

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 Jahaniya 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

non-forest land requires explicit forest clearance before proceeding. Despite these restrictions, Navayug Engineering Company Limited and the state government have signed an agreement to build the port in three phases with an investment of Rs. 6.5 billion. The project will require the acquisition of over 5,000 acres of land, including 3,332 acres of private land and 1,732 acres of government-owned land.Astarang is slated to become the fourth major port in Odisha following Paradip, Dhamara and Gopalpur.

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, TPWOD, in the presence of senior company officials. This new PSS will benefit around 25,000 consumers including domestic, commercial, industrial of Burla, Hiraakud, Remed, Gopialpali, Durgapali, Khetrajpur, 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



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): In a vibrant celebration of the esteemed Guru-Shishya tradition, ODM Public School, Patia, marked the birth anniversary of former President, philosopher, and pioneering educationist Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan with great enthusiasm. The day, celebrated as

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,

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 re-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 Wasseyapur (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.

People of Air France are so generous and accepting. I think acceptance is the biggest step towards change and humanity as well!" Talking about her dream debut of walking the red carpet, Sapna shared, "It was an incredible experience to debut at the Cannes Film Festival. Walking the red carpet was surreal. The atmosphere was electric and I was thrilled to be there with so many other talented artists from around the world."

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

for his role in 'Kushi', Vijay said, "We made 'Kushi' with the belief that love knows no language and emotions have no boundaries. Seeing the overwhelming love pour in again with its OTT release is incredibly gratifying. Whether you're watching it in

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

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..." Meanwhile, in the coming months, Vijay will be seen in 'VD 12'. The film is being directed by 'Jersey' fame Gowtam Tinnanuri.

Jee Le Zaraa: Real reason behind Priyanka Chopra, Katrina Kaif and Alia Bhatt starrer's delay revealed and it's not date issues

Jee Le Zaraa 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 Zaraa is being shelved or not, has Priyanka Chopra said no 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 Zaraa 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 Zaraa 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



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. Changes in temperature and rainfall patterns can either benefit or harm crop growth, leading to potential shifts in where and how crops can be grown effectively.
Water Resources: Climate change alters water availability, which is crucial for agriculture. Changes in precipitation patterns and increased frequency of extreme weather events like droughts or floods can disrupt water supplies for irrigation and drinking water, affecting food production and access to water for farming.
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.
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. These events can destroy crops, reduce yields, and disrupt food production.
Shifts in Growing Seasons: Changes in temperature and precipitation patterns can shift growing seasons or make certain regions less suitable for agriculture, affecting crop productivity and availability.
Water Scarcity: Increased temperatures and altered

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 CO2 levels can affect the nutritional quality of crops, reducing essential nutrients like zinc, iron, and protein in staple foods.
Addressing climate change and its impacts on food security requires comprehensive strategies including sustainable agriculture practices, resilience-building measures, and international cooperation to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions.
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

biodiversity.
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.
Address Climate Change: Mitigate and adapt to climate change impacts on agriculture through resilient farming practices and policies.
Ensure Access to Inputs: Make agricultural inputs like seeds, fertilizers, and irrigation systems accessible and affordable, especially for smallholder farmers.
Promote Fair Trade and Markets: Ensure fair prices for farmers and equitable access to markets, both locally and internationally.
Reduce Food Loss and Waste: Implement measures to reduce post-harvest losses and minimize food waste throughout the supply chain.
Y Support Nutrition Programs: Enhance nutrition education and support programs that ensure vulnerable populations have access to diverse and nutritious foods.
Strengthen Policy and Governance: Develop and enforce policies that promote food security, regulate food markets, and protect agricultural land.
Foster International Cooperation: Collaborate with other countries and organizations to share knowledge, resources, and technology for sustainable agricultural development.
By implementing these steps collaboratively on a global scale, countries can work towards achieving food security for all, ensuring that everyone has access to safe, nutritious, and sufficient food

at all times.
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.
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. However, even with these resources, extreme weather events can still cause significant damage and economic loss.
Developing and/or Underdeveloped Countries: Vulnerability: Countries with limited infrastructure, technological resources, and economic diversification are more vulnerable to climate change impacts. Subsistence farming and reliance on natural resources make them particularly susceptible to shifts in weather patterns.
Food Insecurity: Already food-insecure populations

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.
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.
Both developed and underdeveloped countries face significant challenges from climate change-induced food security issues. While developed countries may have more resources to invest in adaptation and mitigation strategies, the interconnectedness of the global food system means that disruptions in one part of the world can have widespread impacts. Addressing these challenges requires coordinated global efforts to build resilience, promote sustainable agricultural practices, and mitigate greenhouse gas emissions.
How does the future of global Food Security look like under the current

perspective?
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.
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.

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



Ganesha was born on Bhadrapada Shukla Chaturthi. Ganesha was born as the son of Shiva-Parvati. On his birth, all the gods from Heaven came to bless Him. Lord Vishnu blessed Him with knowledge, Brahma blessed him with fame and worship, Dharmadev blessed him with religiosity and mercy. Lord Shiva blessed Him with generosity, intelligence, strength and self-control. Goddess Lakshmi said, “Wherever Ganesha lives, I will live there.” Saraswati provided Him with speech, memory and oratory power. Savitri gave wisdom. The Trinity gave Ganesha the boon of being the most revered, the first god and the provider of Riddhi-Siddhi. That is why He is a god with universal, eternal and worldwide popularity. They are embedded in cultures ranging from India including Sindh and Tibet to Japan and Sri Lanka. In the Jain sect, He is present as the Ganadhyaksha who compiles the knowledge, while the Vajrayana branch

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, inauspiciousness, 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 worshiped 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 multi-dimensional. He is the character of a folk hero. Lord Ganesha is an integral part of Indian culture. From ancient times, Hindu society has been starting any work with the worship of Lord

Ganesha to finish it smoothly. Indian culture has flourished with the vast imagination of one God and the worship of many gods and goddesses. There is a rule to worship Ganapati before worshipping all other gods. Actually, Ganesha is the presiding deity of happiness, prosperity, splendor and joy. All types of worldly tasks, big and ordinary, are started by remembering His divine form. Traders start the new-year by writing 'Shri Ganeshaya Namah' on their ledgers. Every work is started with Ganpati worship and Ganesh vandana. Be it the auspicious occasion of marriage or the laying of the foundation stone of a new house, the celebration of the consecration of an idol in a temple or the occasion of Shodas Sanskar in life, Ganpati is remembered first. According to the Skanda Purana, one who worships Ganesha with devotion never faces any obstacles. Ganpati, Ganesh or Vinayak—all mean the lord or leader of the gods. There are descriptions of different forms of Ganesha at different places, but everywhere the power of Ganesha to remove obstacles has been unanimously accepted. The shape of Ganesha is strange, but if we try to understand the mystery of the spiritual symbols of this shape, we can get eternal benefits. Because Ganesha i.e. son of Shiva or Shivatva



has to be achieved, otherwise the wish for welfare and profit will not be successful. If we explain Gajanan Ganesh, 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 Ganesh 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. Ganeshji'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. Ganesh 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 neither depend on anyone, nor know his sources of income for the maintenance of himself and his family. An elephant can lift everything with the help of its trunk and nourish Himself without bending. The ruler should not bow before others under any circumstances. Ganeshji 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. Ganeshji is considered to be the first scribe. He transcribed the epic of Mahabharata written by Rishi Ved Vyasji 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 worshiped 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. Ganeshji is very fond of pure 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 Vishvakarta. If Ganesha is worshiped properly, his devoted wives Riddhi-Siddhi also become happy who bestow happiness, peace, prosperity to the family and pure knowledge and intelligence to the children. Siddhi gave birth to two beautiful sons named 'Kshem' and Riddhi gave birth to 'Labh'. While Lord Ganesha is the remover of obstacles, his wives are the ones who make people successful, prosperous and prestigious. At the same time, auspicious benefits along with giving every happiness and good fortune keep it permanent and safe. Mankind will always be indebted to Him for the welfare of the people, for giving practical form to the principles of religion and for establishing happiness, prosperity and trouble-free governance. Today's rulers need to follow the footsteps of Ganesha.

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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.

The mechanisation of Berth No. 5 is set to become a landmark development, further strengthening Haldia Dock Complex's position as a premier dry bulk cargo handling hub in India.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN BANKING AND FINANCE 2024 at IMI BHUBANESWAR

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.

He shared insights on the significant role played by Raghuram Rajan in stabilizing the Indian economy during his tenure at the RBI, addressing previous crises, and giving banks six quarters to clean up. Since then, Indian banks have reached record profitability and demonstrated high resilience during the COVID-19 crisis. Additionally, the RBI introduced the External Benchmark Lending Rate (EBLR) system to enhance transparency in lending rates. 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. bhubaneswar

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,"

JKPC manifesto states. The party promised to put an end to blacklisting of Kashmiris by security agencies, saying the practice that debars them from getting government jobs, passports and contracts is inhuman and regrettable. The PC also committed that it would strive to end arbitrary attachment of properties, destructive demolition drives and unwarranted terminations. The party continued that it will strive to repeal the Public Safety Act (PSA) and other draconian laws which have been used indiscriminately to punish Kashmiri's in the past three decades. Further the party will revive July 13 Martyrs day holiday to safeguard the ethos associated with Kashmiri's, the manifesto added.

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, the

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 established

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.

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. BJP should not play with the faith of women," LoP Naveen Patnaik said and added that BJD has always been and will be the voice of mothers. In the training camp, senior leaders of the BJD women's wing, workers in charge of the organization, women presidents and block presidents of various districts were present. During the meeting, discussions were held on strengthening the organization of the party. The Biju Mahila Janata

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, Deoranjana

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,

Nimapada, and Delanga blocks, officials added. More than 50 rapid response teams are actively involved in culling, disposing of infected birds, and sanitizing affected areas. Senior veterinary doctors and other officials were present during the team's visit.



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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, P.T. 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 of 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 optimization, demonstrating our ability to meet the increasing demands of global trade. In Q1FY25, we added 3,008 TEUs to our existing portfolio. Aligned with our growth strategy, Lancer Container is poised to pursue an

ambitious expansion plan, aiming to raise the TEU capacity to 45,000 by FY26. Our strategic positioning in Dubai continues to be a cornerstone of our operational strategy. The company is expanding its reach by exploring new trade routes and transporting containers to multiple destinations where there is demand for cargo." India's shipping logistics sector is pivotal to its economic growth, with ambitions to elevate waterways transport's share from 6% to 12% by 2025. Projections indicate the logistics market will surge to US\$ 317.26 billion in 2024 and reach US\$ 484.43 billion by 2029, at a CAGR of 8.8%. To bolster this trajectory, the government has introduced initiatives like LEADS, a single-window online platform offering comprehensive logistics solutions, 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-SSF MPL JV Secures for Arun-3 Hydroelectric Power Plant Project in Nepal

Kolkata: Texmaco-SSF MPL JV, a collaborative effort led by Texmaco, has recently secured a contract with Satluj 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-SSF MPL 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. Following this operational phase, ownership of the power plant will be transferred to the Nepal government. One of the most salient features of this agreement is the substantial benefit it bestows upon Nepal. Over the initial 25 years of commercial

operations, Nepal will receive 21.9% of the electricity generated by the Arun-3 power plant as free power. This underscores the exemplary cooperation between India and Nepal in harnessing the potential of renewable energy resources and reaffirms their commitment to strengthening bilateral relations. On the joint venture, Sudipta Mukherjee, Deputy Managing Director, Texmaco Rail & Engineering Ltd., said, "Texmaco-SSF MPL 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, Soci  t   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 it's the 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

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 also appointed Mr. Yash Sethia as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Company from 30th March 2024. Company board in the meeting held on 6 July has approved to set up a wholly owned subsidiary for export of textile garments and fabrics in Delhi reason being Delhi is a source for readymade goods which can be easily supplied to overseas market. Additionally, board also approved proposal to set up a Corporate Office in Mumbai for business expansion and planning to appoint senior

managerial personnel like CEO, head of compliance etc. which will help the company in its smooth business expansion in global markets. 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 summersand 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 is a unique wall solutions 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. The 'heat barrier technology' of this product helps to maintain inside temperature of any house lesser by 5  Celsius as compared to external temperature.

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

Ambuja Cool Walls is an innovative solution to the problem faced by traditional construction with non-sustainable products. The challenge poised by traditional construction today are efflorescence on walls, termite attack, water absorption and highly prone to earthquakes. Ambuja Cool Walls along with unique jointing mortar makes the wall stronger and eliminates the problem faced by traditional construction practices. 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 Wallsis 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 endeavor 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

school's research wing, Inspiron, in a pursuit to move them away from this exposure while enhancing their knowledge on India's art, history, and culture. From over 14 lakh online entries, 200 games were chosen for the physical edition of Toycathon. Untold stories was the only winner from Odisha among the top 7 felicitated games. Under the 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan' initiated by our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri. Narendra Modi, Toycathon is conceived to challenge India's innovative minds to conceptualize novel Toy and Games based on Bharatiya civilization, history, culture, mythology and ethos.

