

workforce has increased significantly. She said that women are now contributing in every field. But, more efforts are still needed to increase the participation of women further. She appealed to all men to recognize the potential of women and support them in realizing their dreams. She said that any obstacle created in the progress of women also slows down the pace of development of society and the country.

Before gracing this event, the President inaugurated Buddha Vihar with a Meditation Centre at Udgir and paid tributes before the statue of Bhagwan Buddha.

added the Principal Secretary DAFE, Dr. Arabinda Padhee. Before the launch of this export, Mr. Singhdeo broke coconuts and flagged off the export. Director Horticulture Shri Nikhil Pawan Kalyan, other senior officials from Department and Sitakanta Mandal, Biswajit Behera, Debarati Ghatak, Arthak Darshan, Sritam Panigrahi, Bibhuti, Bikash Pilai from APEDA and Palladium were present.

Your Best

Rohit Satapathy



If you always try your best
Then you'll never have to wonder
About what you could have done
If you'd summoned all your thunder.
And if your best
Was not as good
As you hoped it would be,
You still could say,
I gave today
All that I had in me.

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Time

By Aparna Nayak



You were the one
I wanted most
to stay.
But time could not
be kept at bay.
The more it goes,
the more it's gone,
the more it takes away.

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Rain in my eyes

Mira Beura

What warmth, pain
Balanced
After the hot sun
Thinking of surrender, Tanu calmed down
Pulling on a fine coat
Thiri Thiri pada thapill rain
Leaf stalk to fungal body
Covered in a green sari
Rain looked at him in despair
He brought with him the thunderous sounds of
lightning, gunpowder, and thunder
Even though it was full of greens
Rainya Savi's heart is in a frenzy
But I was watching the rain
In the different laws of my eyes
In the corner of the fine print of Sanya
It was raining heavily
Having decorated the house,
Dekichi, Mathia, Balti and Ginl
I was looking at Nirlik again
The one who rips the floor, again and again
On the way, to Nuan Niam Chapar
Covering up the chest
Indira for accommodation
The hand never got
No. From the changing plan
There was no edge
But it was meeting at the same time
To poverty, suffering and exploitation
Although he was a victim of the ruler's aggression
Still fighting against injustice
There was the power of adventure
At least Satta Shravni
For the first time
Was looking for a plan
Scenes of artificial flooding everywhere
The sight of the rising tide
Path, Temple, Girya, Mosque
All the same
Shiva has just drowned
It became a smart city
The instrument of death
How helpless God is here
Hoped
So built
Human behavior



Still Sania did not lose
Did not commit suicide
Why?
He has learned the art of survival
Live by learning.

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Quotation of the Day



Love and Longing

Krushna Kumar Mohanty

The name of the girl is Longing. Boy's name Love.
Hand in hand they have been walking since time immemorial.

Their path is long, uneven, without address and goal.
No expected land is seen, no geography known.

They are walking still. Tireless. Sleepless.
Hand in hand as usual. Each other's.

The girl said, "Shall we return now?"
"To where, which place?"
"Why? To home."
The boy looked up.
To the vast blue sky.
The girl said, "Don't look up at the sky. It's empty. Rather look at me. I'll
make you complete."
Love was startled. Resumed walking. Longing too.



They are still on their way. With one goal. Nonstop. To seek completeness.

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The Cult of Lord Jagannath

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Cult is the
holy seat of Lord
Jagannath, the Lord of
the Universe "The
sanctity of the place
exists from pre-
historic period where
tradition can not
reach", remarks
Manomohan Ganguly
in his book, 'Orissa
and Her Remains'.
The origin and the
antiquity of Jagannath
Cult has so far baffled
almost all scholars.
Anybody studying the
Jagannath Cult can
easily notice that
various castes and
creeds, customs and
traditions, communities
and sects are found to
have been assimilated
into this cult.
Whatever may be the
genesis of this cult, it
has been admitted
both by the scholars
as well as persons
belonging to
different religious
traditions that the

culture is the center
around which in
course of time
divergent currents
and cross-currents
have revolved.

Eminent
historian Dr.
Harekrushna Mahtab
has pointed out that
Lord Jagannath was
originally the
embodiment of
Buddha. It is known
from history that
Buddhism had a
strong foothold in
Orissa from the pre-
Christian era. After
the conquest of
Kalinga by Ashok in
261 B.C., Buddhism
must have got an extra
impetus under royal
patronage. It is known
from the Travel
Accounts of the
famous Chinese
traveller Hiuen Tsang
that Mahayana form
of Buddhism
flourished in Orissa
in the 7th century
A.D. The 'Brahman'
which is believed to
be inside the wooden
body of Lord
Jagannath is nothing
but the tooth of
Buddha. Sir
Alexander
Cunningham
advocated the theory



that the figures of
Jagannath, Subhadra
and Balabhadra had
been derived from
the Buddhist Triratna
signifying Buddha,
Dharma and Sangha.
The absence
of caste distinction in
the temple of
Jagannath especially
in partaking the
Mahaprasad, the Car
Festival and bathing
festival (Snanayatra)
of the Lord are
ascribed to Buddhist
influence. Pandit
Nilakantha Das thinks
that the three images
of Jagannath,
Subhadra and
Balabhadra represent
the Jaina Trinity.

Kedarnath Mohapatra
and Pandit Binayak
Mishra have tried to
identify Indradyumna,
the legendary
propounder of the
Jagannath Worship at
Puri, with Kharavela,
the great Jaina
emperor of Kalinga.
Sudarsan is the Jaina
symbol of
Dharmachakra and
Kaivalya (liberation),
a term so exclusively
common in
Jagannath has been
derived from Jaina
sources. Some
scholars regard
Jagannath as Daru
Brahma, godhead
manifested in a
wooden image.

Pandit Nilakantha
Das is of the opinion
that in the shoot of
the Hindu religion
and the idea of the
Triratna has been
taken from the parent
stock. It is
maintained by some
scholars that
Jagannath, Subhadra
and Balabhadra were
originally
worshipped by the
primitive Savaras.
Oriya texts like
Darubrahma Gita of
Jagannath Das and
Deulatola of
Nilambar Das
suggest the tribal
origin of the Cult.
The Daitapatis
(custodians of the

deity) claim that they
are the descendents
from the Brahmin
Vidyapati through the
Savara mother Lalita
and the deities are left
to their sole care
during the Snana Yatra
and the car festival.
They also observe the
funeral rites of
Jagannath during
Nabakalebara. Puri,
otherwise known as
Purusottam Khetra is
not only a sacred
place for the
Vaishnavas but is also
equally sacred for the
Saivas, Sauras, Saktas,
Ganapatyas and even
for the Buddhists and
the Jains. It is
interesting to be

noted that Jagannath
Cult is responsible
to combine people
of different faiths,
castes and creeds
under one common
bond of unity.

For Sakta
Tantriks Jagannath is
Bhairava and Vimala
is Bhairavi. In the
month of Asvina,
during the Durga
Puja, animal
sacrifice is made
before goddess
Vimala which is the
only of its kind in
the otherwise
bloodless rituals
performed in the
temple. The food
offerings made to
Jagannath can only
be considered
Mahaprasad after
they are re-offered
to goddess Vimala.
The propagation of
Vaishnavism by
Ramanuja in the
early part of the 12th
century A.D. gave a
fresh impetus to
Vaishnavism in
Orissa. The Ganga
monarch
Chodaganga Deva
seems to have come
under the influence
of Ramanuja.
Chodaganga was a
Saiva and but was

called as both
Parama Maheswara
and Parama
Vaishnava.

The Jagannath
religion in its final
phase thus sought to
synthesise the three
main cults of
Hindusim, viz.
Vaishnavism,
Saivism and Saktism,
but at the same time
it also retained some
practices of other
cults and religions to
which it owed its
origin. Thus, the cult
of Jagannath is an
epitome of divergent
religious creeds and
schools of philosophy
that prevailed in India
at different periods of
her long cultural
history. In the historic
process of
adjustment, Jagannath
has assimilated
strange contradictions
in a manner that is
most amazing in the
history of religious
thoughts.

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Rohit Shetty confirms Diwali release for 'Singham Again'

Director Rohit Shetty has cleared the air around the release of his upcoming film, 'Singham Again'. Sharing a post on Instagram, he confirmed that the high-octane actioner will hit theatres around Diwali. Filmmaker Rohit Shetty seemingly confirmed the release of his upcoming film, 'Singham Again,' putting an end to rumours of a potential delay. On Tuesday, September 3, Rohit shared a post on Instagram announcing the same and hinting at a special cameo, sparking excitement among fans. In his post, Rohit stated that 'Singham Again' will 'roar on Diwali'. Sharing a video from the sets of the film, he also hinted at a major cameo. In the clip, Rohit can be seen directing an action-packed sequence featuring cars. His



caption read, "Singham is incomplete without its hero. Iss Diwali Scorpio aayegi bhi, ghumegi bhi, lekin entry kisi aur ki hogi (sic)." "Singham Again" is Rohit Shetty's fifth film in the cop universe. It stars a bevy of actors, including Ajay Devgn, Ranveer Singh, Deepika Padukone, Tiger Shroff, Arjun Kapoor, Akshay Kumar and Kareena

Kapoor, among others. Earlier, Rohit Shetty, in an interview, shared his plans to create a storyline featuring all female cops. 'Singham Again,' will introduce Lady Singham, portrayed by Deepika Padukone. However, Deepika isn't the first female cop in Rohit's cop universe; that distinction belongs to Shilpa Shetty, who was introduced in

'Indian Police Force.' In a conversation with News18, Rohit Shetty hinted at the possibility of a women-oriented cop universe film, stating it will happen "very soon." He also discussed his upcoming film, Singham Again, promising a lot of "hand-to-hand combat" and emphasising his preference for real action sequences over VFX.

Court restrains T-Series from using 'Aashiqui' in film titles

The Delhi High Court has issued an interim injunction preventing T-Series from using 'Aashiqui' in film titles. The court ruled in favour of Vishesh Films, which holds trademark rights over the 'Aashiqui' mark. The Delhi High Court has issued an interim injunction preventing T-Series from using the titles 'Tu Hi Aashiqui' or 'Tu Hi Aashiqui Hai' for any upcoming films. This decision favours Vishesh Films, co-producers of the original 'Aashiqui' series.



The court acknowledged the 'Aashiqui' title as a significant brand linked to successful films released in 1990 and 2013. Justice Sanjeev Narula stated that the use of these titles by T-Series could cause public confusion and dilute the 'Aashiqui' brand.

Vishesh Films had registered trademarks for 'Aashiqui' in 2013 and 'Aashiqui Ke Liye' in 2014. The court highlighted that both companies had previously collaborated on the 'Aashiqui' films, and neither could exploit the franchise without the other's consent. The ruling comes after T-Series announced a film with a similar title, which Vishesh Films argued could mislead the public. The court also noted that the 'Aashiqui' name has become an integral part

of a recognised film series, and protecting such titles is crucial to maintaining their distinctiveness. Vishesh Bhatt, Managing Director of Vishesh Films, expressed satisfaction with the judgement, stating it upholds their commitment to preserving their franchise's legacy. The court's decision emphasises the importance of protecting well-known series titles to avoid misleading consumers and diluting brand identity

'Sarfira' Review: Akshay Kumar soars high in this real-life drama

Director Sudha Kongara's 'Sarfira', starring Akshay Kumar, Radhika Madan and Paresh Rawal, is a remake of the Tamil film, Soorai Pottru. Akshay, with his earnest performance, makes this film worth a watch, says our review.

The thing with remakes is that it's easy to call the bad ones out. Fortunately for Akshay Kumar's 'Sarfira', the Hindi remake is directed by Sudha Kongara, who also directed the original Tamil film - 'Soorai Pottru'. Starring south superstar Suriya in the lead role, the Tamil film had a lot going for it. So how does one top the original or even come close to it? Well, the answer lies in the attention to detail and



how well you interpret the film in a totally different setting. 'Sarfira' is based on the true story of GR Gopinath who pioneered the first low-cost airline in India. Hailing from a small village, he decided to dream big and overcame many obstacles on the path before making his dreams come true.

In 'Sarfira', Akshay Kumar plays Vir Mhatre, an ex-army officer who has faced rejection at the hands of his superiors but has never given up. His ambition of providing affordable air travel to millions of Indians is a dream that finds several thorns in its path to success. The biggest one being air tycoon Paresh Goswami (Paresh Rawal), who makes sure every step that Vir takes is setback immediately. But Vir is not alone in this fight. He has his feisty wife Rani (Radhika Madan) by his side and an entire village to support his endeavour. But does he achieve what he's set out to do and will Paresh kill his spirit and clip his wings? 'Sarfira' answers not just these questions but reflects much more.

Sudha Kongara's writing and her staging of scenes are the major highlights of the film. From the very first scene of a plane declaring 'Mayday' to deep diving into the psyche of Vir and his never-die attitude, the film has several high points. Kongara also takes Akshay Kumar back to the basics. The actor has made a solid comeback in a performance that is so rooted. His emotional scene when he breaks down in front of his mother, played by the brilliant Seema Biswas, is a reminder of how an actor should surrender to his director to be able to deliver an honest performance.

‘Jhoothi’ Shraddha Kapoor Interacts With Fans on Instagram as They Catch her Lying

Shraddha Kapoor aka Jhoothi is currently busy with the promotions of her upcoming film with Ranbir Kapoor, ‘Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar’. The star has served some incredible moments for her fans; ever since the promotional events kickstarted from recreating hilarious video of 'Tere Pyaar Main' eating pani puri to having grabbed all the attention with her hot looks in the ‘Tere Pyaar Mein’ song from ‘Tu Jhoothi Main

Makkaar’, Shraddha Kapoor seems to be fully drenched in her character of Jhoothi from the film. While everyone just can't resist their excitement to watch her playing a Jhoothi in the film, this Sunday morning Shraddha treated her fans with a pretty picture and was seen interacting with the fans while she made them engage with her character of Jhoothi in a fun manner in the comment. Taking to her social media, on Sunday,

Shraddha Kapoor posted pictures from her latest photoshoot on Instagram with a caption that confused many of her followers, she wrote jokingly, “It's Monday! Let's slay today.” After Shraddha dropped the post, The fun and witty conversation between Shraddha being a Jhoothi and her fans was seen in the comment section. While Shraddha can be seen fully in her character with her comments, it led to a fun conversation with her fans, many of her

followers flooded the comments with compliments. One user wrote, "Uff ye Adaa." Another commented, "Cuteness overload." Some even dropped heart and fire emoticons. Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar is directed by Luv Ranjan, produced by Luv Films' Luv Ranjan and Ankur Garg, and presented by T- Series' Gulshan Kumar and Bhushan Kumar. It is all set to have a festive release worldwide in cinemas on Holi, 8th March 2023.



Kareena Kapoor Khan Wants To Work With Yash, Calls Herself A KGF Girl

Over the years Yash has become a formidable force, captivating audiences not only in India but across the globe. His journey from regional acclaim to pan India superstardom is a reflection of his extraordinary talent and unique charisma that resonates universally. During the latest episode of the renowned talk show, Koffee With Karan, the spotlight turned to Yash's global appeal. During the rapid fire round when Kareena

Kapoor Khan was asked, "Which south actor would you like to be paired up with? Prabhas, Ram Charan, Vijay Deverakonda, Allu Arjun and Yash" she expressed her desire to collaborate with the southern sensation and she promptly responded with "Yash," proudly declaring herself a 'KGF girl.' Yash's presence on the international stage has transcended geographical boundaries, making him a sought-after



figure in the film industry. His meteoric rise, coupled with endorsements from industry peers like Kareena Kapoor Khan, reinforces his status as a true global icon. Yash has etched his name as a formidable talent with global appeal. He is not just a superstar; he is an icon who has united audiences from diverse backgrounds and cultures, proving that talent and authenticity are universal languages that transcend boundaries and create lasting legacies.

Kerala- Tripura Floods: How crucial was Centre's Response



Nature's fury unleashed havoc in Kerala and Tripura recently, causing widespread devastation. Floods, heavy rainfall, and landslides resulted in a severe situation in both states, leading to substantial loss of life and property. The severity of the situation was heightened because two states in the country were simultaneously impacted by similar natural calamities. In the midst of this crisis, the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams in Kerala and Tripura worked tirelessly day and night conducting rescue and relief operations. The Union Home Minister Amit Shah himself was closely monitoring these rescue efforts. On the night of July 30th, a landslide in Wayanad, Kerala, resulted in a significant number of casualties within a few hours. The incident caused extensive damage to both movable and immovable assets,

with villages in Wayanad district bearing the brunt of the destruction. Recognizing the gravity of the situation, the Union Home Minister Amit Shah personally took charge of relief and rescue operations. He swiftly coordinated with relevant departments of the central government and deployed NDRF, the Indian Army, Air Force, Navy, Fire Services, and Civil Defence to the affected areas of Kerala and Tripura. These teams were accompanied by over 1200 relief workers. In Kerala, 58 NDRF teams are working in challenging conditions and affected areas to tackle the worst floods in the century. Additional NDRF teams were deployed from nearby locations to rescue stranded families from the flooded areas. Furthermore, NDRF teams are establishing medical camps in various locations to provide medical care to those in need. Following instructions from the Union Home Ministry, a team of senior and expert doctors was also dispatched to the affected areas to provide medical help and

treatment. The central government has also made available over 100 ambulances. The landslides in Kerala had completely severed



transportation routes. The Indian Army's engineering team worked tirelessly for 71 hours to construct a 190-foot-long Bailey bridge. This bridge facilitated the transportation of heavy machinery and ambulances, significantly accelerating rescue efforts. In addition, the central government sent an Inter Ministerial Central Team to assess the situation in the affected

area. The Kerala disaster has resulted in the loss of over 415 lives, and over 200 people remain missing. Hundreds of

homes, resorts, schools, places of worship, and infrastructure have been reduced to rubble. Survivors have lost everything, including their loved ones. This is the deadliest disaster in Kerala since 2018. It is regrettable that even amidst such a massive tragedy, the opposition continues to question the central government.

Responding to questions from opposition leaders in Parliament, Home Minister Amit Shah stated that the center had repeatedly warned the



Kerala government about the anticipated natural disaster due to the heavy rainfall. The first warning was issued on July 23rd. He informed the house that nine NDRF teams were deployed in the state on July 23rd. He further stated that the state government did not heed the warnings, which led to a higher death toll. In his statement, Home Minister Amit Shah clarified that he did not

intend to place blame on anyone. "I don't want to blame anyone. This is a time to stand firmly with the people of Kerala and the

government. I want to assure the House that, irrespective of party politics, the Narendra Modi government will stand like a rock with the people and government of Kerala. There should be no doubt about it." It is known to all that before 2014, the focus was on a rescue-centric approach to disasters. However, after 2014, the central government

has been moving towards a zero casualty approach. Meanwhile, in Tripura, the floods caused significant damage. The Home Ministry, in addition to deploying boats and helicopters, sent 11 NDRF teams to assist the state government in relief and rescue operations. Home Minister Amit Shah spoke with Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha, continuously monitoring the situation. The central government has approved the release of ₹40 crore for flood-affected Tripura on August 23, 2024. To assist the state government in relief efforts, Amit Shah has deployed 11 NDRF teams, three army detachments, and four Indian Air Force helicopters from the center. NDRF teams in Tripura have been tirelessly working to rescue affected people and bring them to safe locations. About 65,000 people have taken refuge in 450 relief camps. Heavy rains and landslides have destroyed homes, properties, and roads. Several rivers were in spate, disrupting

transportation. The central government has also dispatched boats and helicopters to assist the local government in relief and rescue operations in Tripura. NDRF teams are working around the clock, alongside Tripura government machinery, to tackle this unprecedented natural disaster. One has to accept the fact that dangers like avalanches, landslides, floods, and storms are going to increase everywhere in the future due to climate change. Keeping this in mind, governments and the society at large should move firmly towards the goal of zero casualty by using scientific principles for the development of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF). The central government's support to the state governments in Kerala and Tripura during this crisis clearly demonstrates that, despite political differences, India stands united during times of adversity. The centre remains steadfast in its support for the affected states. Ends.

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Teacher's Day: An Opportunity to Strengthen the Bond Between Teachers and Students



In India, Teacher's Day is celebrated on September 5th in honor of the birth anniversary of the former President and great educator, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. This day is a significant occasion to recognize the contributions of teachers to society and nation-building, and to highlight the importance of education. Teachers deserve respect in society because they are the carriers of knowledge, science, values, and culture. They play a crucial role in educating the new generation with practical, skill-based, and employment-oriented education, along with imparting moral and practical knowledge and connecting them to social values. Teacher's Day is

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not only a day to honor teachers but also a reminder to students and society of why teachers are so important. Moreover, this day provides students with an opportunity to express their gratitude to their teachers and acknowledge their hard work and dedication. It also reminds state governments to review the status and direction of this important section of society and take steps towards addressing their problems prudently, thereby strengthening the nation and the state. In today's context, teachers in our country are categorized as guest teachers, contract teachers, invited teachers, ad-hoc teachers, and teachers in grades 1, 2, and 3. Is this appropriate? This question needs to be considered as well. Government teachers often have to perform many tasks in addition to teaching, such as conducting surveys for government schemes, helping in the preparation of voter lists, organizing elections, and many other non-teaching tasks that they are compelled to do. In our country, there is a large number of

private educational institutions where teachers fulfill their duties despite receiving low salaries. Teachers also spread education in rural and remote areas. Sometimes, they have to work even with a lack of resources. A broad perspective is required on all these situations. As a crucial part of society, we should recognize the contributions of teachers and give them the respect they deserve. By doing so, teachers can be encouraged to excel in their teaching duties and responsibilities and be motivated to strive for excellence. With the changing social, economic, and technological landscape in India, the expectations from teachers by society and the administration have also increased. Teachers are expected not only to provide curriculum-based education but also to inspire students to become better citizens and contribute to nation-building and development. Teachers are expected to Disseminate quality education. Prepare students to face future challenges. Educate students on morality,

honesty, and social responsibility. Teach respect for the country's diverse cultures and traditions. Equip students with basic technical and digital skills. Encourage research and innovation. Train students to be problem-solvers rather than problem creators. Inspire innovation and creativity. Teach inclusiveness and sensitivity. Promote equality. Contribute to community development along with curriculum-based education so that students can play a significant role in social development. Maintain regular communication with parents/guardians to openly discuss students' progress and challenges. Today, the bond between teachers and students has weakened. This weakened bond has affected the image of teachers in society and has led to students straying from their paths. Therefore, both teachers and students should seriously consider this in the interest of the nation.

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The virus and vaccine within us



Swami Sarvapriyananda of the Ramakrishna Mission, in one of his talks, quotes the Buddha's message of the two arrows of suffering. The first arrow hits us as an adverse situation that comes into our lives. And the second arrow is our reaction to the stimulus generated from within. Most often we are not able to generate the right kind of response, since we don't have the awareness and knowledge of the infinitude of our real nature. In the 'Yoga Sutras', Patanjali talks about the five kleshas, afflictions, that prevent us from accessing the higher reaches of our personality. Avidya, ignorance, asmita, ego-centredness, raga, attachment to things we like, dvesha, aversion

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for things we don't like, and abhinivesha, fear of death. Kleshas are viruses of the mind that destabilise us from within. When we seek all our happiness from the world outside, without looking inwards, due to our ignorance, and our lives revolve around the inflated notions about ourselves, our egos, we become limited individuals. The human personality gets further imprisoned in the conditioned world, created by the two emotions – raga and dvesha. We get attached to that which attracts us, and develop an aversion for what we dislike. Thus, we get entangled in the vicious trap of demarcated comfort zones and become slaves to our senses, egos and ignorance. Denying ourselves access to the all-important vaccine within, our infinite Spiritual Nature. The goal of human life is to realise this divine nature; the path to it is

laid out in our shastras. When we commit ourselves to this journey, through a reflective spiritual orientation, we start releasing ourselves from the lower reaches of our personality. The progress is slow because of the dominance of the kleshas on our personalities. They have to be overcome through sadhana. Swami Vivekananda says: "All power is within you; you can do anything and everything. Believe in that, do not believe that you are weak. Stand up and express the divinity within you." With progress in spiritual life through swadhyaya, self-study of scriptures; with the attitude of assimilating and realising it in our lives, surrender to the Divine. With meditation, and company of holy men, we are able to develop virtues such as vairagya, progressive dispassion for the worldly material pursuits, and viveka, discrimination,

knowledge that God alone is real and all else is illusory and impermanent. With a spirit of surrender at the feet of the Divine, gradually, our expansive and universal personality shines through the genetically limited one. A person with this mindset starts working, not just for himself but also for the benefit of others. At the heart of the chittashuddhi, purification of the mind, is the spirit of selflessness. With this cleansing, we are able to extricate ourselves from the clutches of our ego-centred personalities and conditioned mindset. Thus, drawing from within the infinite vaccine of our real divine nature. Forever insulating ourselves from any virus, situations, from the external world. When we are closer to the infinite bliss of our real nature, we are calm and fulfilled. Our reactions, measured and mature. **The Bivab, Acharya Colony, Baliguda, Kandhmal, Mob. : 9437242317**

'Shocks Given To Private Parts': Chargesheet Against Actor Darshan In Murder Case

Bengaluru (KCN): Karnataka Police submitted the chargesheet in the sensational kidnap and murder case of Renukaswamy which has established the role of jailed Kannada superstar Darshan and also detailed the brutal and inhumane torture before his death. "After being assaulted by Darshan and his gang, Renukaswamy's chest bones were broken. There are a total of 39 injury marks all over his body. There is also a deep cut on the victim's head," reads the chargesheet. It added that the gang reportedly used a megger machine, an electrical device used to measure insulation resistance, to deliver electric shocks to Renukaswamy's private parts.

"Darshan and his gang used the megger device to damage Renukaswamy's testicle," the chargesheet says. Another source said that Renukaswamy endured unheard-of and inhuman torture before being hacked to death. "After committing the murder, Darshan and the other accused used their influence and money to dispose of the body and attempted to destroy evidence. They also tried to frame other individuals to escape charges," the chargesheet said. It said that with the common intention of committing the crime, they destroyed physical, technical, and scientific evidence and attempted to destroy further evidence. Darshan is named as the second accused in the case, and his legal team is preparing to submit a bail plea. However, police sources said that since he is booked in three new cases related to luxury treatment inside the



prison, obtaining bail will not be an easy task. The police found traces of Renukaswamy's blood on the clothes seized from Darshan. They also retrieved messages sent by his associates during the kidnapping, confinement, torture, murder, and disposal of Renukaswamy's body. After the incident, Darshan had gone to Mysuru for the shoot of his upcoming movie, "Devil." A team from Bengaluru Police, headed by ACP Chandan Kumar, arrested him in a hotel after cracking the case. Sources said Darshan tried to resist the arrest. However, ACP Chandan Kumar ordered him to get into the police jeep or face being dragged in, with further strong action as per the rules. Darshan is one of the few superstars in the Kannada film industry. The budding industry, which had started to make its mark at the national level, has suffered a significant

setback in light of these developments. In the chargesheet, Pavithra Gowda is labelled as A-1, and Darshan as A-2. Fourteen individuals have been charged with murder, and 14 others face charges of abduction and murder. Karthik alias Kappe, Keshavamurthy, and Nikhil Nayak are charged with destruction of evidence. The first volume contains a summary report of the case. The second volume comprises voluntary statements of 17 accused individuals. Volume number three has details of evidence both direct and circumstantial. The fourth volume has the post-mortem and Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) reports. The fifth volume contains the FSL and CSFL analysis. Sources said that after the receipt of the chargesheet copies to all the accused persons, the 24th ACMM court will commit the case and transfer it to the sessions court.

'My Honour In Your Hands': Omar Abdullah's Appeal To Voters In Ganderbal



Srinagar(KCN): Omar Abdullah, former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, and the chief of National Conference, filed his nomination from Ganderbal today with a fervent plea to the people – "My honour, my turban are in your hands". "After 16 years, I am again placing myself before the people of Ganderbal with a hope that you will again let me serve as your MLA and servant," Mr Abdullah told the people today. "The people of Ganderbal have suffered a lot after 2016, no one healed their wounds, no one addressed their difficulties. We will talk about all these issues in

the coming two-three weeks," he added. National Conference's ally Rahul Gandhi, was in the Union Territory too today, supporting the Congress candidate from Anantnag. And in sync with the message of the National Conference, Mr Gandhi spoke kept his focus on the restoration of statehood, which is the main election promise of Mr Abdullah's party. Mr Abdullah, who contested the 2024 Lok Sabha polls from the Baramulla constituency, had lost to independent candidate Engineer Rashid. But he had won in the last polls held in

the erstwhile state -- from Beerwah assembly seat in 2014. The 54-year-old who said he would not contest in the assembly polls, had a last minute change of heart. He had explained it to NDTV in an exclusive interview, saying, "Ultimately, if I believe I am a leader of the National Conference, then I must lead". From the point of view of the assembly, he said it would be "hypocritical" or "seen as hypocritical" if he were to tell people that "I don't believe in this assembly, but you must vote". "Whatever the flaws of this assembly, it is still better than what we have now. This assembly may not be the assembly that it was in 2018, but it is still an assembly that will speak for them that will fight for their rights. And also this is an assembly that will bring back the statehood of Jammu and Kashmir. We'll make a start from there," he added.

67 Candidates In BJP's 1st List For Haryana Polls, Including Chief Minister

NEWDELHI,(KCN): Looking to get the first-mover advantage in the Haryana Assembly polls, the BJP has released its first list of candidates, declaring names for 67 out of the state's 90 constituencies. The list includes the names of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, who will be contesting from the Ladwa constituency, and former minister Anil Vij. Mr Vij will be the BJP's candidate from the Ambala Cantonment constituency, a seat he has won three successive times since 2009. Mr Saini, who was an MP from Kurukshetra until he replaced Manohar Lal Khattar as the Haryana chief minister in March this

year, currently represents the Karnal Assembly seat, which he won in a bypoll in June. The other candidates include Ambala Mayor and former Union Minister Vinod Sharma's wife Shakti Rani Sharma, who will be contesting from the Kalka assembly constituency. Ms Sharma is the mother of Manu Sharma, a convict in the Jessica Lal murder case. Shruti Choudhry who left the Congress and joined the BJP with her mother - Rajya Sabha MP Kiran Choudhry - in June has been given a ticket from Tosham. Three former legislators from the Jannayak Janata Party, which was the BJP's ally until this year, have also been fielded. These are Devender Singh Babli from Tohana, Ram Kumar Gautam from



Safidon and Anoop Dhanak from Uklana. Some of the other inclusions are Deepak Hooda from Meham, who has been the captain of the Indian Kabaddi team, and Union Minister Om Prakash Dhankar, who will be contesting from Badli. The party has decided to drop some MLAs, including some

ministers, and the list includes eight women. MP Naveen Jindal's mother, Savitri Jindal, who was widely expected to get a ticket from Hisar, has not made the cut and the party has decided to stick with the incumbent, Kamal Gupta, who is also a state minister. The upcoming elections in Haryana will be crucial for the BJP, especially

because it won only five of the state's 10 Lok Sabha seats after sweeping all of them in 2019. It will be an opportunity for the party to prove that it remains popular with voters after failing - for the first time in 10 years - to achieve a majority on its own in the general elections. The Congress, which is seen to be gaining ground in the state, is also likely to pose a challenge and could emerge stronger if its alliance talks with INDIA partner AAP are successful. The party believes it has a strong chance of dislodging the BJP, which has ruled Haryana since 2014. Haryana will vote on October 5 and counting will be held on October 8.

"Can We Be So Rigid?" Supreme Court Grills Central Agency In Documents Case

New Delhi(KCN): The Supreme Court today asked tough questions to the Enforcement Directorate, questioning if the agency's refusal to provide the accused with documents seized during a money laundering probe does not violate the fundamental right to life and personal liberty. The bench of Justice AS Oka, Justice A Amanullah and Justice AG Masih was hearing an appeal related to the supply of documents in a money laundering case. The 2022 Sarla Gupta vs ED case pertains to the question on whether the investigating agency can deprive the accused of crucial documents it is relying on in a PMLA case in the pre-trial stage. The Prevention of

Money Laundering Act (PMLA) has come under the spotlight in several high-profile cases after top politicians, including Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, his Jharkhand counterpart Hemant Soren, AAP leader Manish Sisodia and BRS leader K Kavitha, were arrested under this law. Hearing the matter, the court asked if the accused can be denied the document solely on a technical ground. "Why can't everything be transparent?" Justice Amanullah asked. Additional Solicitor General SV Raju, appearing for the ED, replied, "If the accused knows that there are documents, he can ask, but if he does not know and just has assumption, he cannot seek a roving enquiry on this." The court then asked if this



won't violate Article 21 of the Constitution, which guarantees right to life and liberty. "Also, in a PMLA case, you may retrieve thousands of documents but you only rely on 50 of them. Accused may not remember every document. He may then ask that whatever document has been recovered from my place," Justice Oka said. The government lawyer said the accused has a list of documents and cannot ask for them unless it is

"necessary" and "desirable". "In modern times, suppose he applies for documents running into thousands of pages. This is a matter of minutes, can easily be scanned," the bench said. Justice Oka noted that "times are changing". "Both us and advocates on the other side, we have objective to do justice. Are we going to be so rigid that the person is facing prosecution but we go and say that the documents are protected? Will this be justice? There are cases so

heinous where bail is given, but nowadays people are not getting bail in Magistrate cases. Times are changing. Can we as this bench be so rigid?" The court said an accused has the right to seek documents if he/she relies on them to seek bail or dismissal of the case. Mr Raju contested this. "No there is no right as such... He can request the court to look into this. Suppose there is no document as such and is a clear case of conviction and he only wants to delay the trial, it cannot be a right." The court has reserved the judgment in the matter. The PMLA has repeatedly come under the lens after several high-profile Opposition leaders were arrested by central agencies under the anti-corruption law.

AMA SANSKRUTI competition award ceremony



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Under the efforts and supervision of Mrs. Geeta Tripathy and Tridib Tripathy, AMA SANSKRUTI quiz and yoga competition was held for the awareness and reawakening of the ancient Indian culture in the local Satyananda Yoga School with the students of different schools of the capital. A prize distribution ceremony has been held in the school premises for the successful contestants. On this occasion, the director of the school, Swami S w a r u p a n a n d a

Saraswati, enlightened the students present on how yoga can make life healthy and beautiful. President of the school Mrs. Sudatta Patnaik said that the antiquity and characteristics of Indian culture are based on moral values ??and should be protected. Mr. Sanjay Nanda discussed with the students about communal life style and wisdom of ancient Indian culture. In order to create enthusiasm and interest in the ancient Indian knowledge, which is being lost in the interest of modernity, the said competition was held from the month of July under the direct supervision of



Mrs. Geeta Tripathi among the students of 35 schools of the capital. A total of 46 of them have been awarded. In senior

category quiz, Biswajit Naik of Unit-1 Government High School, Arohan Mahapatra of Mothers

Public School Unit-1 and Tanmay Tathagat of Mothers Public School Khandagiri jointly won the first prize and Aditi Aishwariya Seth of BJEM School won the first prize. In the junior category, Anwesha Mishra of Mothers Public School Unit-1 and Meera Jasmin of Yoga Central School No.1 won the first position. The tripathy couple

expressed that they want to involve more and more students in our cultural program in the coming years.

Mining-hit locals left high & dry

Keonjhar(KCN): The Rehabilitation and Peripheral Development Advisory Committee (RPDAC) in this district has not been holding meetings regularly, thereby depriving the locals in mining-affected areas of their due benefits, a report said. Reports said that it is the responsibility of this RPDAC committee to hold regular meetings and take care of the rehabilitation of the people in the affected areas, protection of the environment and their livelihood. It is alleged that the committee is not having its regular sittings and not

prioritising the problems and development of people in the concerned areas. The matter came to the fore after a social organisation 'Vasundhara' in mining-dominated Bolani area of Keonjhar district wrote a letter to Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi urging him to address the issues. Moreover, the director of Vasundhara has also submitted a memorandum to the state government through Barbil additional tehsildar Biswajit Dalei. According to the memorandum, Bolani iron ore mine under Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) is located under

Joda block. A public hearing was held October 24, 2011 for expansion of the mine. The mining authorities made various promises to the local people for the development of the area while attending the public hearing. After the support of the locals, mining expansion work started. While the company has reaped huge profits from the mining and has been exporting large quantities of iron ore to other countries, there is growing discontentment among the locals as the promises made to them are yet to be fulfilled.



It is the duty of RPDAC to monitor and comply with these promises. However, as the committee is not having its regular meetings nor is it reviewing the activities,

company officials have taken the rules for a ride. "If no action is taken and the promises are not fulfilled, people of the affected areas will protest against any expansion of mining in the gram sabha and public hearing in coming

days," a social activist said. As per the memorandum, the company had promised to set up an ITI in the area to train the local youths. However, it is alleged that the ITI, which was opened in 2014, was closed before

it could become fully operational. Similarly, they promised to upgrade a school in Bolani slum, but to no avail. Similarly, they promised an infrastructure revamp at DAV School located in Bolani township but nothing concrete has been done. As a result of this, the education of the local children has taken a back seat. Similarly, it has been alleged that the company has not kept its promise to provide employment opportunities to the project-affected people. The company has also promised to set up a beneficiation plant

here, which has remained a distant dream for the last eight years. Had the beneficiation plant been established, it could have provided employment opportunities to many local youths, said Vivekananda Nanda, director and member of RPDAC. District Collector had frequently apprised the RDC as well as the Union and state governments of the issues, but the step was taken address the same. However, locals have become optimistic after a new government was formed in the state, he added.

Homeguard killed, 4 injured as ambulance hits police van

Udala(KCN): In a tragic incident, a home guard was crushed to death while four others, including a police officer, sustained grievous injuries after a speeding 108 ambulance crashed into a police van on the state highway under this police limits in Mayurbhanj district, late Monday night. The deceased was identified as Lakshmidhar Mohanta and the critically injured were identified as Udala police station IIC Banamali Barik, van driver Sadananda Singh, ambulance helper Hemanta Nayak and pharmacist Satyajit Panda. According to sources, Barik along with other police personnel was patrolling and conducting checks, Monday night when a 108 ambulance heading from Baripada towards Kaptipada suddenly came at high



speed and hit the police vehicle. The impact was so severe that the police van flipped over three times and the ambulance drag the vehicle upto several metres. Barik and driver Singh who were inside the vehicle sustained critical injuries. On the other hand, home guard Lakshmidhar Mahanta, who was also inside the van, was crushed under the police vehicle and died on the spot. Informed, police personnel rushed to the spot and admitted the

injured to Udala hospital. Singh and Barik were immediately transferred to PRM Medical College and Hospital at Baripada as their condition worsened. Upon hearing the news, SDPO Sarthak Ray also reached Udala police station and monitored the rescue operation. All the home guards assembled near Udala Hospital, Monday morning and staged a protest demanding compensation and jobs to the kin of the deceased. On being informed, home

guard DSP Dolamani Bhoi reached the hospital and pacified the protesting home guards by assuring them compensation of Rs 10 lakh as per the new rules. An assistance of Rs 10,000 was also provided to the deceased's family from Red Cross. The postmortem of the body was conducted in the presence of magistrate Pratik Panda before the body was handed over to the family members.

Pangolin rescued; 1 held




Nabarangpur(KCN): A pangolin weighing nearly 9kg was rescued from Bagini village under Kodanga forest area under this forest division by a special team, Tuesday. The squad arrested wildlife trafficker Kamal Singh Goud, a resident of

Junapani village under Kosagumuda block. According to sources, acting on the instructions of Nabarangpur forest range officer Shubhendu Prasad Behera, the team led by Kodanga forest officer Purnachandra Nanda, along with forest guards Prabhat Bisoyi,

Umashankar Panigrahi and Deepak Pradhan was formed. The team, comprising para staffers and officials, was alerted about the trafficking of the pangolin weighing 8.970kg last night, based on specific inputs. The team

successfully apprehended the accused while he was attempting to sell the pangolin around 7am Tuesday. The pangolin, a motorcycle, and a mobile phone were seized from the possession of the accused.



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Capri Global Appoints Coaching Beyond as Consultant for UAE ILT20 League

Mumbai: Capri Global has announced an association with Coaching Beyond, a premier cricket coaching institute, as a consultant for the franchise team of the UAE ILT20 League. The institution will assist Capri Global in appointment of coaching staff and matters related to cricket operations. R Sridhar, former fielding coach of the Indian Cricket Team and one of the founding members of Coaching Beyond, will be the Director of Cricket for Capri Global during the UAE ILT20 League. Capri Global intends to strengthen the cricket ecosystem on the global platform by engaging the right sporting talent and nurturing them. The company aims to play a vital role as an enabler by empowering deserving talent to showcase their sporting strength to the globe. Speaking on the association, Mr. Rajesh Sharma, Director, Capri Global, said, "Capri Global aims to reinforce the visibility and

popularity of sports nationally and globally and popularize homegrown sports to create opportunities for aspiring talent. We are pleased to associate with Coaching Beyond, a brainchild of sports stalwarts who will assist us in evaluating the deserving talent and offer state-of-the-art sports training infrastructure, world-class technology, and training to sportspeople. Mr. Sridhar's experience as a player and coach is almost unrivaled and his strategic insights, coaching approach, and collaborative style will be invaluable for our franchise team. We see great synergy coming through this alliance, including a host of exciting moments that are set to elevate the cricketing experience for the Indian audience on the global platform." Coaching Beyond is a premier cricket coaching institute in India that provides performance-driven cricket coaching,

training, and education to individuals, teams, and coaches from the grassroots to various experience levels. It has recently launched its first high-performance cricket academy in Hyderabad and is on track to launch its second project in Chennai by August. R Sridhar, Co-Founder of Coaching Beyond, said, "We are delighted to announce our partnership with Capri Global for the upcoming UAE ILT20 League. It is an exciting opportunity to work and do justice to the enormous cricketing talent and add value to the international platform. With a focused team effort, inclusive vision, and holistic approach, we can achieve consistent success during the tournament. We are confident that the League will be a grand success and are looking forward to a successful season".

Ashok Leyland launches industry first 8-wheel truck – AVTR 2620

Chennai: Ashok Leyland, flagship of the Hinduja Group and India's leading commercial vehicle manufacturer, today, launched the industry first 8 wheeler truck – AVTR 2620. With this launch of AVTR 2620, Ashok Leyland becomes the first and only player in the country to have a full range of trucks based on lift axle technology from GVW of 25.5 to 47.5T. This new product can be operated as 25.5 T (6x2) truck with the lift axle down (offering

payload closer to regular 6x2 MAV truck) and a 4x2 truck (18.5T GVW) with lift axle up (lower fuel and operating cost similar to 4x2) during light load/partial load/return empty. This new product thus offers an excellent operational flexibility to customers to choose the option based on their load, offering best-in-class Total Cost of Operation (TCO) benefits. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Head - M&HCV, Ashok Leyland, said, "Ashok

Leyland has a history of introducing products which have disrupted the CV industry. AVTR 2620 with its unique lift axle configuration offers higher TCO advantage to our customers operating in Ecom, Parcel & tanker. AVTR 2620 is a testament of Ashok Leyland's technological prudence & our commitment towards providing better logistical solutions to our customers, aligning with our philosophy of AppkiJeet, HamariJeet."

Godrej & Boyce Launches Program in Bhubaneswar to Educate Jewellers on New Regulations

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): The Security Solutions business of Godrej & Boyce, part of Godrej Enterprises Group, has unveiled its latest range of high-security products designed specifically for the jewellery sector, the Defender Aurum Pro as per the newly created Class E standards prescribed by BIS. This launch comes at a crucial time following the introduction of the new Quality Control Order (QCO) by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, which mandates the sale of BIS-certified high security safes, lockers, doors, and lockers, effective June 2024. This order represents a significant shift in the industry, compelling jewelers to upgrade their security infrastructure to certified products that ensure superior protection and peace of mind. Security Solutions business of Godrej & Boyce has been a pioneer in advancing security standards, and the new Defender Aurum Pro Class E Safe is a testament to this



commitment. This product not only meets but exceeds the requirements set forth by the latest regulations, offering jewelers unmatched protection for their valuable inventory. The Defender Aurum Pro, designed specifically for the jewelry industry, provides enhanced security features tailored to the unique needs of jewelers, ensuring they remain compliant while safeguarding their precious assets. In addition to the Defender Aurum Pro, Security Solutions business of Godrej & Boyce also launched the 'SmartFog' system—a

cutting-edge security solution designed to provide an additional layer of protection by instantly creating a fog barrier that disorients intruders. The 'AccuGold' Gold Purity Testing Machine offers jewelers a reliable tool to ensure the purity of gold, further enhancing their ability to provide top-notch service to their customers. These innovations reflect the company's growing commitment to addressing the evolving security needs of jewellers in India. Speaking at the event, Mr. Pushkar Gokhale, Executive Vice President and Business Head of the Security Solutions business of Godrej & Boyce,

remarked, "Our journey has been defined by our relentless focus on innovation and our ability to anticipate the changing security needs of our customers. The introduction of the Defender Aurum Pro Class E Safe is a step in this direction. We have worked closely with regulators to understand the evolving needs of jewelers and consumers at large in India and have introduced safes that are able to defend modern day threats and meet global standards. The launch of 'SmartFog' and 'AccuGold', underscores our dedication to delivering cutting-edge

solutions launched with jewelers in mind. As the jewellery market in Odisha continues to grow, particularly in Bhubaneswar, the need for certified, high-quality security solutions has never been greater. We are proud to lead this transformation, ensuring that jewellers can operate with the confidence that their assets are well-protected." The introduction of the Quality Control Order is expected to have a profound impact on jewelers who currently rely on locally made, unbranded safes. The new regulations will necessitate a shift towards certified products, such as the Defender Aurum Pro, that guarantee both compliance and superior protection. With Odisha's jewellery market experiencing robust growth, and more than 5,000 jewellers already registered with BIS for hallmarking, Security Solutions business of Godrej & Boyce is well-positioned to meet this rising demand.

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 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.

Unacademy produces 178 Rankers for UPSC CSE

Bhubaneswar: Unacademy, India's largest learning platform*, today announced that 178 out of 685 rank holders of UPSC CSE 2021 are Unacademy Learners. Among the top rankers from the Unacademy platform are Gauri Singh (AIR - 3), Aishwarya Verma (AIR - 4), Utkarsh Dwivedi (AIR - 5) and Yaksh Chaudhary (AIR - 6). 3 Learners have secured ranks between 1-5, 32 have secured ranks from 6-100 and 143 have secured AIRs from 101-685.

From the 178 Rankers, 45 Learners were Unacademy's Plus/ Iconic subscribers guided by India's Top Educators. The other rankers were guided by Unacademy's Last Mile Programme for UPSC CSE 2021 Interview. Last Mile Programme is an interview guidance program for the last stage of the UPSC CSE exam that helps Learners who have qualified the Mains exam to crack the Personal Interview stage. The questions are asked by retired bureaucrats, former UPSC members and Top Educators in a mock set-up. In last year's Unacademy's Interview Guidance Program 170+ Rankers qualified the Interview stage by securing AIR 2.

Blue Dart signs the UNFCCC Climate Neutral Now Pledge

Bhubaneswar: Blue Dart, South Asia's premier express air and integrated transportation & distribution company and a part of the Deutsche Post DHL (DPDHL) Group has signed the 'Climate Neutral Now' (CNN) pledge by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The pledge highlights the organisation's commitment

to ambitious CO2 reduction targets. Deutsche Post DHL Group has adopted a package of measures worth up to ₹7 billion to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 in line with the Paris Climate Agreement, primarily to expand the use of sustainable technologies and fuels in its fleets and buildings. Its long term goal is to reduce GHG emissions to net zero by

2050. The Climate Neutral Now Initiative encourages and supports interested stakeholders to act now in order to achieve a climate neutral world by 2050 as enshrined in the Paris Agreement. The initiative is a tool to promote voluntary action on climate change. Blue Dart has already invested extensively in remaining a Sustainable Provider of Choice by being the first

in the industry to set quantified carbon-reduction targets. The organisation, as a part of the Deutsche Post DHL Group aimed to increase their CO2 efficiency by 10% by the year 2012 and 30% by the year 2020. Against the 30% target, Blue Dart achieved a 34% CO2 efficiency in 2021. Pablo Ciano, EVP Corporate Development, DPDHL Group says, "As a Group, we have

developed a Sustainability Roadmap that supports the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. We are constantly working towards introducing innovative green logistics solutions that improve our carbon footprint. I am delighted to share that representing the DHL eCommerce Solutions Division in India, Blue Dart has been delivering high on its sustainability initiatives.



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Another World Cup looms for South Africa's fading finalists

New Delhi: Remember the first South Africa team to reach a senior World Cup final? It was only just more than a year-and-a-half ago, but you would be forgiven for not being able to call them to mind readily. Despite retaining most of the players who took them to the decider of the women's T20 World Cup against Australia at Newlands in February 2023, South Africa haven't been the same since. They won three of the four completed T20Is they played against India and West Indies before the tournament and three of five games to reach the final, in which they went down to Australia by 19 runs. But the South Africans have lost 10 of their subsequent 15 T20Is, nine of their 17 ODIs, and been thumped in both

Tests they have played. They crashed by an innings and 284 runs to Australia at the Waca in February and by 10 wickets to India at Chepauk in June. Shabnim Ismail retired after the World Cup, leaving a hole any team would struggle to fill. She is South Africa's leading wicket-taker in both white-ball formats, and second only to Jhulan Goswami in the world in ODIs. Ismail was also the spark that lit her side's fire.

The next T20 World Cup will be played in Dubai and Sharjah from October 3 to 20. Along with Ismail, Lara Goodall, Masabata Klaas and Delmi Tucker - who were part of last year's squad - were not among those CSA named for the tournament, and for three T20Is against Pakistan in

Multan on September 16, 18 and 20. Another major change is that the team will be captained by Laura Wolvaardt. Last year they were led by Sune Luus, who is still in the squad.

Perhaps the biggest difference between then and now is the end of Hilton Moreeng's tenure as coach. He was in the job for a veritable eternity: from December 2012 until May this year. In those more than 11 years, South Africa grew into a competitive team. But that was too long for the same set of ideas to keep working, or to keep the players engaged. Dillon du Preez was named as Moreeng's interim replacement and will take the team to the World Cup.

Tensions over Moreeng's retention was at least part of the reason Dane

van Niekerk retired from international cricket in March last year - after she failed a fitness test that she had to pass to qualify for national selection. That requirement has since been scrapped.

"I thoroughly believe that I was at the best place in my career and I spoke to Hilton and said to him: 'Pick me. I will win you a World Cup'," Van Niekerk was quoted as saying by website News24 on Saturday.

"That was literally the day before I got dropped. That's how confident I was in myself and the work I had done. So, yes, there is some resentment. It was a home World Cup and you'll never get that back.

"I broke my ankle with a stupid decision I made [to jump over a low wall]



before the 2022 World Cup and I think [Moreeng] maybe carries some resentment for that as well. It was one stupid decision and it almost felt like I had dropped him, and I can understand that. From there, it was just a breakdown in the

relationship. "We spoke for the first time when I heard he wasn't carrying on, and I wished him good luck and thanked him for everything. I think both of us could have handled certain things better." Van Niekerk hopes to

make an international comeback, and to that end has signed to play for Western Province in the coming summer. She was last in a significant match in August 2023, for the Oval Invincibles in The Hundred. But, at 31, she could have several productive years ahead at the highest level.

"She's got to go back to provincial cricket, try and knock down the door, do whatever she does best, and then we'll consider and see how it goes forward," Clinton du Preez, the convenor of selectors, told a press conference in Johannesburg on Tuesday. "But she's got to play some domestic cricket before we have that discussion from a national point of view."

South Africa won 53.75% and lost 46.44% of their white-ball

matches with Van Niekerk as captain. When she has not led them, they have won 38.75% and lost 47.99%. In women's ODIs, she is South Africa's seventh-highest runscorer and their third-highest wicket-taker. In T20Is, she is second and third. Van Niekerk, Marizanne Kapp and Luus are the only South Africa players who have scored upwards of 1,000 runs and taken more than 100 wickets in ODIs. Van Niekerk is a hard player to move on from quite as glibly as the selectors seem to want to do. But, in a World Cup sense, maybe South Africa already have. She last played in the T20 version in 2020 and in the ODI tournament three years before. It's not easy to remember that, either.

India wins 20 medals, betters Tokyo mark for best-ever Paralympics tally

New Delhi: India added 5 medals to their tally with a late surge on Tuesday, September 2 with Deepthi Jeevanji and Sharad Kumar shinning at the Paris Paralympics 2024. India's total medals in Paris at the end of day 6 was 20. The medal tally for India hit 20 on September 3, Tuesday after a late surge from the contingent on Day 6 of the Paris Paralympics 2024. Deepthi Jeevanji, Sharad Kumar, Mariyappan Thangavelu, Ajeet Singh and Sundar Gurjar all clinched medals late into Tuesday to ensure that India finished the day on a high after a few near misses at the start of proceedings. Bhagyashri Mahavrao and Avani Lekhara finished 5th in the Women's Shot Put - F34 Final and Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions SH1 Final respectively. India won 19 medals in Tokyo in 2021 — which was their best-ever tally in the Paralympics. With four more competition days left, India can dream of taking it past 25 and setting a new high.

Pooja Khanna was also eliminated in the quarterfinals of the Women's Individual Recurve Open as the onus fell on Jeevanji and the high jump and javelin athletes to make a mark. Jeevanji secured India's third track medal by winning bronze in the women's 400m T20 final. The world champion sprinter clocked a time of 55.82 seconds to claim the podium finish. At the Paris Paralympics, Ajeet Singh and Sundar Gurjar delivered outstanding performances in the men's javelin F46 event, securing medals for India. The duo achieved their season-best throws to claim silver and bronze, completing a remarkable 2-3 finish for the country. Ajeet Singh, who had been trailing Sundar Gurjar for most of the event, surged ahead with his fifth throw, recording a distance of 65.62 meters to clinch the silver medal. Sundar Gurjar followed closely with a best throw of 64.96

meters, earning the bronze. The event was won by Cuba's Guillermo Varona Gonzalez, who set a new Area Record with a throw of 66.14 meters.

India's third participant, Rinku, also recorded his season-best performance with a throw of 61.58 meters, finishing in fifth place in the event.

India's Sharad Kumar won silver, and Mariyappan Thangavelu secured bronze in the Men's High Jump - T63 Final on Tuesday, September 3. Sharad achieved a top jump of 1.88 meters, setting a new Paralympic record in the T42 category, surpassing the previous record held by Mariyappan, who had claimed silver at the Tokyo Games. This time, Mariyappan had to settle for bronze with a best jump of 1.85 meters.

Shailesh Kumar, the third Indian competitor in the event, also recorded a personal best of 1.85 meters but missed out on a medal as he cleared the height on his second attempt.

Brendon McCullum named England's white-ball head coach

New Delhi: England have handed over the coaching reins of their men's white-ball team to Brendon McCullum, adding to his role as head coach of the Test side, a position he has held for over two years. This marks a shift away from the split-coaching model that Managing Director of England men's cricket Rob Key reinstated in 2022, after an eight-year hiatus.

McCullum, whose contract has been extended until the end of 2027, will take charge of the white-ball teams in January 2025, starting with England's tour of India which will be closely followed by the ICC Champions Trophy. Meanwhile, assistant coach Marcus Trescothick will fill in as the interim white-ball coach for the upcoming home series against Australia later this month and the tour of the Caribbean in October-November.

"I'm delighted that Brendon has chosen to do both roles now with England," Key said. "I believe we are incredibly fortunate that a coach of



his quality is prepared to commit wholeheartedly to English cricket. Being able to align all teams now is particularly exciting and we look forward to taking on all challenges that come our way.

"For the last two years, constant clashes between formats have made it challenging for the white-ball environment; fortunately, these are easing starting from January.

"The timing of the schedule (from January) will allow him to dedicate the necessary focus to both roles, and we're confident this restructure will bring

out the best in our players and coaching staff." McCullum's appointment comes just over a month after the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) parted ways with Matthew Mott, who took charge in May 2022 but found himself out of the role only halfway into his four-year contract. While England won the T20 World Cup in 2022 under his coaching, the performance in other ICC tournaments left much to be desired. A remarkable low was England's performance in the ODI World Cup in India last year, where they finished

seventh out of 10 teams and even risked not qualifying for the Champions Trophy at one point. Though England fared better in this year's T20 World Cup in the Caribbean, losing to India only in the semifinal, most of their victories came against the less fancied sides, an effort that wasn't quite enough for Mott to keep his job. "I've thoroughly enjoyed my time with the Test team, and I'm excited to extend my role to include the white-ball sides," McCullum said on his appointment. "This new

challenge is something I'm ready to embrace, and I'm eager to work closely with Jos [Buttler] and the team to build on the strong foundations that are already in place.

"Rob Key's vision for the future of English cricket is something that really resonated with me. The idea of a unified coaching structure, especially with the schedule easing next year, made perfect sense. I'm energised by the prospect of guiding both teams and am grateful for the support from the ECB and my family as I take on these added responsibilities.

"The talent within English cricket is immense, and I'm looking forward to helping these players reach their full potential. My goal is to create an environment where everyone can thrive and where we can continue to compete at the highest level across all formats."

The ECB also announced that McCullum will head to New Zealand for a short break after the ongoing Test series against Sri Lanka wraps up. He will return in time for England's tour of Pakistan in October and New Zealand in December.

This is one of the best moments for Bangladesh cricket: Najmul

New Delhi: Bangladesh skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto said the historic clean sweep of Pakistan would help soothe some of the anguish back home and hopefully bring back a lot of smiles. Bangladesh was in a state of turmoil and political instability when the Najmul-led Test team flew to Pakistan for the two-Test series. Exacerbating the situation was the recent floods in the country that made life miserable for those affected by it. "I think this win will bring joy to the people of the country because, in past

few days... say flood or the protest, people have gone through many difficulties," Najmul reflected after the six-wicket win in the second Test on Tuesday (September 3).

"But the way we played the match, I think this will bring a bit of laughter on the people's faces. And all of us know that to what extent the general people of our country are crazy about cricket. Everyone supports us even if we lose matches. So we tried that how we can give something to the people of our country."

The series was only

Bangladesh's third away from home, following wins in West Indies in 2009 and Zimbabwe in 2021, and therefore both immensely significant and emotional. Najmul went as far as to term the victory 'one of the best moments' for cricket in Bangladesh.

"Very important [the series win]," he said. I think everyone struggled a lot in last one and a half month. But we all know that cricket is a very emotional thing in our country. So, I hope they will somewhat smile because we won the series and won the matches. And we are very happy that our crowd has



got some happiness in their faces.
"The emotion I felt [after

clinching the series] is hard to put in words. Because this achievement, I

personally feel, is one of the best moments for Bangladesh cricket.

"And when Mushfiq [Mushfiqur Rahman] bhai and Shakib [Al Hasan] bhai were batting, all of us from the dressing room were wanting that these two should finish the match. They have been playing for Bangladesh for so long, they have won many matches for us. But it's special to win a match like this, and all of us were wanting that and Alhamdulillah everyone is really happy," he said. Najmul credited his side's self belief for being able to comeback even from unenviable positions in the two Tests. In the first Test, they were put under

scoreboard pressure after Pakistan amassed 448 runs. In the second Test, the visitors were reeling at 26 for 6 before Litton Das and Mehidy Hasan Miraz engineered a turnaround. "I think the belief is very important. I think every single player believed that we can come back any time, because as you know Miraz came and batted at number eight. So, the batting depth we had, we all believed that if anyone gets set they can make a big score. So, it was very important that every single player believed that we can comeback any time," he said.