphasises the crucial

Mining on forest land: CAG report raps OMC

Jajpur(KCN): The state-owned Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC) has been allegedly caught on the wrong foot due to mining on forest land without permission. As a result, OMC has to pay a fine of Rs 47.12 crore. The state government has even directed the OMC authorities to identify the officials involved in the wrongdoing and take necessary action against them. Reports, however, said that no step has yet been taken after the state government's directive. This has also been mentioned in the 2024 report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG). According to the CAG report, the OMC had

received the record of rights (RoR) on 345.189 hectare of forest land for the Khandabandha iron ore mines in Keonjhar district for a period of 30 years from November, 1963 to November, 1993 from the state government. Later, the RoR of the mines was extended till November, 2033 on the application of OMC in June 2018. However, OMC is alleged to have violated Section 2(2) of Forest Rights Act, 1980. The OMC had applied for the conversion of the forest land for Khandabandha mines before the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Keonjhar in October 1995.

The matter was taken up



for a decision when OMC violated the Forest Rights Act and took up 15.349 hectare of forest land for mineral extraction. On being informed, the Forest department sought

clarification from OMC in 1997. Moreover, the Forest department asked OMC not to use any new jungle area for mining. However, violating this order, OMC further took

up mining on an additional 113.746 hectare of forest land. Later, the Keonjhar DFO issued a notice for closure of all mines on used and non-used forest land without the prior permission of the Union government on the basis of Forest Conservation Act in December, 2009.

As a result, all mining work had come to a halt since January 2010.

Later, the Union government, while giving in-principle sanction for conversion of 345.189 hectare of forest land, also directed the state government to collect penalty from OMC for the violation in January 2019. Accordingly, the state government demanded Rs 47.12 crore from OMC on charge of illegal mining on 129.095 hectare of forest land in between 1994 to 2009. Subsequently, OMC deposited the penalty in September, 2019. Although the OMC authorities were fully aware of the illegal mining, they never realised that the penalty will be so taxing. As per the CAG report, the illegal mining by OMC was deliberate and it never complied with the Union government's order. Moreover, no official has been held accountable for the violation in norms. The CAG has warned the OMC authorities to ensure that illegal mining will not take place in future. The state government has informed that all the mines managers and the regional managers working during the period have retired from their services and has asked the OMC to conduct a detailed probe.

30-ft breach in Coast Canal embankment

Kalipada(KCN): Panic spread among locals as a 30-foot breach occurred in the embankment of the Coast Canal between Mahabala and Madhupura under Kalipada block in Balasore district Friday night.

Due to floods in the Subarnarekha river and continuous heavy rains, the water levels have risen throughout the Baliapal region. It is pertinent to mention that the road construction work from Haldipada to Bhograi is going on. The breach occurred as the blocked water flow in the Coast Canal put pressure on the embankment where the construction work was underway.



The local administration has been using sandbags to fill the breach. However, locals feared that if a permanent solution is not implemented, about 20 villages, including Naighati, Goshanibindha, Mundananji, Surudiha, and Rautuda, in

Pratappur and Jagatpur panchayats will be submerged. Additionally, hundreds of hectares of agricultural land in areas like Solasa Pantha could be destroyed. Locals say that the lack of a guard wall along the canal's embankment is causing the breach, as it

is not able to withstand the pressure of the water.

Local

residents Jagannath Jena, Gunanidhi Patra, Ramanath Pradhan, Kartik Raut, Chakradhar Pila, and Sameer Panigrahi have urged departmental authorities to take notice of the situation.

Food, drinking water crisis as Subarnarekha flood subsides



Bhograi(KCN): As floodwater from the Subarnarekha river recedes, suffering of the flood-affected people under various blocks in Balasore district has worsened. Presently, the water level is 9.4 metre below the alert level at the Rajghat gauge station. After seven days of flooding, the marooned people are facing severe hardships in getting food and drinking water.

In northern blocks of Balasore such as Bhograi, Baliapal, Jaleswar, and Basta, more than a lakh people have been cut off from the outside world. Country boats and banana rafts have

become their only means of transport to move from one village to another. Owing to the floodwater, which has risen to a height of 2-10 feet in some houses, people have been deprived of cooked food for last seven days and forced to survive by eating flattened rice or puffed rice.

According to the Agriculture Department, 9,568 hectares of paddy fields in Bhograi block, along with 2,900 hectares in Baliapal block and 8,000 hectares in Jaleswar block, have been affected by the floods. Roads remain submerged under 4-6 feet of water bringing daily life to a halt.

are not receiving enough food.

There have also been reports of mismanagement in the distribution of relief materials in several panchayats. It has been alleged that panchayat leaders and officials are mismanaging the process in Bhograi. Some flood-affected individuals even surrounded Supply department workers and hurled verbal abuse at them due to the disorganised distribution.

During a press conference, local leaders such as Bhograi MLA Gautam Buddha Das, district BJD president and former minister Jyoti Prakash Panigrahi, BJD district MP candidate Lekhashree Samantsinghar, block chairman Prabir Kumar Giri, former block chairman Ganapati Giri, and BJD president Ramakant Karan criticised the state government's failure in managing the flood situation. They also demanded that the government provide seven days' worth of relief materials to those affected by floods.



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CFA Institute in India Expands Student Accessibility with a New Exam Center in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar : CFA Institute, the professional body for excellence and thought leadership in finance, has opened registrations for their upcoming February 2023 intake. Additionally, with the rising demand to increase candidate accessibility and convenience, the institute will have 4 new exam centers in Kochi, Chandiaghra, Bhubaneswar and Guwahati for the CFA Program. These centers will take the total number of test center cities for the CFA exam to 16 across India and over 400 worldwide.

The recent CFA Institute Investor Trust survey showed that Indians place a high level of trust on the potential growth in job opportunities in the financial services sector. However, in the post-pandemic era, students as

well as professionals are prioritizing safety, accessibility and ease of travel while accomplishing their life and career goals. Ease of accessibility to exam centers is expected to improve a candidate journey through the program and reduce costs associated with travelling to take exams.

The CFA Charter continues to be the global gold standard for professionals aspiring to work in the investment management industry. We constantly work to make the CFA Program affordable, accessible, meritocratic and relevant. During the pandemic we moved our examinations to Computer Based Testing from Paper Based Exams and started offering examinations four times a year. By expanding our test

Experience the best-in-class customer services at 11 new Alpha Service Centers across India

Bhubaneswar : Sony India is expanding its Alpha Service Network across 11 cities in India including Mumbai, Coimbatore, Jaipur, Pune, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Trivandrum, Chennai, Indore, Bhubaneswar and Guwahati. This is expansion for Alpha Camera body and lens repairs facilities is a testament to the brand's continued dedication to customer satisfaction. Sony now has the widest service network of after sales support for Digital Imaging products with 8 service centers for lens repairs, 18 service centers for Alpha Camera Body repair, 40+ service centers which can offer basic

services like CCD Imager cleaning and firmware updates and 220+ collection centers pan India.

The service centers are equipped with necessary jigs and tools to deliver best quality repair of Alpha camera body, Camera Lens, Professional Cameras and other digital imaging products like Digital Still Cameras and Camcorders. Customers can also avail instant services for basic supports like CCD Imager cleaning and getting the latest firmware update to enjoy best performance from their products. The friendly customer care staff at these service centers will help

ATLAS OF AFFLUENCE - INDIA'S FIRST EVER WHITE PAPER ON LUXURY LAUNCHED AS A YEARLY FEATURE

Mumbai: Amidst leading luminaries of industries spanning across the business of luxury, the Atlas of Affluence (AOA) 2022 has been launched in Mumbai. Created by The Voice of Fashion (TVOF), a division of Reliance Brands Limited, the daily digital magazine that tracks and leads conversations on Indian fashion, design, crafts and retail, AOA 2022, is the

first such wide and deep white paper from India that dissects consumer behaviour studied through the prism of luxury. A collective reflection on what affluence means in India spiked during the two years of the pandemic. Charting the post-pandemic market and the clearly altered consumer mindset through a specially commissioned study

across six cities and markets of India, AOA 2022 has been published as a book with exclusively commissioned artworks. This study uses the time graph of "pre-pandemic" and "post-pandemic" months to specify a comparative matrix. It also helps debunk long-held ideas about what affluence and luxury have meant to Indians.

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

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

initiative of Government of India to celebrate 75 years

of independence and the glorious history of our people, culture and achievements, NSDL has launched a new initiative towards investor awareness 'Market Ka Eklavya - Express' across 75 cities, especially aimed at the college students who would very soon be entering the phase where they would start earning and naturally,

look for avenues of investment.

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

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

JSW MG Motor India extends Industry-First 'Battery-as-a-Service' (BaaS) Program for Comet EV and ZS EV

Gurugram, (KCN): JSW MG Motor India, in its continued effort to redefine the passenger EV segment in India, has extended its recently launched unique BaaS program to its popular Comet EV and ZS EV models. The BaaS concept was introduced with the launch of MG Windsor and since then has received encouraging responses. Under this unique BaaS program, customers can now bring home the Street-Smart Car - MG Comet EV at a starting price of ₹4.99 Lakh + battery rental ₹2.5/km, and India's first Pure Electric Internet SUV - MG ZS EV starting at ₹13.99 Lakh + battery rental



₹4.5/km.

The program allows customers to pay a nominal fee per kilometre for battery usage, making these popular EVs their top choice. In addition to the BaaS program, customers can also avail the assured 60% buyback

value after three years of ownership, reassuring customers of a seamless and confident ownership experience.

Speaking on the unique ownership program, Satinder Singh Bajwa, Chief Commercial Officer, JSW MG Motor India, said, "With BaaS, we have created a platform for easy ownership, making our

BaaS program is supported by a robust network of finance partners, including Bajaj Finserv, Hero Fincorp, Vidyut, and Ecofia Autovert. This strategic collaboration ensures a seamless experience for customers across the country, making the transition to electric mobility smoother.

MG Comet EV is spacious inside and compact outside design gives you freedom from tricky turns while offering the certified range of 230 km on a single charge. It has This car meets urban mobility needs with its 55+ i-SMART features. MG ZS EV, India's first pure electric internet SUV offers a 50.3 kWh battery pack with a certified driving range of 461 km on a single charge.

Blenders Pride Fashion Nights arrives in Bhubaneswar

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

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

Taking us on a 'Jatra' - The Journey of a Young Woman - the show encapsulated the journey of a woman from post adolescence to her nuptials, navigating the various challenges, trials and significant moments that come her way. The enigmatic journey was captured through the array of colours and textiles that Odisha Bandha/Ikkat offers. Truly encapsulating the spirit of 'Made of Pride', the designer made use of Odisha weave, which is sustainable, hand-woven, organic and a homegrown initiative of design, painstakingly woven by the weavers of Odisha. The upbeat set was a composition designed to narrate the spirit of Bhubaneswar along with the flair of the designer. The evening was attended by the city's A-listers & influencers. The fashion walk truly left the guests mesmerized and engaged.

Through this unique showcase of Pride encompassing diverse talent across creative fields, Blenders Pride Fashion Nights 2022, encourages everyone, especially youth at large to celebrate & take pride in their authentic and individual journeys. The evening spotlighted individuals who take pride in their choices, are comfortable in their skin and, most importantly, embrace their authentic selves - truly living a life that is 'Made of Pride'.



Bhubaneswar (KCN):

Hindalco Industries Ltd, in collaboration with the Odisha Human Rights Commission (OHRC), successfully organized the State Level Conference on Human Rights on September 21, 2024 at Club House, Aditya Aluminum, Lapanga, Sambalpur. This significant event brought together prominent dignitaries, human rights experts, government officials, academic experts, members of corporate and civil society organization to engage in meaningful discussions on key human rights issues and explore collaborative approaches to enhance the protection of human rights in Odisha.

The conference featured an esteemed panel of dignitaries, including hon'ble Shri Justice Satrughana Pujahari, Chairperson of OHRC; hon'ble Shri Justice Bimal Prasad Das, Former Chairperson of OHRC; hon'ble Shri Asim Amitabh Dash, Member of OHRC; and hon'ble Shri Chitta Ranjan Mohapatra, Member of OHRC.

They were joined by senior administrative and police officials including Shri Sachin Ramachandra Jadav, IAS, RDC-Sambalpur; Shri Siddeshwar Baliram Bondar, IAS, District Magistrate and Collector-Sambalpur; Smt. Aboli Sunil Narvane, IAS, District Magistrate and Collector-Jharsuguda; Mukesh Kumar Bhamoo, IPS, SP-Sambalpur; Shri Parmar Smit Parshottamdas, IPS, SP Jharsuguda and Prof. Bidhu Bhusan Mishra, Vice Chancellor of Sambalpur

University. The conference was also attended by many Hindalco officials including Shri Samik Basu, Chief Human Resource Officer; Shri Niles Koul, CEO, Downstream Aluminum Business; Shri Saurabh Khedekar, CEO, Specialty Chemical Business; Shri Jasbir Singh, Cluster HR Head; Shri TM Prakash, Cluster HR Head; Dr Krishna Padhi, Cluster HR Head; Shri Sameer Nayak, Unit Head Aditya Aluminum; Shri PVK Krishna, Head Projects, Aditya and Hirakud FRP; Shri Debasish Mallik, Unit Head, Hirakud Power and Smelter and Shri Soumitra Roy, Unit Head, Hirakud FRP. Their presence provided valuable insights and perspectives on human rights issues in the state.

The event was marked by insightful discussions, engaging panel sessions and interactive dialogues, making it an enriching experience for all participants. The speakers emphasized the importance of safeguarding the rights and dignity of every individual and explored ways to inspire collective action in the fight for human rights.

Hindalco remains dedicated to promoting awareness and inspiring action through initiatives like this, demonstrating its commitment to the community and the cause of human rights. The company looks forward to continue its collaborative efforts with stakeholders to ensure the protection and promotion of human rights in the country.

In his speech, Hon'ble Justice Das stated, "Children are born with inherent human rights, and denying these due to poverty is a violation. Just as oxygen is essential for life, human rights are

celebrate and commemorate 75 years of India's Independence.

Our program has been particularly aimed to create awareness about the financial markets to the young minds who will be the future of our country. In this Amrit Kaal, our digital education initiative focuses on building a path towards Financial Freedom for our youth, symbolizing the spirit of Atmanirbhar Bharat."

Students across India will benefit from this program as it does not restrict to just an area of the population. The program will be conducted for 1 hour and mainly educate the students on demystifying the jargons, 31's - types of Income; Inflation and its impact, types of Investment; 3S - Start early - Power of Compounding, Spread wide, Stay long etc.



No matter the conditions, we want to build the team around strong bowling: Rohit Sharma

New Delhi, (KCN): Rohit Sharma heaped praise on the depth and variety of his bowling unit following India's dominant 280-run win over Bangladesh in the first Test in Chennai. Returning to the format after a gap of six months proved to be no deterrent for India, who found different routes to success in the two innings. While the fast bowlers led by Jasprit Bumrah called the shots in the first dig to bowl the visitors out for 149, R. Ashwin returned to regular service in the second to add a six-fer to his first-innings century.

"No matter what the conditions are, whether we play in India, whether we play outside, we want to build the team around [bowling]," Rohit said

after the win. "Whatever the condition has to offer, we got to be ready for it. In the last few years, wherever we have played, we have managed to have that in our armoury, whether it is seam bowling options or spin bowling options. You have to give credit to the guys, whenever there is a responsibility, they never shy away from it and they want to put their hand up and get the job done for the team."

Chennai presented a different challenge to the bowlers in that it was a red-soil wicket with good pace and bounce over the first two days of the Test. The spinners, who took only five of the first 24 wickets to fall in the Test match, had to find

cricket, Pant has shown no signs of slowing down - has been as sharp as ever both in front and behind the wickets -- displaying his typically creative batting style, which was on full display at the Chepauk during his stellar 109-run knock on Saturday. In the 2024 IPL, his comeback season, Pant amassed 446 runs in 13 games with an impressive strike rate of 155. He is also the all-time leading run-scorer for the franchise with 3284 runs.

It can further be confirmed that the management has likely finalized a few other retention calls as well. If the BCCI allows more than five players to be retained, Axar Patel and Kuldeep Yadav are expected to be kept by the franchise, likely in that order, with Jake Fraser-McGurk and Tristan Stubbs as the overseas retentions. Additionally, if there is a provision to retain uncapped players, the DC management is

expected to go with 21-year-old wicketkeeper-batsman Abhishek Porel. The two co-owners of Delhi Capitals, the GMR and JSW Groups, manage the franchise alternately for a rolling two-year period each, with the GMR Group currently on the wheel. While each co-owner has the autonomy to manage the team independently, including decisions on support and management staff, it is understood that retention and auction decisions are made jointly as part of a mutual agreement.

As this website recently reported, the declaration of the retention rules has been delayed, and it is now understood that the announcement may come at any time. In addition, as also previously mentioned, the two-day auction is scheduled for the end of November and will be held overseas, with London and several cities in the Middle East being considered as potential venues.



You will get hit but there is bounce.
"You play on some black clay surfaces around the country elsewhere without naming them, you have to do a lot of hard work. Put a lot of revs and see nothing come out of it.

And sometimes, it's better to not put revs on it in certain places. So, to even understand all these things, to begin to understand and talk about it, is a fair amount of learning for me. And it's happened over the years. Like I said, this

one's got solid bounce. And I would anyway play on a surface like this and get hit. Then play on another surface. "The beauty of playing on good surfaces like this, sometimes around the country... people do make the mistake of

terming India as a whole. I actually think India has a lot of foreign soil. You go to Ranchi, it doesn't feel like home. You sometimes go to Eden, it doesn't feel home. You go to Dharamsala, all of a sudden, it doesn't feel [like] home. And for some wild reason, people don't seem to assimilate this. Because the nature of soil is different. The weather is different. Different times of the year. It's not a country like Australia where every boxing day Test match happens at Melbourne. We don't do that. Pongal test doesn't happen in Chennai. So, the surfaces react very differently at different times of the year."

"He's been through some really tough times. The way he has managed himself through those tough times was superb to watch," Rohit said. "He came back in the IPL, followed by a very successful World Cup and this is the format he loves the most.

"For us, it was never about what he is going to do with the bat, we always knew what he had with the bat and with the gloves as well. It was just about giving him the game time. Credit to him as well, he went on to play Duleep Trophy and got ready for this Test match and had an impact straightaway in the game."

Pant set to be top retention choice for Delhi Capitals



New Delhi: Rishabh Pant is all set to be retained by the Delhi Capitals, putting to rest speculation about his future with the team. This development comes on the day the 26-year-old wicketkeeper-batsman scored a spectacular century in the ongoing Test match against Bangladesh in Chennai. It also quashes rumors of differences between Pant and the Capitals' management regarding his retention fee, which had cast a veil of cloud over his continued presence with the franchise.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has yet to announce the

retention rules, but sources within the Delhi Capitals' ownership group have revealed to Cricbuzz that Pant will be the franchise's top retention choice. This decision was finalized following a recent meeting between Pant and co-owner Parth Jindal in Mumbai. Pant's current IPL salary is INR 16 crore, but this figure is expected to go up based on the total player purse allowed to a franchise and the retention fee guidelines set by the BCCI.

Pant captained the side

last year after missing out on the 2023 season due to an accident. Since his return to competitive

Hetmyer, Shepherd and bowlers deliver stunning win for Guyana

New Delhi: Guyana Amazon Warriors started their home leg of CPL 2024 in style with a sensational 30-run win over St Kitts and Nevis Patriots at the Providence Stadium on Friday. Put into bat, the home side could only muster an under-par total of 137 which in itself came thanks to invaluable knocks from Shimron Hetmyer (63 off 33) and Romario Shepherd (34* off 22). However, the chase never took off for Patriots as only three of their batters got to double digits with Evin Lewis (49 off 46) being the lone ranger in the innings.

On a typical Guyana

surface that assisted spin considerably, Warriors' innings got off to the worst possible start as Ashmead Nedd (4-25) dismissed openers Tim Robinson and Kevin Sinclair for ducks. Kyle Mayers then got the big breakthrough of Shai Hope for just seven as the home side found the going tough. Amidst the mayhem, Hetmyer found his range from the get-go and seemed to be batting on a different surface as he put the Patriots bowlers to the sword. The southpaw was in marauding form until Tabraiz Shamsi trapped him LBW. At the time of his dismissal, the team total was only 83 with Hetmyer having scored 63 off those. The innings then floundered a bit before Shepherd produced a priceless cameo for the second game running.

The target of 138 was

below-par even with the

tricky nature of the

surface as there was a

hint of dew setting in.

Warriors' bowlers,

however, took the fight to

the opposition and

delivered an exceptional

powerplay that saw just

27 runs scored. Moeen

Ali (2-9) was outstanding

in the first half of the

chase, getting the ball to

grip and turn appreciably.

Lewis played his shots

but found little support as

wickets fell around him.

Eventually, the pressure

of the asking rate got to

him and once he fell to

Dwaine Pretorius, young

Shamar Joseph (3-9)

mopped up the tail to

complete a fantastic win for the Warriors.

Brief scores: Guyana

Amazon Warriors 137-8 in

20 overs (Shimron

Hetmyer 63, Romario

Shepherd 34*, Ashmead

Nedd 4-25) beat St Kitts

and Nevis Patriots 107 in

18.3 overs (Evin Lewis

49; Shamar Joseph 3-9,

Moeen Ali 2-9) by 30 runs.

Carey, bowlers power Australia to 2-0 lead



London: England's improved bowling performance in the second ODI in Leeds was eclipsed by the return of three of Australia's stalwarts - Mitchell Starc, Josh Hazlewood and Glenn Maxwell as they powered their side to a 2-0 series lead. Only Jamie Smith and three lower-order batters offered any modicum of a fight as Australia's trio accounted for seven of the 10 wickets to fall. For Australia, Mitchell Marsh and Alex Carey were the poster boys of defiance. First the skipper scored a 60 while batters fell in succession around him, and then the keeper-batter built small

but meaningful partnerships with the middle and lower order and dragged out the innings. His exploits included a 49-run stand with No.11 batter Hazlewood, who contributed just four runs off 11 balls in a stand that stretched from the 37th over to the 45th. England batters couldn't replicate even a shade of that resilience as Australia's trio accounted for seven of the 10 wickets to fall. For Australia, Mitchell Marsh and Alex Carey were the poster boys of defiance. First the skipper scored a 60 while batters fell in succession around him, and then the keeper-batter built small

however, made the right-hander queasy by repeatedly beating the outside edge of his bat. Salt caved in the fourth over, and nicked one behind to Carey. An exceptional, diving catch at second slip from Matthew Short in the following over from Starc sent Will Jacks back for a first-ball duck. Starc then picked the third wicket of the PowerPlay to cripple England's chase further with an inswinging yorker to trap Harry Brook leg before. Smith eased his and England's nerves with a cracking backfoot punch to get off the mark in the eighth over and hit two more in the ninth, but Aaron

Hardie's double-wicket over left England five down for just 65. He first took a one-handed blinder on follow-through to dismiss Ben Duckett and then had Carey to thank, who dived full length to have Liam Livingstone caught down the leg side for a golden duck. Smith and Jacob Bethell - who also picked two wickets earlier in the day - attempted a revival with a 55-run stand. Marsh threw the ball to Maxwell in the middle-overs and reaped instant dividends as Bethell hit one to Starc at short third. Brydon Carse and Adil Rashid - two others who kept England in the race for series parity