

## PRESIDENT OF INDIA CONFERNS NATIONAL AWARDS ON TEACHERS

TEACHERS PLAY THE MOST IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE SUCCESS OF ANY EDUCATION SYSTEM: PRESIDENT MURMU

**NEWDELHI,(KCN):** The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu conferred National Awards on teachers from across the country at a function held in New Delhi today (September 5, 2024) on Teachers' Day.

Addressing the gathering, the President said that teachers have to prepare such citizens who are not only educated but also sensitive, honest and enterprising. She stated that moving ahead in life

is success, but the meaning of life lies in working for the welfare of others. We should have compassion. Our conduct should be ethical. A successful life lies in the meaningful life. Teaching these values to the students is the duty of teachers.

The President said that teachers play the most important role in success of any education system. Teaching is not just a job. It is a sacred mission of human development. If a child is not able to



perform well, then the education system and teachers have a bigger responsibility. She pointed out that often teachers pay special attention only to those

students who perform well in exams. However excellent academic performance is only one dimension of excellence. A child may be a very good

sportsperson; some child might have leadership skills; another child enthusiastically participates in social welfare activities. The teacher has to identify

the natural talent of each child and bring it out.

The President said that the status of women in any society is an important criterion for its development. She stated that it is the responsibility of teachers and parents to educate children in such a way that they always behave in accordance with the dignity of women. She emphasised that the respect of women should not be only in 'words' but also in

'practice'. The President said that according to Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, if a teacher himself does not continuously acquire knowledge then he/she cannot teach in true sense. She expressed confidence that all the teachers will continue the process of acquiring knowledge. She said that by doing this, their teaching will remain more relevant and interesting. The President told teachers that the

generation of their students will create a developed India. She advised teachers and students to have a global mindset and world-class skills. She stated that great teachers build a great nation. Only teachers with a developed mindset can create citizens who will build a developed nation. She expressed confidence that by inspiring students, our teachers will make India the knowledge hub of the world.

## PM Modi interacts with Odisha's World Skill Centre interns in Singapore

**NEWDELHI,(KCN):** Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to Singapore met and discussed with the interns undergoing skill development training in Singapore.

PM Modi interacted with interns from Odisha's World Skill Center who are visiting Singapore and interns from Singapore who have visited India as part of the CII-Enterprise Singapore India Ready



Talent Programme. The meeting was a

wonderful experience," the Prime Minister wrote

on social media. Similarly, the Prime

Minister met a team of Indian engineers in Singapore's AEM Holdings. On this occasion, the Prime Minister spoke to the trainees on various issues related to the field of skill development. In his response, the Prime Minister said that this cooperation between India and Singapore in the field of skill development is indeed special and celebrates human talent as well as innovation.

## Lightning Strikes Claimed 1625 Lives Across Odisha in Last 5 Years



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):**

Lightning strikes have resulted in 1,625 fatalities within the state over the last five years, informed Revenue & Disaster Management Minister Suresh Pujari in the Odisha Legislative Assembly, in response to BJD legislator Tankadhar Tripathy's query.

Minister Pujari commended Tripathy for addressing a significant concern that affects all regions of the state. Pujari revealed that the state experienced the highest number of lightning-related deaths in the nation during this timeframe. He noted that states with abundant mineral resources tend to have

higher incidences of lightning fatalities due to the conductivity of minerals.

According to the minister's written statement to the assembly, from 2019-20 to 2023-24, lightning strikes claimed the lives of 1,625 individuals across the state. The fatalities for the fiscal year 2019-20 stood at 372, with 338 deaths in 2020-21 and 294 in 2021-22.

The state recorded 334 lightning fatalities in 2022-23 and 287 in 2023-24, as per Minister Pujari's written communication.

These incidents were reported across all 30 districts of Odisha, with the highest number of

151 deaths in the tribal-majority district of Mayurbhanj, followed by 114 in Ganjam district. Keonjhar and Balasore district each accounted for 111 fatalities over the five years while the least affected was Boudh district, with 14 deaths, he mentioned.

Minister Pujari also informed the assembly that the Odisha government recognized lightning as a state-specific disaster in April 2015, as it has not been classified as a natural disaster by the Government of India. The state government has been offering assistance to those affected by lightning strikes since this declaration.

## Ravenshaw Echo In House

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** A heated debate ensued between the Treasury Bench and Opposition Lawmakers in the House today over the proposal of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to change the name of Ravenshaw University. While BJP and Congress strongly opposed the proposal of Shri Pradhan and sought a statement from the Chief Minister on the issue, the BJP favoured the move. This issue was first raised by BJD MLA



Byomakesh Ray in the House during the Zero Hour. Describing Ravenshaw University as a 156-year-old milestone in the State's Education sector, Shri Ray said T E

Ravenshaw had taken over shortly before the great famine of 1866. Shri Ray also pointed out that Ravenshaw was instrumental in

promoting the use of the Odia language in schools, marking a significant milestone in the state's educational history. He warned that any attempt to alter the university's name could lead to intensified student protests. The BJD leader demanded a statement from the Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi confirming the Odisha government's stand on the issue.

He warned that the student agitation would be intensified if any steps were taken to change the name of Ravenshaw University.

Another BJD Legislator Sarada Prasanna Jena said the quality and standard of education cannot improve only through change of name of an institution. He alleged that attempts are being made to create unrest in a peaceful city like Cuttack. Similarly, young Congress Legislator Sofia Firdous said that Ravenshaw University was a notable educational institution of the State which boasts of having a galaxy of great intellectual alumni. "From schooling time, students have a dream to study in Ravenshaw, which itself is a brand name.

## 'Swachh Bharat' Toilets Helped Avert 70,000 Infant Deaths A Year: Study

**New Delhi(KCN):** Constructing toilets under the Swachh Bharat Mission - India's national cleanliness programme - may have helped avert roughly 60,000-70,000 infant deaths every year, according to a study. A team, including researchers from the International Food Policy Research Institute, US, looked at data from nationally representative surveys covering 35 states/Union territories and over 600 districts over 20 years.

The study, published in the journal *Scientific Reports*, investigated the link between an increase in access to toilets, built under the Swachh Bharat Mission, which was launched by

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2014, and a drop in deaths among infants and children aged under five from 2000 to 2020. The results suggested that on average, improving district-level toilet access by 10 percentage points corresponded to a lowering of death rates in infants by 0.9 points and those in under-5 by 1.1 points.

Historically, having access to a toilet and deaths among children have been inversely related in India, the authors said. They further found that improving toilet coverage by 30 per cent and above in a district corresponded with substantial reductions in infant and child deaths.

"In absolute numbers, this coefficient would scale to an estimated 60,000-70,000 infant lives annually," the authors wrote. They said the "novel evidence" of reductions in infant and child mortality, following a comprehensive national sanitation program, potentially indicated the transformative role of the Swachh Bharat Mission.

The findings are in line with evidence from global and South Asian contexts, with multiple studies, that analysed population-level data collected via surveys, indicating that improved sanitation can potentially cut child mortality rates by 5-30 per cent, the researchers said.

They added that recent studies have highlighted the broader benefits of increased access to toilets, including women's safety, financial savings because of reduced medical expenses and improved quality of life overall. However, despite the benefits, inequalities in adopting and using toilets persist owing to caste and religion-based discriminatory practices, the authors said. "Our findings add to the growing body of evidence linking national sanitation campaigns to

improved child health outcomes and emphasizes the need for similar interventions in other low- and middle-income countries," the authors wrote. Officially launched on October 2, 2014, by the Government of India, the national campaign is aimed at cleaning the country's streets, roads and infrastructure. One of the objectives of the campaign is to address coercive measures and

villages by providing access to toilets in all rural households. As of July 2024, almost 12 crore toilets across rural and urban India had been built in the last nine years, according to a statement by Union minister Hardeep Puri. Acknowledging the campaign's progress, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs said that 50 crore people across 6.3 lakh villages benefitted by 2019. Further, households in open defecation-free villages - each household equipped with a toilet - saved up to 50,000 every year, with benefits exceeding costs by 4.7 times for members, it said.



# Mass Protest Erupts Over Proposed Astarang Port

**Bhubaneswar, (KCN Bureau):** In a powerful show of unity, thousands of villagers gathered today at Pir Jahania Pitha to protest against the proposed Astarang Port project in Astarang under Puri district, Odisha. The port, a joint venture between the Odisha state government and Hyderabad-based Navayug Engineering Limited, has sparked widespread concern over potential environmental and livelihood disruptions. The rally was organized by the Pir Jahania Vitamati Suraksha Manch and attended by key local figures including

Puri Zilla Parishad Vice President Swadhin Kumar Nayak, environmentalists Shovakar Behera and Soumya Ranjan Biswal and other community leaders such as Executive President Prafull Biswal and Secretary Prasan Biswal. During the rally, villagers took a solemn oath to resist the government's plans to establish the industrial port stating they would rather sacrifice their lives than lose their land and livelihoods to the project. Anger boiled over at the decision to hold a public hearing on the issue on

September 13 in the Astarang market rather than in the rural areas directly impacted by the proposed port's construction. Protesters argued that this move was a deliberate attempt to limit genuine input from the affected communities. The village elders, in particular, voiced strong opposition, asserting that they would not allow their ancestral lands to be handed over to the company leaving them as labourers in their own land. The anti-port villagers, emboldened by the turnout, announced plans to take their protest to Delhi with a large-scale rally scheduled for September

14. Thousands of villagers, alongside intellectuals, environmentalists and students are expected to participate. The protest comes amidst concerns over the 2013 land acquisition law which requires the consent of 80 percent of the affected population before any land can be acquired for a project. Initially, this law posed legal hurdles for the Astarang port project but those challenges have since been overcome allowing the land acquisition process to move forward. A

public hearing to address environmental and displacement concerns is set for September 13 in the Astarang block. Environmentalists and the Pir Jahania Vitamati Suraksha Manch have raised significant concerns over the ecological impact of the proposed port which is located near the sensitive Devi estuary in Puri district. The project is expected to destroy 500 hectares of forest near the Devi Muhan, a crucial natural habitat that includes rare salt marshes and is

Odisha's second-largest natural environment protection area. The port's location has been identified as highly prone to environmental degradation, making construction illegal under existing environmental laws. The region is also a critical nesting site for Olive Ridley turtles, one of the world's most endangered species. High-powered lighting and increased shipping traffic from the port would likely deter the turtles from nesting on the coast, increase turtle mortality rates and pollute the coastal

waters. Local fishermen, whose livelihoods depend on the marine ecosystem fear that the port will devastate fish populations leaving 25,000 people without income. Additionally, thousands of farmers stand to lose their land to the project, further eroding the local economy. The proposed port has faced legal challenges for violating the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Act and the Forest Conservation Act of 1980. According to the law, any project involving forest and

## TPWODL has Set-up a New 33/11 KV Power Sub-station (PSS) at Sambalpur

**Sambalpur (KCN):** As part of its infrastructure augmentation initiative for quality of give electricity distribution, TPWODL has set-up a new and dedicated 33/11 KV Power Sub-station (PSS) at REMED, Sambalpur, which is charged and made functional from today. The Power Sub-station (PSS) is inaugurated by Mr. Parveen Verma,

CEO, TPWODL, in the presence of senior company officials. This new PSS will benefit around 25,000 consumers including domestic, commercial, industrial of Burla, Hirakud, Remed, Goplalpali, Durgapali, Khetrapur, Larpank, and other nearby areas. Before this, electricity to all these areas were supplied from Ainthapali

PSS. This will certainly increase the voltage profile and reliability of power supply to all the above areas. Therefore, as a strategic decision, company has set up a new dedicated 33/11 KV Power Sub-station (PSS) at Remed. This will not only enhance operational efficiency but also significantly reduces the power restoration times for our customers.

On this occasion, Mr. Parveen Verma, CEO, TPWODL has stated that, the company has prioritized its infrastructure development activities for Sambalpur district & Sambalpur town in particular and the project execution team has been directed to complete all such initiatives within the planned time.

## CUO Faculties bag ICSSR project worth Rs.23 Lakhs

**Koraput, (KCN):** The Central University of Odisha has been awarded with a research project of Rs. 23 Lakhs by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi. The project proposal was submitted against a Special Call for Collaborative Research Projects on Vision Viksit Bharat@2047.

he proposal titled, Sustainable Livelihood, Food Security and Rural Transformation through Millets for Viksit Bharat: Primary Data Evidence from Southern & Eastern Indian States, was submitted by a team of researchers which included two CUO Faculties, Dr. Minati Sahoo, Assistant

Professor & HOD (i/c), Dep't of Economics as the Project Director and Dr. Sourav Gupta, Assistant Professor, Dep't of Journalism & Mass Communication as the Co-Project Director. The external members (Co-Project Directors) in the team include Prof Prasant Kumar Panda, Professor & HOD, Dep't of Economics, Pondicherry University, Dr. Rajashree Padhi, Assistant Professor, Dep't of Political Science and Public Administration, Central University of Jharkhand and Dr. Chittaranjan Subudhi, Assistant Professor, Dep't of Social Work, Central University of Tamil Nadu. The project was selected after being shortlisted through scrutiny and a round of interview with the team by ICSSR experts.

Prof Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, CUO congratulated Dr. Sahoo and Dr. Gupta and asserted that the CUO is committed to the fostering of a strong and socially relevant research culture. Prof Tripathi hoped that the research project will throw new light on the role of tribal culture in building a Viksit Bharat by 2047 in the lines of the dream of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modiji. Prof Tripathi also thanked Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Education, Government of India, for his support towards the development of the CUO. Dr. Minati Sahoo, the Project Director informed that the project is expected to generate empirical data about the impact of millets on sustainable livelihood and food security and how millets is transforming the food & lifestyle culture in rural India with a focus on eastern and southern states including Koraput. It will also explore the impact of media and communication in bringing about the rural transformation for adoption of millets as a food habit. The duration of the project is one year.

## Teachers' Felicitation Ceremony at ODM Public School



Teacher's Day across India, was observed on Thursday with a series of events that highlighted the significance of value-based education. The ceremony was graced by the presence of the President of the School Management Committee, Prof. (Dr.) P.K. Das, and Dr. Jyotsna Mohapatra. This

under the distinguished guidance of Dr. Satyabrata Minaketan, the Founder of ODM Educational Group. The program commenced with a heartfelt tribute to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, as Dr. Minaketan, School Director Ms. Indumati Ray, COO Swoyan Satyendu, and the teaching staff garlanded his portrait. This was followed by a traditional Gurupuja and Gurubandana ceremony, reflecting the time-honored values of the Gurukul system.

Students of ODM Public School enthusiastically participated in the event, showcasing a variety of performances that included music, speeches, poetry recitals, and drama. Each performance underscored the importance of a value-centric education system, echoing the essence of the Guru-Shishya tradition that has been a cornerstone of Indian culture.

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## Sanjay Gupta wants to re-release 'Kaante': It's still very relevant



Director Sanjay Gupta speaks to IndiaToday.in about the trend of re-releases, the relevance of 'Kaante' and more in a recent interaction.

Filmmaker Sanjay Gupta is all set for his upcoming release 'Visfot', starring Fardeen Khan and Riteish Deshmukh in the lead. During the promotions of the film, Sanjay spoke to India Today about the new trend of re-releasing iconic Hindi films in theatres.

Sanjay shared, "Our audience now is very smart. There is a dearth of good theatrical content that would excite them to

go and watch a film and that probably could be the

reason for low footfall in cinema halls these days.

However, as far as releasing of films is concerned, I feel it's one way to bring audiences

back to the theatre. If I were to re-release any film of mine, I'd say it would surely be 'Kaante' because a lot of people who are now in their 20s haven't seen the film."

"It is one film which my team and I often discuss is very relevant even now. It was ahead of its time. My team also tells me that the funny dialogues from the movie can turn into great meme content as well," Gupta signed off.

Recently, films such as Gangs of Wasseypur (part one and two), Rehna Hai Tere Dil Mein and Laila Majnu were re-released in cinemas.

## 'Madam Sapna': Haryanvi dance sensation Sapna Choudhary's journey to unfold on screen

Dancer Sapna Choudhary's life journey from Haryana to Cannes will be depicted in the film 'Madam Sapna', presented by filmmaker Mahesh Bhatt. The announcement was made on September 4. Filmmaker Mahesh Bhatt presented a film titled 'Madam Sapna', based on the life of dancer Sapna Choudhary. The film will take the audience through Sapna's life journey - from the modest lanes of Haryana to the

prestigious stages of Cannes, tracing the rise of a small-town girl who became a national sensation.

'Madam Sapna' explores the incredible story of Sapna Choudhary, who overcame multiple challenges to become a sensation. She survived a suicide attempt and endured a near-fatal gunshot and is now ready to open her life to her fans.

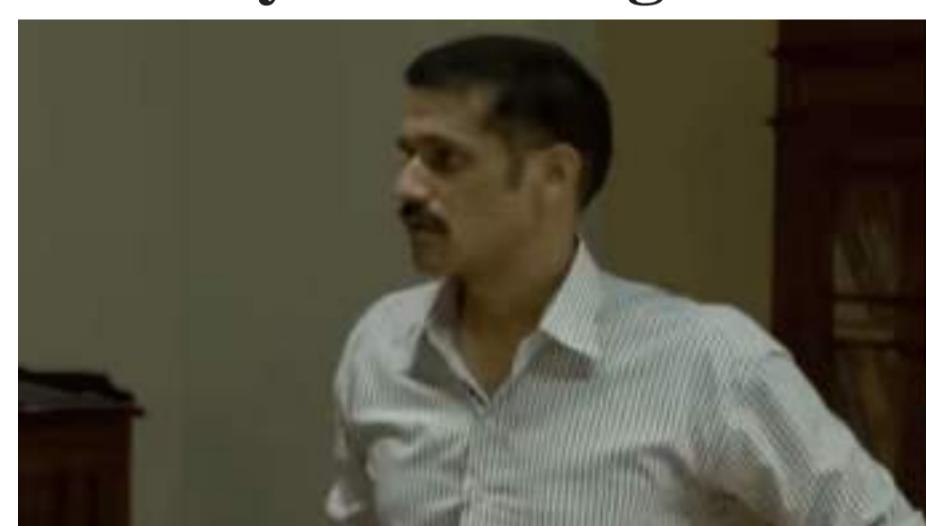
The film will capture the essence of Sapna's

journey, from humble beginnings to her time in the 'Bigg Boss' house and beyond. More details on who will play Sapna will be unveiled later. The script for the film and shoot will begin soon. In 2023, Sapna marked her Cannes debut. Opening up about the same, she said, "Cannes is not just a dream, but a lifetime dream for any actress/actor, and I am thankful to God that today I could conquer this besides the facts of not

even knowing English or any international languages, I am a proud Indian standing here at Cannes for my country and my State Haryana."



## Talvaar Turns 8: Revisiting Exceptional Performance Of Sohum Shah, Who Played Investigative Officer



As 'Talvaar' marks its 8th anniversary today, we can't help but recall on the exceptional performance of Sohum Shah, who portrayed the role of an investigative officer in this gripping crime drama. Despite his limited screen time, Shah managed to leave an indelible mark on the audience and industry alike, establishing himself as a true bonafide performer.

Sohum Shah has always been an actor who seamlessly embodies his director's vision of the character on screen. With Meghna Gulzar's direction in 'Talvaar', he

had the opportunity to delve deep into the psyche of his character. In doing so, he not only met but exceeded all expectations, delivering a performance that was widely praised by critics and audiences alike.

One of the key aspects of Shah's portrayal in 'Talvaar' was his ability to bring authenticity and depth to his character. As an investigative officer tasked with unraveling a complex murder case, he displayed a remarkable range of emotions and nuances, making the character feel real and relatable. His dedication to his craft was evident

in every scene, from his meticulous attention to detail to his flawless execution of even the most challenging sequences, he didn't just

play the character but became the character. The collaboration between Sohum Shah and Meghna Gulzar in 'Talvaar' also serves as a prime example of the powerful synergy that can be achieved when a talented actor joins forces with a visionary director. The film's success can be

attributed, in large part, to Shah's outstanding performance, which breathed life into the character and added depth to the narrative. It's a testament to his dedication to his craft and his ability to elevate any project he's a part of.

Up next for Sohum Shah is his production venture 'CrazXy' and as he continues to take on new challenges and work with acclaimed directors, audiences can look forward to witnessing more exceptional performances from this talented artist.

## Vijay Deverakonda Expresses Gratitude For 'Kushi' Success, Says 'Love Knows No Language'



Actor Vijay Deverakonda's latest release 'Kushi' with Samantha Ruth Prabhu successfully managed to strike a chord with people. The film, which performed well at the box office, is now streaming on OTT platform Netflix. On receiving audiences' love

Tamil, Kannada and Malayalam. The film marked Vijay and Samantha's second collaboration after 'Mahanati'. Earlier talking about working in the film, Vijay told ANI, "The whole experience of shooting it will be a very fond memory for life. The relationships I've formed with Samantha and Shiva, are the two people I spent the most time with, and shared a lot of memories and highs and lows with. I will always enjoy thinking about the making of this film..."

Written and directed by Shiva Nirvana and produced by Mythri Movie Makers, 'Kushi' hit the theatres on September 1 in Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, or Hindi, I hope the film brings as much 'Kushi' to your hearts as it has to ours."

Meanwhile, in the coming months, Vijay will be seen in 'VD 12'. The film is being directed by 'Jersey' fame Gowtam Tinnanuri. To the script, etc. have grabbed headlines in the last couple of days. But fresh reports revealing the real reason for the delay have surfaced. A lot of fans have questioned Farhan Akhtar about the delay of 'Jee Le Zaara' which is supposed to star Priyanka Chopra, Katrina Kaif and Alia Bhatt in the lead. There have been numerous reasons that have surfaced for the delay in making of the new movie. Recently, reports surfaced talking about Priyanka Chopra opting out of 'Jee Le Zaara' because she did not like the script. She was supposed to come down to India during Parineeti Chopra's wedding and sign the contract which did not happen. But that's not the case, as per a report in Koimoi.com, Priyanka is very much a part of the movie. She has not opted out of the project nor has she said 'no' to the script.



Jee Le Zaara is one of the most talked about movies starring Priyanka Chopra, Katrina Kaif and Alia Bhatt. The movie was announced a couple of years ago and there has been much excitement around the same as it is. Farhan Akhtar along with Zoya Akhtar and Reema Kagti are making this all-female road trip movie happen but there have been a lot of hiccups already. Whether Jee Le Zaara is being shelved or not, has Priyanka Chopra said no

# Climate Change and Food Security



## What is Food Security and why is it so important?

Food Security refers to the condition in which all people, at all times, have physical, social, and economic access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life. It encompasses several dimensions:

**Availability:** There must be an adequate supply of food on a consistent basis, whether through domestic production, imports, or aid.

**Access:** Individuals must have the economic means to obtain food, either through purchasing power or social safety nets.

**Utilization:** Food should be utilized effectively by the body, ensuring it provides the necessary nutrients for good health and well-being.

**Stability:** Food security requires that these conditions are maintained over time, without sudden disruptions.

Food security is crucial for several reasons:

**Health:** Access to nutritious food is essential for maintaining good health and preventing malnutrition and related diseases.

**Economic Stability:** Food security contributes to economic stability by ensuring that individuals are productive and able to contribute to the economy.

**Social Stability:** Adequate food supply reduces social unrest and conflicts that can arise from food shortages or unequal distribution.

**Development:** It is a cornerstone of sustainable development, allowing communities to thrive and individuals to reach their full potential.

**Ensuring food security involves complex challenges, including agricultural productivity, distribution systems, poverty alleviation, and environmental sustainability. Governments, organizations, and individuals play critical roles in addressing these challenges to achieve food security globally.**

## How is Food Security related to Climate Change?

Food security is closely linked to climate change in several ways:

**Crop Yields and Production:** Climate change affects temperature, precipitation patterns, and extreme weather events, all of which can impact agricultural productivity.

**Addressing food security in the context of climate change requires adaptive strategies such as developing climate-resilient crops, improving water management practices, enhancing disaster preparedness, promoting sustainable agricultural practices, and supporting policies that strengthen food systems and reduce vulnerability among communities most at risk.**

## How does Climate Change negatively impact global Food Security?

Climate change negatively impacts global food security in several ways:

**Changing Weather Patterns:** Climate change alters weather patterns, leading to more frequent and intense extreme weather events like droughts, floods, and storms.

**Pests and Diseases:** Changes in climate can influence the distribution and behavior of pests and diseases that affect crops and livestock. Warmer temperatures can expand the range of pests and pathogens, increasing the likelihood of crop damage and loss.

**Livelihoods and Vulnerability:** Many

communities reliant on agriculture are particularly vulnerable to climate change impacts. Reduced crop yields or livestock losses can lead to decreased income and food availability, exacerbating food insecurity.

**Nutritional Quality:** Climate change can also impact the nutritional quality of food. Changes in growing conditions may alter the nutrient content of crops, potentially reducing their nutritional value.

**Global Trade and Prices:** Climate change can disrupt global food trade patterns due to shifts in production and availability. This can affect food prices and accessibility, particularly in regions that rely heavily on imported food.

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## What are the steps needed to implement or practise to ensure global Food Security?

Ensuring global food security involves a multi-faceted approach that integrates policies, practices, and international cooperation. Here are key steps that can help:

**Promote Sustainable Agriculture:** Encourage farming practices that minimize environmental impact, preserve soil health, and promote

precipitation patterns can lead to water scarcity, reducing water availability for irrigation, which is crucial for crop growth.

**Impact on Livelihoods:** Many rural communities depend on agriculture for their livelihoods. Climate change-induced crop failures and reduced agricultural productivity can threaten food access and exacerbate poverty.

**Biodiversity Loss:** Climate change contributes to biodiversity loss, affecting pollinators and natural pest control mechanisms crucial for agriculture, which can further reduce crop yields.

**Food Distribution and Access:** Climate change can disrupt transportation routes and infrastructure, making it harder to distribute food to areas in need and increasing food prices.

**Nutritional Impact:** Changes in temperature and CO<sub>2</sub> levels can affect the nutritional quality of crops, reducing essential nutrients like zinc, iron, and protein in staple foods.

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**Invest in Research and Technology:** Support research into improving agricultural productivity, developing drought-resistant crops, and enhancing storage and distribution systems.

**Improve Infrastructure:** Enhance transportation networks, storage facilities, and market access to reduce food losses and improve efficiency.

**Developed Countries:** Agricultural Disruptions:

Developed countries with advanced agricultural systems may face disruptions due to changing weather patterns, including more frequent and severe droughts, floods, or heat waves. This can affect crop yields and livestock production.

**Economic Impacts:** Food prices can become more volatile as production costs increase and supply chains are disrupted. This affects

not only consumers but also industries reliant on stable agricultural outputs.

**Technological and Economic Resilience:** These countries often have more resources to invest in technological solutions like climate-resistant crop varieties, advanced irrigation systems, and climate monitoring.

**Reduce Food Loss and Waste:** Implement measures to reduce post-harvest losses and minimize food waste throughout the supply chain.

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**How developed and underdeveloped countries are being impacted due to Climate Change induced Food Security issues?**

Climate change impacts food security in both developed and underdeveloped countries, albeit in different ways and with varying degrees of severity.

**Developed Countries:** Agricultural Disruptions:

Developed countries with advanced agricultural systems may face disruptions due to changing weather patterns, including more frequent and severe droughts, floods, or heat waves. This can affect crop yields and livestock production.

**Common Challenges:** Global Food Prices:

Disruptions in agricultural production in any part of the world can affect global food prices, impacting both

developed and underdeveloped countries alike.

**Migration and Conflict:** Climate-induced food insecurity can lead to increased migration as people move in search of better living conditions or resources, potentially exacerbating social tensions and conflicts.

**Political and Economic Factors:** Trade policies, economic inequalities, and political stability affect food distribution and access globally.

**Food Waste:** Addressing food loss and waste is crucial to improving food security by making better use of existing resources.

in these countries face exacerbated challenges as climate change leads to reduced agricultural productivity, water scarcity, and increased frequency of natural disasters. This can lead to food shortages and malnutrition.

**Adaptation Challenges:** Limited access to technology, financial resources, and information makes it difficult for underdeveloped countries to adapt to climate change. Traditional farming practices may not be resilient enough to cope with changing conditions.

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The future of global food security faces several challenges and opportunities under the current perspective. Some key aspects include:

**Climate Change Impact:** Changing weather patterns and extreme events threaten crop yields and livestock production.

**Population Growth:** As the global population increases, so does the demand for food, putting pressure on agricultural systems.

**Technological Advancements:** Innovations in agriculture, such as precision farming and genetic engineering, offer potential solutions to increase productivity and resilience.

**Resource Scarcity:** Water scarcity and soil degradation pose significant risks to agricultural productivity.

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**Nutritional Challenges:** Ensuring access to nutritious food, rather than just calories, is increasingly important for global health and well-being.

Overall, while there are challenges, advancements in technology and global cooperation provide opportunities to improve food security worldwide.

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# Lord Ganesha—A Multidimensional Deity who Removes Obstacles



of Buddhism believes that mantra accomplishment cannot be achieved without praising Ganesha. Nepalese and Tibetan Vajrayani Buddhists place Ganesha next to the idol of their revered Tathagata. Actually, Ganesha is the presiding deity of happiness, prosperity, wealth, joy, knowledge and auspiciousness. In this world, favourable happens with unfavourable, good happens with inauspicious, knowledge happens with ignorance, happiness happens with sorrow.

Ganesha is the saviour for man troubled by adversity, in a auspiciousness, ignorance and sorrow. He is a Satvik deity and a remover of all obstacles. They are not only prevalent in every part of Indian culture and lifestyle, but are also present in homes, cars, offices and product centers in foreign countries. Ganesha is present everywhere. Lord Ganesha is worshipped and revered first for man's success in his daily work, for happiness and prosperity, for development of intelligence and knowledge and for the smooth completion of any auspicious work. Apart from being the first god, his personality is multidimensional. He is the character of a folk hero.

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has to be achieved, otherwise the wish for welfare and profit will not be successful. If we explain Gajanan Ganesha, we will know that 'Gaj' is made up of two consonants. 'J' is the symbol of birth or origin, and 'G' is the symbol of movement and destination. That is, the word 'Gaj' indicates origin and end - you will go back to where you came from. What is birth is also death. Gajanan Ganesha is the one who creates the reality of Brahma and the world.

Lord Shiva's comprehensive thinking is behind the entire physical structure of Ganesha. All the qualities of an efficient, just and powerful ruler and god are included in Him. Ganesha's yard is the head, that is, he is the God of Intelligence. His memory power is very sharp. The Elephant's Myth: The origin of his instinctive inspiration lies in a serious, calm and steady consciousness. Elephant's eyes are relatively small and it is very difficult to

understand the expressions in those eyes. Actually Ganesha is the ideal form of a philosopher. The leader of the group should have gravity and seriousness. That gravity is inherent in his physical body. His huge body also inspires to be alert and always ready to face all situations and difficulties. His Lambodar (large tummy) teaches one to absorb the secrets, evils and weaknesses of others, and keeps all kinds of condemnation and criticism in one's stomach, and inspires one to remain firm on the path of duty. His small face indicates being small, logical and soft-spoken.

Ganesha's personality is mysterious, which is not possible for everyone to read and understand. Only that ruler is successful whose feelings cannot be read and understood. In this way, a good ruler is the one who can read the minds of others well, however no one can understand his mind. In fact, he is also a symbol of bravery, courage and leadership. In his Heramb

form one can see his love for war, in his Vinayak form he is seen as fierce as the Yakshas and in his Vighneshwar form he is seen as a people-oriented and charitable person. Gana means group. Ganesha is the lord of the group, that is why he is called by names like Ganadhyaksha, Loknayak, Ganapati etc. The ears on the Gaj mouth also symbolize that the ruler should always keep his ears open to listen to the public. If the ruler closes his ears to the public, he will never be successful. The ruler should be as powerful and self-respecting as an elephant. The ruler should not bow before others under any circumstances.

Ganesha is a Satvik deity; his feet are small which are indicative of the physical senses and a symbol of Sattvic qualities. Mouse is the vehicle of Ganapati which is responsible for controlling the fickleness and propensity of exploiting others. Actually, rodents are very small and tiny animals. By making it his vehicle, Ganapati has enhanced his dignity and given the message that Gananayak should have affection towards even the most insignificant person. The four arms of Lord Ganesha give knowledge of four types of devotees, four types of creation and four efforts.

Ganesha is considered to be the first scribe. He transcribed the epic of Mahabharata written by Rishi Ved Vyasa on the request of the gods. There is a tradition of worshipping Ganesha in Jain and Buddhist religions also. Ganesha is also considered as Adidev in Hindu culture. From time immemorial, Ganesha has been worshipped in many names as the remover of sorrow, fear, worry, etc. and has been removing the troubles of humans. In the present times, worshipping Lord Ganesha and celebrating the festival of Ganesh Chaturthi enthusiastically has its own special significance for the protection of independence, national consciousness, emotional unity and integrity. Ganesha is very fond of ghee, jaggery and wheat laddu-modak. These are the symbols of happiness or a happy mind. These three things are Satvik i.e. they are good food. Satvik diet brings stability to the intellect. Riddhi-Siddhi are the wives of Lord Ganesha. They are the daughters of Prajapati Vishvakar. If Ganesha

# Heartfulness & Heritage signed MoU to Impart Value education

**Kolkata, (KCN):** Heritage Institute of Technology, an autonomous NAAC 'A' graded private engineering college declared by UGC and approved by AICTE signed an MoU with the Heartfulness Institute on 4th September to impart value education to the students based on humanitarian principles that will lead to the creation of caring minds that can shape up a just and humane society.

The MoU was signed by Mr. Rishabh Kothari, Trustee, The Heartfulness Education Trust and Prof. Basab Chaudhuri Principal, Heritage Institute of Technology in the presence of Shri Kamlesh Patel (Rev. Daaji), Shri H. K. Chaudhary, Chairman, Heritage Group of Institutions, Shri P.R. Agarwala, Chairman,

Heritage Institute of Technology and Mr. Pradip Agarwal, CEO, Heritage Group of Institutions, Kolkata. Earlier AICTE signed an MoU with the Heartfulness Institute to promote Emotional And Mental Wellness Learning among the students.

With the MoU coming into force, Guide of Heartfulness – Shri Kamlesh Patel (Daaji) said, "A calm mental frame of mind and tranquility can help out people achieve much more in life. The Heartfulness Education Trust will support all the places of study under the aegis of Heritage Institute of Technology in every possible way to provide the tools for the success."

"The Heartfulness

Education Trust is giving education a new meaning and we truly welcome the academic progression. We are fortunate to work closely with them and looking forward to

creating this new paradigm in education jointly," said Shri. H. K. Chaudhary, Chairman, Heritage Group of Institutions, Kolkata.

"This MoU will give an opportunity to the students to learn value education to be better human beings in life. It is education for life that matters the most," said Shri P.R. Agarwala,

Chairman, Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata. "Working with Heartfulness Institute to promote value education among the students is a

great opportunity for us. We thank Rev. Daaji for extending his valuable support," said Mr. P. K. Agarwal, CEO, Heritage Group of Institutions, Kolkata.

The signing of the MoU was followed by a Mass Meditation programme which was organized by the Heartfulness Institute on the same day at The Heritage campus that witnessed the presence of more than 1100 attendees from Bengal and Northern India.

The mass meditation programme was also attended by the trustees of Heritage Group of Institutions, Shri Sajjan Bhajanka, Shri H.P. Budhia, Shri Suresh Chand Bansal, Shri Sandeep Shah, Shri Vikas Agarwal, Smt. Madhu Dugar and others. Also the students, parents, well wishers, alumni, faculty

members and staff of Heritage Group of Institutions attended the meditation programme. The Program started with a Conversation with Daaji by Ms. Ruchika Gupta, President, Sanmarg Group, a leading Newspaper & Media entity.

During the Meditation programme, Rev. Daaji said, "Meditation helps us balance and regulate our lifestyle. It helps build emotional resilience and hence perform better at work. We improve our discretion and discernment, allowing us to make better decisions both personally and professionally."

After the programme, the entire audience was energized. The programme made them understand and feel the inner peace within.



## SMP, Kolkata Initiates Major Berth Mechanisation Project at Haldia Dock Complex to Boost Dry Bulk Cargo Handling Capacity



**Kolkata, (KCN):** Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMP), Kolkata issued a Letter of Intent (LoI) to M/s Bothra Shipping Services Pvt. Ltd. for the project "Mechanisation of Berth No. 5 (erstwhile Berth No. 4B)" today at Haldia Dock Complex (HDC), of SMPK. The LoI is issued on the basis of Design, Build, Finance, Operate & Transfer (DBFOT). The issuance of the LoI marks the commencement of the project, which aims to streamline dry bulk cargo handling at the port, further reinforcing HDC's position as a critical gateway for maritime trade.

The project involves the development and mechanisation of Berth No. 5, with a robust and modern system that will include the installation of rail-mounted Mobile Harbour Cranes with a capacity of 1000 TPH, conveyor systems of 2000 TPH, stacker-cum-reclaimer units of 2000 TPH, and a mechanised Silo-based rapid wagon loading system with a rated capacity of 2000 TPH. The facility will also feature a comprehensive rail and road evacuation system, along with supporting infrastructure such as a backup area covering

approximately 44 acres. Congratulating the team at HDC, the SMP, Kolkata Chairperson, Shri Rathendra Raman said, "The project's completion will significantly boost the port's dry bulk handling capacity, meeting the rising demand for efficient cargo operations at Haldia Dock Complex. This mechanisation initiative, paired with enhanced infrastructure, is expected to bring long-term benefits to SMPK and its stakeholders by streamlining cargo operations and increasing throughput efficiency."

He added, "I would like to thank our stakeholders, the consortium of M/s Bothra Shipping Services Pvt. Ltd. and M/s Ripley & Co. Stevedoring & Handling Pvt. Ltd., M/s JSW Infrastructure Ltd. and M/s Orissa Stevedores Ltd., who have given importance in expanding the capacity of SMPK and meeting the evolving needs of global trade. The total project cost amounts to ₹365.88 Cr, with an expenditure of ₹343.58 Cr. The construction phase is expected to span 30 months, followed by a concession period of 30 years. Once operational, the berth will boast a cargo handling capacity of 5 MMTPA, facilitating the handling of diverse dry bulk cargoes, including coal and limestone.

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## Sajad Lone led JKPC releases manifesto, says "will fight for restoration of Art 370, Statehood, others"



**Srinagar (Aasif Malik):** Sajad Lone led J&K Peoples' Conference on Thursday released party manifesto, promising the party will continue its fight for restoration of Article 370. Besides, the manifesto promised of setting up a judicial commission to probe electoral rigging of 1987.

"We are committed to fight for the pre-2019 constitutional position for Jammu & Kashmir," JKPC chief Sajad Lone told media persons. He said the party will

support all efforts within and outside the legislative forums to restore the honour and dignity of people of Jammu and Kashmir. Particularly restoration of Article 370, he said. The party in its manifesto said, that it stands by its commitment to undertake all exhaustive measures to pursue the cause of the restoration of Article 370 and the return of Statehood. The party also promised setting up a judicial commission to probe elections rigging which took place in 1987.

"We will set-up a judicial commission to probe the murder of democracy in 1987 and hold its perpetrators accountable. It is our firm belief, that the source of major socio-political instability that continues to mar Kashmir even today, is a derivative of that one cataclysmic event. The Great Robbery of 1987 - that of our rights, our young, our lives and our collective destiny needs to be brought to account,"

**Bhubaneswar (KCN):** The International Management Institute (IMI) Bhubaneswar successfully hosted the 6th International Conference on Banking and Finance on September 5-6, 2024. The conference, themed "Upholding Financial Stability Amid Geopolitical Risk and High Inflation," brought together distinguished academics, industry leaders, and students to discuss pressing financial challenges in the current global landscape.

In his opening remarks, Prof. P. C. Biswal, Director of IMI Bhubaneswar, stated, "The global banking and financial sector has been significantly impacted by wars, yet India continues to be the fastest-growing economy, adeptly navigating global challenges. Despite geopolitical issues, the Indian economy remains resilient and strong."

Dr. Niranjan Sarangi, Senior Economic Affairs Officer and Lead Economist on Debt and Fiscal Policy at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN ESCWA), attended as the Guest of Honor. He highlighted, "Rising debt is

hindering sustainable development, with 62% of world economies affected by systemic crises. Additionally, Zambia reached a significant debt restructuring agreement with its official creditors under the G20 Common Framework, which includes debt relief of \$6.3 billion. This agreement is part of ongoing efforts to manage and reduce Zambia's debt burden while India's financial situation remains a key focus, alongside discussions on Gross National Income (GNI)."

The conference was graced by Mr. Tamal Bandyopadhyay, Consulting Editor at Business Standard and Senior Advisor at Jana Small Finance Bank, who served as the Chief Guest. The conference saw active participation from faculty, research scholars, and students representing prestigious institutions across India, including Management Development Institute

(MDI) Gurugram, Welingkar Institute of Management Studies, Christ University, Pondicherry University, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, BML Munjal University, St. Xavier's College, and KIIT, among others.

The event was convened by Prof. Pritish Sahu and Prof. Sangram Keshari Jena of IMI Bhubaneswar, who ensured the seamless execution of the conference, facilitating meaningful exchanges of ideas and research findings. IMI Bhubaneswar continues to be at the forefront of academic excellence and industry engagement, fostering critical dialogues on the challenges and opportunities in the financial sector.

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challenges he has faced, and India's journey to becoming an economic powerhouse.

"Consider the early titans of the US industry, such as John D Rockefeller, Cornelius Vanderbilt or Andrew Carnegie, who built the infrastructure that shaped the future of the United States or our own visionary leaders like JRD Tata, GD Birla and Dhirubhai Ambani, who played invaluable roles in transforming India's economic landscape. These leaders did more than just build businesses, they

legacies... They showed that the true measure of a leader is not in the titles but in the legacies they leave behind," Mr Adani said. Asserting that it is easy to criticise the present, the Adani Group Chairman said history has a way of highlighting the profound contributions of those who dare to break boundaries.

Recounting his teenage years, Mr Adani said, "I was just 16 when I decided to break my first boundary - giving up my education and choosing to move to an unknown future in the city of Mumbai. People

still ask me why I did that, and the answer lies in the heart of every young dreamer who sees boundaries not as barriers but as challenges that test his courage. I was driven by a need to see if I had the courage to make a life for myself in the most happening city of our country."

The industrialist said Mumbai was a training ground for him in the world of business and that is where he learnt how to trade in diamonds. The city, he said, taught him that to think big, one must first dare to dream beyond one's boundaries.

## True Measure Of A Leader Is His Legacy: Gautam Adani's Teachers' Day Message

**Mumbai (KCN):** Urging students to dream big, Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani said on Thursday that the true measure of a leader is not in the titles he achieves but the legacy he leaves behind.

Addressing a special

Teachers' Day Event, 'Breaking Boundaries', at the Jai Hind College in Mumbai, Mr Adani spoke of his journey from the time he decided to leave his education at the age of 16 to becoming the founder of one of the country's most successful conglomerates, his inspirations, the

# BJP Should Not Play With The Faith Of Mothers: LoP Naveen Patnaik

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Biju Janata Dal President and LoP Naveen Patnaik today lambasted the BJP-led government in Odisha for playing with the feelings and faith of mothers and said, "Don't play with common people's beliefs. Our mothers are very aware. They will answer it. Biju Mahila Janata Dal workers are determinedly moving ahead to lift the curtain from the lies of the BJP. LoP Patnaik said this while attending a meeting of the Biju Mahila Janata Dal's

organisational workers at Sankha Bhawan, BJD's state HQs. Biju Janata Dal is always with mothers. Working for mothers and will continue to do so. 70 lakh women have been empowered. Our Mission Shakti program has brought together 70 lakh mothers and empowered them to become entrepreneurs from SHGs. Mothers can take an active part in development today, Patnaik said. "Crimes against women are on the rise across the country. Crime against women is

a crime against God. In our culture, we worship mothers as goddesses. It should be stopped at any cost," Naveen emphasized. "Biju Mahila Janata Dal workers should always extend support to the women in distress and instil courage in them to face the challenges. In this context, our collective efforts will create a safe world for our girls," Patnaik, the Leader of the Opposition, hoped. "It is expected that finally, the reservation for women may come in Lok Sabha and

Assembly. So we should be fully prepared and focus our membership drive on enrolling more and more women. I will

actively give more responsibility to women in the party organization," said the BJD Supremo. Targeting the BJP

directly, the opposition party leader said that 'lies' are the BJP's biggest identity. "You know very well about BJP's lies whether it is Subhadra Yojana or 300 units of free electricity. They said that they would pay Rs 50,000 in two years. Now, they say they will pay in five years and only Rs 5,000 in 6 months.

"Earlier, they promised for inclusion of all women under the Subhadra Scheme but now a handful will get the benefits. In the last elections, the BJP's top leaders came from all over the country and

spoke a lot but in vain. Dal will take it to the grassroots level for not fulfilling the promises made by the BJP during the election. Rajya Sabha MP Sulta Deo, who was present in the meeting, said that the issue of non-fulfilment of promises in Subhadra Yojana will be taken to the people. Senior MLAs of BJD attended the camp and gave their comments. It has been revealed in the meeting that the BJD is gearing up to monitor the functioning of the BJP mainly during the payment of MSP, Pension, and Subhadra assistance.



## Odisha Minister Directs to Expedite EKAMRA Project Works



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** State Minister for Law, Works & Excise Departments, Prithviraj Harichandan has directed the departmental officers to complete the pending works of the EKAMRA project by maintaining coordination among each other. Today, under the chairmanship of Minister Harichandan, a review meeting was held regarding the progress of Ekamra's heritage project work. In this meeting which

was held at the conference room of Nirman Sadan, Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida, Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Suresh Pujari, Bhubaneswar MP Aparajita Sarangi, Bhubaneswar Ekamra MLA Babu Singh held a detailed discussion on necessary steps to be taken to carry out the project smoothly. A detailed discussion was held on land acquisition, eviction of encroachments, protection of old

monasteries, temples and heritage sites along with maximum compensation to the affected landowners in the project area, as well as how the construction work should be carried out in strict compliance with ASI guidelines. At the same time, Watco, TPCODL and other organizations were directed to complete the pending works in the project areas at the earliest. Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Deorjanan Kumar Singh, Principal Secretary, Department of Home Affairs, Vir Vikram Yadav, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation Commissioner, Rajesh Prabhakar Patil, Khurda District Collector, Chanchal Rana, Engineer-in-Chief Purnachandra Mohapatra, former MLA Priyadarshi Mishra Managing Director of OBCC Jayakrishna Das and senior officers of various departments were present in the meeting.

## Central team visits bird flu-hit areas of Odisha's Puri district



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** A three-member central team visited Odisha's Puri district Wednesday to assess the situation following the detection of bird flu (H5N1 avian influenza) among poultry birds. The team toured several affected poultry farms, and interacted with farm owners, locals, and rapid

response teams, officials said. Abhijit Mitra, a member of the central team, spoke to reporters in Nimapara block, emphasising that while bird flu primarily affects chickens, the possibility of the virus affecting humans cannot be entirely ruled out. "No cases of bird flu in humans have been reported in

India so far," Mitra noted. The central team acknowledged the state government's efforts to contain the outbreak and planned to meet with senior officials to provide recommendations. In response to the outbreak, over 35,000 birds have been culled in Pipili, Satyabadi,



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## Lancer Container Lines Ltd enters agreement with Indonesian company to lease 10,000 TEUs



**Mumbai (KCN) :** Lancer Container Lines Ltd, one of the leading integrated Shipping and Logistics solution providers in India has entered an agreement with a prominent Indonesian company, PT. Map TransLogistic, Surabaya, to lease 10,000 TEUs (Twenty-Foot Containers and Forty-Foot Containers). The agreement was signed in the presence of Mr. Khalik Chataiwala, Managing Director of Lancer Container Lines Limited, and Mr. Praful Jha, Director of P.T. Map Trans Logistic, Surabaya. The management at Lancer Containers Lines Limited view this strategic partnership as a step forward in increasing leasing activities thereby helping the company to expand its business and enhance shareholder's value. This partnership is expected to positively impact the company's financial performance, leading to overall growth resulting in strengthening its market position.

Earlier, the company had announced its mega expansion plans for the next few years. Company aims to expand its TEU capacity to 45,000 by FY26 from nearly 20,000 in FY24 and intends to steadily grow its container inventory by incorporating 200-300 containers each month to meet rising demand. Company aims to become a fully integrated service provider, and is actively exploring opportunities to purchase a new vessel. The measures are

expected to yield healthy revenue and margin growth in the coming years.

Incorporates in 2011, Lancer Container Lines Limited is engaged in providing highly integrated shipping and logistics services in India. The Company is providing services in regions like Indian Subcontinent, South East Asia, Far Coast, Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea, Black Sea, Asia, Middle East, Africa, CIS Countries, USA, Europe, and Latin America. The company has secured some of the key registrations in the global logistics domain AMTOI, FIEO, BIC France, WCA WORLD, GNN. Company has presence in over 30 countries and serve 86 ports and 36 ICD locations.

Mr. Abdul Khalik Chataiwala, Chairman and Managing Director, said, "Our focused efforts on expanding our container fleet and optimizing our service routes have led to a significant rise in the number of containers handled. Company's expanded container fleet now stands at 22,707 TEUs. This growth highlights our strategic investments in fleet expansion and logistics operations, including transport and warehousing. Subsidies, such as a 12% incentive for Indian-built and flagged vessels and support for shipbuilding and repairs, further stimulate the sector.

The Bharatmala Pariyojana scheme plans the development of 35 Multimodal Logistics Parks (MMLPs) with a combined investment of Rs. 46,000 crore (US\$ 5.5 billion). These parks are expected to handle approximately 700 million metric tonnes of cargo, with 15 key locations earmarked for Rs. 22,000 crore (US\$ 2.6 billion) in funding.

## Texmaco-SSFMPL JV Secures for Arun-3 Hydroelectric Power Plant Project in Nepal

**Kolkata:** Texmaco-SSFMPL JV, a collaborative effort led by Texmaco, has recently secured an contract with Sutluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) Arun-3 Power Development Company Limited (SAPDC) for the construction of the Arun-3 hydroelectric power plant, a 900MW run-of-the-river hydropower project presently under development in Nepal. The Texmaco-SSFMPL JV, entrusted with an order valued at Rs 179.89 crore from SJVN Arun-3 Power Development Company Limited, is poised to play a pivotal role in advancing this crucial project. The scope of work encompasses an array of responsibilities, including procurement, fabrication, shop assembly, painting, testing, transportation, supply, erection, site testing, and commissioning of the Pressure Shaft Steel Liner. This significant task involves the installation of two lanes of Pressure Shaft Steel

Liner with a substantial diameter of 5500mm, two bifurcations, four branches with a diameter of 4000mm each, along with all necessary accessories. The total estimated tonnage for this undertaking stands at a formidable 4700 metric tonnes.

The Arun-3 hydroelectric power plant, administered under the build, own, operate, and transfer (BOOT) model, is a collaborative endeavour between India's SJVN and the Government of Nepal. SAPDC, a wholly owned subsidiary of SJVN, will oversee the plant's operation for a period of 25 years, which excludes the initial five-year construction phase.

On the joint venture, Sudipta Mukherjee, Deputy Managing Director, Texmaco Rail & Engineering Ltd., said, "Texmaco-SSFMPL JV is honoured to be entrusted with the responsibility of contributing to the Arun-3 hydroelectric power plant project in Nepal. We are committed to delivering excellence in every aspect of our work and in advancing renewable energy solutions. This venture exemplifies our dedication to sustainable progress."

## Filatex Fashions Ltd's mining subsidiary secures total Export Orders worth Rs. 661 crore

**Hyderabad :** Filatex Mines and Minerals Pvt Ltd, subsidiary of Hyderabad based leading socks and cotton products manufacturing company Filatex Fashions Ltd (BSE – 532022, NSE – FILATFASH) has received total export orders worth Rs. 661 crore (USD 78,875,000) in a month's time.

On August 29, 2024 company's subsidiary in the mining business, Filatex Mines and Minerals Private Ltd announced that it has received order from Republic of Guinea based company, Société DIMO - BTP SARL ("SDBS") for supply of 1,59,000 tonnes of marble polished tiles for over a period of 5 years which is estimated to be USD 43,875,000 (Rs 368 crore). SDBS is a distributor of granite and marble with a dealer network of over 5000 in 14 African countries. This is the second export order for company's mining subsidiary. Earlier on 26 July, 2024 the company received the order for supply of 2,97,388 metric tonnes of white marble worth USD 35 million (Rs. 293 crore) over a period of 7 years. As on 29 August 2024, company's market

capitalization stands at Rs. 966.75 crore.

Board of Directors of Filatex Fashions Ltd at its meeting held on 26 July 2024 has approved the appointment of Mr. Sunil Agarwal as an Additional Director and CEO of the Company in the Executive Director category. The appointment is subject to the approval of the shareholders in the ensuing Annual General Meeting. Mr. Sunil Agarwal has over 10 years of extensive experience and holds expertise in Financial Services, Advisory, Investment Advisory and Risk Management Consulting and has been on the Boards of some prominent companies. Company in its Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on 15 July 2024 approved the 5-for-1 stock split. Authorized share capital of the company of the company further to the approval of the shareholders in EGM stands at Rs. 850 crore divided into 850 crore equity shares of Rs. 1 each.

To enhance the liquidity in the capital market and widen shareholder base, the company in the board meeting held on 7 June

### FURO Sports Shoes welcomes Shahid Kapoor as its Brand Ambassador

**Bhubaneswar:** FURO Sports Shoes, (from the house of Red Chief Shoes), is thrilled to announce its much-coveted collaboration with the Bollywood Superstar, Shahid Kapoor. Shahid's youthful and sporty personality of an affable boy gel with the aspiring core values and ethos of FURO Sports Shoes. Shahid appeals to a wider audience across all age groups. While his exceptional fitness lifestyle, dancing prowess, and romantic-action-oriented movies attract the youth, his responsible family guy persona connects with relatively mature age groups as well. Mr. Manoj Gyanchandani (Managing Director) expressing his views on the collaboration, shares, "We are extremely honored to welcome Shahid Kapoor as the newest FURO family member. We couldn't have asked for a better partner in 2022 who comes with such high credible energy which is much needed in such dynamic times to inspire the youth towards athleisure lifestyle. We look forward to a successful partnership with him and hope to have a mutually beneficial long-term relationship."

Mr. Rahul Sharma, (Marketing Head) further shared "To continue leveraging our association both in mass media & digital platforms – Shahid would be part of our forthcoming Brand campaigns, which are back to back lined up starting few weeks from now."

## BOB Financial crosses the 1 Million Credit Cards mark

**Mumbai:** BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda (Bank) that issues and manages Bank of Baroda Credit Cards, has crossed the 1 Million Credit Cards mark.

As per Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, Bank of Baroda Credit Cards have grown 9X over the last four years – from 0.12 million cards in March 2018 to over 1.1 million cards in March 2022. Further, the monthly spends on credit cards have grown 10X over the same period – from Rs.80 crore in March 2018 to Rs.830 crore in March 2022.

In CY2022, cobranding with IRCTC, HPCL, Defence Services, and partnerships with fintechs have been some of the key initiatives in the ongoing transformation journey.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Shailendra Singh, MD & CEO, BFSL said, "In 2017, we started on a journey of transforming BOB Financial into a leading credit card issuer in India. Crossing the 1 million credit cards mark is an important milestone. However, while we celebrate this achievement, our ultimate aspiration is to become one of the largest Credit Card issuers in the country, serving customers of every demographic and socio-economic classification."

BFSL has been focusing on investing in people, processes and technology to enhance customer experience.

2024 approved 1:5 (5-for-

1) stock split. Company approved sub-division of existing 1 Equity Share of face value of Rs. 5 each fully paid up into 5 Equity Shares of Rs. 1 each fully paid up. Record date for the purpose of stock split is fixed as 9 August 2024.

Incorporated in 1995, Filatex Fashions Ltd specializes in socks manufacturing and cotton products with 25 socks-knitting machines with the latest finishing and setting machines, using infrared technology for the first time in India. Filatex Fashions has gained rich experience in the European and Indian market.

With manufacturing plants located in Hyderabad, Telangana, the company offers private label services and the option to use its branded label for socks.

Company's clients include renowned brands like FILA, Sergio Tacchini, Adidas, Walt Disney and many other top labels of the fashion

world.

Company's shares are recently admitted to dealings on NSE with a code FILATFASH w.e.f 6 May 2024. Company's shares were listed on Bombay Stock Exchange since 23 September 1996 and will continue to be listed on the exchange with the scrip code 532022.

Company has a State of art manufacturing unit located at Hyderabad having ultra-modern, latest machinery from Korea and Italy with In-house R&D facilities, is on Growth path with various new orders from Leading Brands. Company has a modern state-of-the-art plant spread over 4 acres capable of producing 8.64 million pairs of socks per annum. The company further plans to ramp up production capacity upto 14 million pairs of socks per annum.

For Q1FY25, net profit of the company was reported at Rs. 1.73 crore and total income of Rs. 24.22 crore. During FY23-24, company posted net profit of Rs. 8.95 crore, total income of Rs. 179.02 crore.

## Ambuja Cements introduces Cool Walls, a special product that keep homes cool in summers and hot in winters

**Mumbai :** Ambuja Cements Ltd, one of India's most sustainable cement manufacturers, is now offering an innovative green solution for constructing strong walls. Ambuja Cool Walls

These innovative heat barrier technology, consistent quality and enhanced strength (>5 MPa) are the main differentiators of this product.

Ambuja Cool Walls is a unique wall solution that keeps the house cool during summer and retains inside temperature to make the house warmer in winter. Ambuja Cements is among the first Indian cement companies to offer this unique block and mortar solution to individual house builders.

Ambuja Cool Walls is a sustainable product made with an innovative heat-barrier technology that is far superior to any other products available in the market. This helps the consumers in cost saving on electricity due to thermal insulation, low frequency of repeat painting because of no efflorescence, lesser repeat maintenance and lower construction cost. Additional benefits

include noise reduction, high fire resistance etc. Also it enables speedy construction and reduces project completion time by ~ 30%.

Ambuja Cool Walls is a sustainable product as it consumes large volume of fly ash in its manufacturing. The walls does not require curing during construction and thus saves 5000 liters of water for a 1000-square feet house. Mr. Neeraj Akhoury, CEO India Holcim and MD & CEO of Ambuja Cements Ltd., said, "Ambuja Cements has always pursued innovation to provide customers with eco-friendly solutions for a better and a greener future. It's our endeavour to provide world class solutions to customers in India. Ambuja Cool Walls is a testimony to our commitment to provide sustainable, high strength and durable solutions to our customers".

## KiiT International School becomes the only school from Odisha to win at ToyCathon

**Bhubaneswar:** The revered founder of KiiT International School, Shri Achyuta Samanta, has always inspired and encouraged the youth to think outside the box. This motivation has led to an immense achievement for the school. A game, 'Untold Stories', designed by Shree Roy, a 10th Grade student of KiiT International School, has been selected as one of the top 7 winning games at ToyCathon, an inter-ministerial initiative of GOI, in association with AICTE.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Mona Lisa Bal, Chairperson, KiiT International School said, "This is an extremely proud moment for KiiT International School family. I congratulate Shree for her endeavours. This is an accomplishment not just for

her but the entire school. We always nurture our students to think beyond their textbooks and take interest in activities outside their classroom. I am glad that this morale-boosting has steered us to achieve this great honour. I firmly believe that these leaders of tomorrow can drive us towards a better tomorrow with proper education and guidance."

Shree's game 'Untold Stories' is a multiplayer game where one must answer questions about India's heritage to move on to the next level. With this game, Shree intended to revive the art and culture of India. With modernization and technology, most youngsters are glued to their smartphones and the internet. Shree designed this game with the help of the

# Bangladesh's sports adviser wants active cricketers to be barred from joining politics

**Dhaka:** Bangladesh Youth and Sports adviser Asif Mahmud Sajib Bhuiyan said on Wednesday (September 4) that he will recommend that active cricketers shall not be allowed to join politics. The proposed diktat alludes to former captain Mashrafe Mortaza and talismanic all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan, both of whom have been involved in active politics during the span of their international career. Asif also sought a fix on endorsements of betting websites by cricketers. "I don't think they should [play and do politics together]," Asif told Cricbuzz on Wednesday. "Maybe one can join politics after retiring, but

while still playing that should not be the case I think because there can be conflict of interest and lack of professionalism. I have already talked about this," he added. "And it's not only politics. There are various advertisements that go against the law and people. They can do business, but there should be a guideline on what they can and cannot. There are allegations regarding betting business [endorsements] against some Indian cricketers, and maybe a few Bangladeshi as well. So I think there should be a guideline on this, BCB can fix that.

Asif added that his organisation will also recommend that a

president cannot run the board for more than two terms as he feels if that is not the case there is a chance that the long-serving head turns into an autocrat. Former BCB president Nazmul Hasan served as the board president for the first time in 2012 and was later re-elected to the post twice. He didn't have to contest the elections in 2013 and 2017 as his panel stood unopposed. However, Nazmul decided against a panel in 2021 and hence had to go through the rigours of an election.

"The democratic way gets hindered when someone is in power for a long time. You will see

all over the world that a



prime minister or a president can't come in power for more than two terms, it's a constitutional rule. We as a nation are expected to make such changes in the constitution. We are thinking of it. We can go with such a decision for the federations and board as well," said Asif.

"I have spoken with the directors and the president who are there to review BCB's constitution. They are working on it. We can provide a guideline for all the federations and boards from NSC so that no one can be elected as president for more than two terms.

"Of course, we don't lack qualified people here. In every sport, there are a number of people working honourably without any profit. We can make sure of their participation in the federations then. And the autocratic situation that has risen can be stopped. I heard there's someone

who has been the Secretary of a federation for 44 years. If we can make a proper guideline and if they are followed even after this government, I hope something good will happen," he said. Asif added that BCB councillors from districts and divisions need to ensure they are regularly organising cricket tournaments in their respective areas in order to keep their councillor-ship unlike the past when some of them hardly bothered to organise cricket leagues in their own areas as they were not at any risk of losing their positions. All the divisional and district bodies have now been dissolved by the

interim government with administrators now eyeing to form an ad-hoc committee for the time being. "Right now there are no councillors from any districts or divisions, they have been dissolved. We are planning to make a guideline from NSC [National Sports Council], not only for cricket but also for all sports. And if a councillor isn't active, we are in discussion about what to do. Of course, we will have a performance and progress report for every councillor and whether he stays in his position or not will remain on the performance and progress report," said Asif.

## Ishan Kishan ruled out of first Duleep Trophy game

**New Delhi:** Ishan Kishan has been ruled out of the first round of the 2024 Duleep Trophy, the BCCI confirmed. The wicketkeeper-batter is part of the Shreyas Iyer-led Team D. Cricbuzz had earlier learnt that Kishan was carrying an injury and a BCCI release stated that he did sustain a groin injury during the Buchi Babu tournament. Sanju Samson, who was not named in any of the four teams announced by the selectors earlier, has been named his replacement.

Kishan's participation in the later stages of the four-day first class tournament remains unknown at the moment. Besides, it will also be subject to the Indian team selection for the two-Test series against Bangladesh, but there is a possibility he could feature in the later stages of the six-match competition. Each of the four teams will play three matches, and Team D's second game is against Team A from September 12 in Anantapur. Kishan represented his



state team, Jharkhand, in the ongoing Buchi Babu tournament in Chennai but his participation was limited to two games as his side could not proceed beyond the league stage. He played two matches in the TNCA-organised tournament - versus Madhya Pradesh and Hyderabad. Jharkhand won the first and lost the second game before being knocked out. In the second match, played at India Cements Ground in Shankar Nagar in Chennai, Kishan

scored 1 off 11 and 5 off 22 deliveries in the two innings before his team was eliminated. In the first game, Kishan scored a century (114) in the first innings and remained unbeaten on 41 in the second. Last season, Kishan was sidelined by the national selectors on disciplinary grounds after he skipped a few Ranji Trophy games despite instructions from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to the contrary. Kishan

had been informed that he would be considered for national selection only after he plays for his state team.

Kishan may have partially met this requirement by participating in the Buchi Babu tournament. However, the red-ball competition is not recognised as a national competition. His inclusion in the Duleep Trophy mix may be suggestive that the selectors were beginning to ease their tough stance against him.

BCCI also confirmed that Suryakumar Yadav

will be missing the opening round after sustaining a sprain to his right thumb. The India T20I skipper is reportedly undergoing treatment at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru.

Ravindra Jadeja and Mohammed Siraj have already been withdrawn from the competition for different reasons. However, allrounder Nitish Reddy has been cleared for participation.

**New Delhi:** Naimur Rahman, Bangladesh first Test captain, resigned from his position as the director of Bangladesh Cricket Board on Wednesday (September 4).

Naimur served as BCB director on three terms but had to resign before completing his latest term largely due to the political change in the country, considering the BCB's association with the previous ruling party Awami League. Naimur, who did not get nomination in the last general elections, served as member of the parliament on two previous occasions under Awami League banner.

"I am resigning for personal reasons," Naimur told Cricbuzz on Wednesday. "I would like to thank BCB for giving me the opportunity to work in different positions during the past decade. I have thoroughly enjoyed working here and appreciate all of the opportunities the Board had given me as chairman of BCB's Cricket Operation and High Performance Unit," he said

**Dhaka:** A delegation of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) met their counterparts in the Emirates Cricket Board (ECB) over the conduct of the Women's Twenty20 World Cup, which has been moved to the UAE from Bangladesh on account of prevailing violence, unrest and riots in the country. The BCB, though, has been retained as the designated host of the October 3-20 championship.

Newly-elected BCB president Faruque Ahmed and CEO Nizam Uddin Chowdhury met the ECB chief Nahyan Mabarak Al Nahyan and other ECB officials in Abu Dhabi on Wednesday in the presence of ICC Chief Executive Geoff Allardice. Dubai and Sharjah will be the hosts of the 23-match tournament.

"We are delighted to stage the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in the UAE. The Emirates Cricket Board has time and again proved its hosting capabilities and we are once again ready to deliver a world-class

event. I want to thank the International Cricket Council and the Bangladesh Cricket Board for their trust and confidence in us. We look forward to welcoming all participants and providing top-class cricketing facilities over the course of the tournament which would see the best in the women's game competing for the ultimate glory in the T20 format," Mabarak Al Nahyan said.

The ICC recently unveiled a revised schedule of the event with the highly-anticipated Big Ticket contest between Indian women and Pakistan women slated to be held in Dubai on October 6. The ICC also confirmed that if the Harmanpreet

Kaur side advance to the semifinals, they will feature in the first last-four game in Dubai on October 17.

BCB chief Faruque Ahmed expressed confidence that the 10-team tournament will be a big success. "We want to thank the Emirates Cricket Board for stepping-up to stage the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in Dubai and Sharjah. The two venues have hosted international cricket for a long time, including some major world events. We have full confidence in the ECB's ability to stage the tournament successfully. The two boards enjoy very cordial relations; we look forward to working closely with the ECB and the ICC in the delivery of the tournament."

## I've not been up to my own expectations in Test Cricket: Shubman Gill

**New Delhi:** Amongst the many developmental arcs that Duleep Trophy 2024 garners, Shubman Gill's progression as a player in the red-ball format holds an important position. As the captain of the 'A' team, he's positioned as an important member of the senior men's Test team having taken over the No. 3 spot. His last Test series outing against England saw him battle some difficult moments before seemingly turning a corner with hard-fought knocks that fetched him a couple of hundreds and as many fifties.

Gill's Test record presents a middling outlook - an average of 35 over 25 Test matches

which is well short of his First Class average that touches 50. Earmarked as one for the future, Gill's stop-start Test career has left even himself unsatisfied. "Yes, I've not been up to my own expectations ([in Test cricket]," he said on the eve of the Duleep Trophy opener in Bengaluru. "But we have ten Tests coming up together. Hopefully, after these ten Tests end, I'd be up to my expectations or more," he added.

Having started off as an opener in Test cricket, he earned the No. 3 spot which called for a slightly different approach which has since been a work in progress. Gill admits that



the contrasting demands of white-ball cricket have played a part in the off-colour returns in Test cricket but has been

working on improving it. "I worked on my defence a little bit more especially against the spinners. Playing on turning tracks,

tracks in the white ball, I feel it takes away a little from your defensive game over a period of time. So that was my focus during the England series," he admits.

India are set to play five Tests at home against Bangladesh and New Zealand before heading over to Australia to play five more and in a transitioning team, Gill leads the batch that is in the process of taking over from the older hands. He already occupies the spot that Cheteshwar Pujara made his own with glorious returns especially Down Under and subsequently has more to look into apart

from his own game. The responsibilities of captaincy in a tournament like the Duleep Trophy which is peppered with India hopefuls all-around, he has his task cut out.

"Every match or every series you tend to learn more about yourself, whether you're the captain or not. You tend to learn certain things about yourself, your game," he said.

"More so if you're captain, you tend to learn about other players as well. Because it's important for the captain to have a connect with the players. If you want someone to give their 100

percent, you should have a connect with the players. You should know their weaknesses and strengths. In terms of that there has been some change, there has been a lot more conversations especially if you're the captain or vice-captain you have one-on-one conversations with the players." "There's nothing easy or difficult. You'd have played a lot of age-group cricket with a lot of these players so there's a lot of fun. And if you're enjoying the captaincy role as well and to lead by performance as well. So if these things are in order, you'll be enjoying everything."