

Fishery university in offing Jamir asks for innovation

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): To harness the Bishnupada Sethi presented the pro-



fishing opportunities of the State's resources, Government has envisioned setting up Odisha University of Fishery & Aquaculture for greater innovations and wider applications.

This was discussed in a high level meeting held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi here today.

Secretary Fisheries & Animal Resource Development

positional and necessity for the University.

Development Commissioner Sri R. Balakrishnan participating in the discussion advised to conceptualize the University as a thematic & outcome oriented institution from the beginning instead of planning it as a generic & theoretical University.

He added that it should be developed as a state of Art University focusing on direct linkage with

ment was also advised to carry forward the fishing activities in convergence with the Department of Panchayati Raj.

sources, inland fishery and fresh water aquaculture can be taken to new heights through scientific fishery.

Presenting proposal for the University, Secretary F&ARD Mr.Sethi mentioned that Odisha presently contributes to about 5% of the fish production in the country and about 17% of the value of Indian maritime product export.

State has the resources like 480 kms of coastline along with 24,000 sq kms of area within continental shelf. Fresh water resources is estimated around 6.79 lakh hectare comprising of 1.28 lakh hectare of reservoirs, 1.80 lakh hectare of lakes, swamps and 1.71 lakh hectare of rivers & canals. Brackish water resources are around 4.18 lakh hectare.

With these re-



sources, inland fishery and fresh water aquaculture can be taken to new heights through scientific fishery.

Mr.Sethi further mentioned that the proposed university would cater to the basic requirements like delivering professional courses, creating technical manpower, innovating technical know-how, skilling the farmers through direct exposure and designing the best practices. The University would create a technical and scientific network connecting individual farmers, organizations and institutes.

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Bhubaneswar (K-CN): "Teaching and Research constitute the centrality of learning and primacy of knowledge in a university. Almost all rankings use both these as benchmarks for assessing the quality of universities. The weightage given to research tends to be more in the rankings of universities recognizing the importance of research," said Governor and Chancellor of Universities S C Jamir while addressing the Vice Chancellors at Raj Bhavan here today.

Our universities ought to become fertile avenues for innovation and generation of ideas through research and publications, Dr.Jamir said.

Presiding over the conference of Vice Chancellors, the Governor said Odisha now has 15 State Universities including four newly formed universities and one Unitary University in IIIT.

Stating rising expectations and pres-

ures that universities are confronting with, he said, "This is a call for action, to think seriously about what we are doing, to value research and quality education and to ensure that our institutional policies and practices are well aligned with our priorities".

Expressing serious concern over campus indiscipline and violence, and echoing with concerns of parents and students, the Governor said university is an open and safe place for learning and intellectual growth; and not a battle ground or safety hazard.

Citing the challenge faced by universities in preparing students to face challenges in a real world, the Governor urged upon establishing collaboration with the industry and business sectors to bring in new ideas and thinking, developing skill and allowing students to learn about the practical side of things to en-

hance their employability prospects.

He further said leadership is central for providing an institutional vision and galvanizing academic consciousness among faculty and students. He expected dynamic leadership from vice-chancellors and taking responsibility and being accountable for one's decisions.

Jamir urged upon the academic community to think globally and gain strength from the power of collective endeavour.

Finance Minister Pradeep Kumar Amat and Higher Education Minister Dr. Pradeep Kumar Panigrahy were among others who addressed the conference. Principal Secretary to Governor, C J Venugopal, Principal Secretary Higher Education, G V V Sarma, Secretary Skill Development and Technical Education, Sanjay Kumar Singh and other senior officials were present in the meeting.

Padhi fires maha missive

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): Odisha Government has asked the

Government of Odisha filed a complaint with the Ministry of Water

due to unilateral action taken by the Chhattisgarh Government.

Mr.Padhi in his letter has pointed out that the Government of Chhattisgarh has planned for utilization of 27.48 Million Acre Feet (MAF) water from the Inter State River Mahanadi.

This is far in excess from the equitable share of Chhattisgarh in the waters of River Mahanadi, which is only 8.3 MAF, said Mr.Padhi.

Chief Secretary reminded his counterpart in Chhattisgarh that its share in the waters of River Mahanadi is not more than 8.3 MAF in the minimum flow of 20.61 MAF as assessed way back in 1945 and 2.5 MAF in the surplus flow as total surplus flow annually is 6.17 MAF.

So the excess utilization of 16.65 MAF of water under existing, ongoing and future expansion of the projects has af-

ected Odisha. And in future it is likely to affect the equitable share of Odisha in the Waters of River Mahanadi, pointed out Mr.Padhi.

Equitable share of State of Odisha in Mahanadi Waters is 15.95 MAF and break up is 12.28 MAF in minimum flow and 3.67 MAF in the surplus flow.

As the Government of Chhattisgarh planned six barrages unilaterally for utilization of 0.84 MAF of water and which are under construction cannot be sustained in Law or in Equity, said Mr.Padhi.

So the State Government has asked the Government of Chhattisgarh to stop construction and operation of the six barrages.

Mr.Padhi has also asked Mr.Dhand to immediately stop construction and operation of seven ongoing projects like Kalo, Arpa, Sondhar,

Sukhanalla, Ghumariya, Mongra II, and Samodanisda II.

Chief Secretary Mr.Padhi asked Mr.Dhand to restrain from taking forward any of the projects mentioned by the Government of Odisha.

Notably, Government of Odisha has tried to settle the matter through negotiations but as the Chhattisgarh Government was adamant and not cooperating with the Riparian State in a bonafide manner, so it approached MoWR to constitute a Water Dispute Tribunal and refer the matter to the Tribunal under Section 5 (1) of the Inter State River Water Disputes Act, 1956.

The complaint was filed on 19 November by the Principal Secretary Water Resources Pradeep Jena with Union Secretary MoWR Sashi Sekhar, said sources.

when the cops asked

BJP takes poster war with BMC to streets

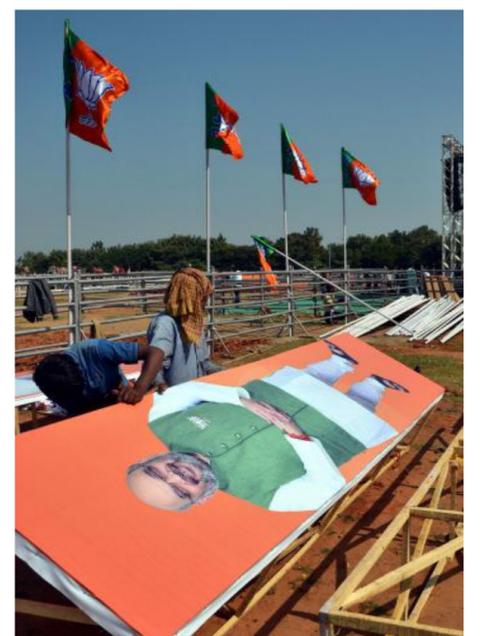
BHUBANESWAR (KCN): A day before the visit of national BJP president Amit Shah to the Capital City, the BJD-ruled Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) removed BJP posters and hoardings triggering road blockade and the consequent traffic chaos on the road leading to Raj Bhawan here on Thursday.

Outraged by the action of BMC, BJP workers resorted to road blockade at Power House square for nearly six hours and damaged vehicles of the Corporation.

The prolonged road blockade at Power House square, one of the busiest routes of the City connecting Raj Bhavan, State Secretariat, Head of Departments and CRP Square, threw traffic out of gear.

Tension ran high at Power House Square following clash between police and BJP activists

ings highlighting the



the party workers staging demonstration to vacate the place. The irate BJP workers resorted to violence by vandalising BMC vehicles which led to the clash.

However, normalcy was restored after assurance from Commissioner of Police YB Khurania to reinstall the posters, banners and hoard-

visit of Shah. The BJP lodged a complaint against BMC Mayor Ananta Narayan Jena and Commissioner Krishan Kumar in Capital Police Station demanding action against them for ordering removal of the campaign materials of the party which include posters of Prime Minister Narendra See page-7



Government of Chhattisgarh to immediately stop construction and operation of ongoing barrages, so also future projects planned on River Mahanadi.

Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi today has dashed a letter to the Chief Secretary of Chhattisgarh; Vivek Dhand after the Gov-

Resources (MoWR) in this regard.

Government of Odisha in the Department of Water Resources (DoWR) on 19 November has filed a complaint under Section 3 of the Inter State River water disputes Act, 1956 seeking constitution of a Tribunal for adjudication of the water disputes emerging

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It's already known that eliminated contestant Priyanka Jagga is making a comeback on Bigg Boss 10 as a wildcard entry and joining her will be three celebrities — actor Sahil Anand, German-Russian actor Elena Kazan and international model Jason Shah. The three names might not be popular but going by their profiles, it is certain that they will bring a lot of drama to the controversial reality show. Sahil is best known as actor Varun Dhawan's

friend in Student of the Year but before entering films, he had a taste of reality TV as he participated in MTV Roadies and Splistvilla. In fact, Sahil appeared on season four of Roadies, which also had current Bigg Boss contestant Bani J. Sahil and Bani's shared history will surely bring a new angle to the game and while Bani is going strong in the house, it will be interesting to see how Sahil's entry affects her stay.



ADHM and Shivaay still in the competition



Santhu... is out-and-out Yash's show

Film : Santhu Straight Forward
Cast: Yash, Radhika Pandit, Devaraj, Shyaam, Anant
Director: Mahesh Rao
Santhu Staight Foward is a perfect example of a commercial film. It follows a safe storyline -- boy meets girl story, and with a little help from friends and a loving family, the two end up together. All a steady march towards a happy ending.

No break for the 'Breakup Song' singer

Bombay (KCN): 'Mental Manadhil' from OK Kanmani, 'Mei Nigara' from 24, and now, 'The Breakup Song' from Ae Dil Hai Mushkil... Jonita Gandhi is on the crest of a wave. Over telephone from Mumbai, the 27-year-old says with a laugh, "My phone has been buzzing with messages ever since the ('Breakup') song released. Many were quite surprised when they came to know that I had sung it. I am not sure why." As for Jonita, it was one of the most fun projects that she had done. "We were partying and recording... it was dramatic," she says.

Jonita has a lot on her plate, from recording for movies to performing live gigs. But she also talks about a dream that she has been holding on to for

sometime now. "Writing music... I want to sing something that I have written from scratch. How cool would that be," she says, a little lost in thought. "I have written in the past, but I am just very picky. So I am not sure whether many of those will see the light of day," she adds after a pause. Meanwhile, she is consciously making sure that her YouTube channel (Jonita Music has over half a lakh followers) thrives — given that's where she began her journey as a musician. "I used to record my song videos, all covers, on my phone and post them," she recalls. Later, as her channel continued to gain visitors, she started making professional videos, self-produced videos and collaborating with different artists. "This

was way back in 2011, and that's how far I could reach Bollywood from Toronto. But it helped me get a foot in the door, as several music composers recognised me, and next thing I know, I was doing a tour with Sonu Nigam in North America," she says. Following the tour, Jonita debuted in Bollywood with Chennai Express. "Till then, I had only performed in live shows. I hadn't recorded a Bollywood song from scratch. Understanding and learning a composition on the spot was new to me. So I was extremely nervous," she recalls. The first song she recorded was the title song of Chennai Express for Vishal-Shekhar. "The song was already done, and the male voice was by SPB sir.

There was a small part in the song that fea-

tures Deepika Padukone in the visu-



als and they wanted a female voice. I just happened to be around then, so they told me to try it out, and it all came out well," she says. She was then spotted by A.R. Rahman, with whom she worked on the album Raunaq and Tamil film OK Kanmani, among others. "I was in Chennai once, so he asked me to come to his studio and record in Tamil. Thankfully, I had people around me who really supported me. I had no idea how well I was singing the words. I had to rely completely on whoever was directing the videos to visually set everything right," she says with a laugh. "On my first trip to Chennai, while working with Rahman sir, I had no idea who we were recording for.

BT Exclusive! Nadira Zaheer Babbar

Bombay (KCN): hasn't done till date in her life. In an exclu-
Nadira Zaheer



Babbar will soon be seen enacting both her mother and herself in a play to be featured at the Prithvi Theatre Festival. The soon-to-be 70 actress wishes to do everything she

sive chat with Bombay Times, she opens up on finally being able to write a play on her mother and work with Makarand Deshpande at the same time.

Deepika stuns in latest trailer of 'xXx'



Deepika Padukone's fierce Serena avatar in her Hollywood debut 'xXx: The Return of Xander Cage' is a treat to our eyes. Paramount Pictures recently released the latest trailer of the action-adventure film starring Vin Diesel in the lead. The 30-year

old actress is seen in a bold look and her action sequences give us the chance to see a different side of the 'Piku' star in this new trailer of the film. For the Indian audience, Paramount Pictures India also released the trailer in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu.



Sunny Leone stuns in a bikini as she flaunts her toned boy. She made her Bollywood debut with a cameo appearance in The Girl Next Door. Former porn actress has also worked in Hollywood movies Pirate's Blood and The Virginity Hit.

Rupee plunges to 68.86 against US dollar despite RBI intervention

MUMBAI(KCN): The rupee fell to a record low of 68.86 on Thursday, pressured by a rallying U.S. dollar, capital outflows from emerging markets, and worries about the country's demonetisation drive.

Despite repeated interventions by the central bank to slow the slide, the rupee breached its previous low of 68.85 to the dollar set in August 2013, when the country was mired in its worst currency crisis in more than two decades.

The Reserve Bank of India intervened again in the afternoon, after spending around \$500 million in the morning, but the rupee was able to claw back only a fraction of its losses.

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GMT, down about 0.4 percent on the day.

The rupee has fallen around three percent so far this month, its biggest fall against the dollar since August 2015, though it has fared better than many other emerging market currencies since Donald Trump's shock win in the U.S. presidential election.

Analyst said they expected the rupee to remain under pres-

sure, with the RBI continuing to intervene to smoothen volatility but without defending a specific

count triggered heavy rupee selling, but this time India is seen as being far better positioned to resist out-

election on Nov. 8, foreign investors have sold a net \$1.59 billion from equity markets and \$2.02 billion in debt.

Although foreign investors are pulling money away from India's capital markets, analysts say its strong economic growth should lend some support to the currency. Foreign exchange reserves also are at a near record high and inflation remains low.

MODI'S GAMBLE

There are worries, however, that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's shock move this month to ditch higher-denominated banknotes could dent growth.

The move, announced on the eve of U.S. elections, has sparked widespread frustration among Indians struggling to get new notes, and is expected to dent the consumer demand that powers the economy.

flows from investors attracted by higher U.S. interest rates.

Expectations that President-elect Trump will pursue an expansionary fiscal policy that will drive inflation higher and lead to higher U.S. interest rates are behind rising U.S. yields that have attracted investors to the dollar.

Since the U.S.

level.

"It is frankly difficult to say where the rupee will be in the near-term," said Pramod Patil, Vice President, Global Markets at United Overseas Bank.

"We will have to wait and watch Trump's actions once he is in the White House, only then will we have some certainty."

In 2013, pressure on the current ac-

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Bhatt And Shah Rukh Khan Impress Viewers

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Elderly Farmer Dies Outside Bank In Ranpur Town Of Botad

After opening in place of David Warner in the wake of South Africa's declaration on 259-9 on Thursday, he negotiated a difficult opening hour on Friday before mixing fierce concentration with some typically elegant strokes.

He brought up his 50 with back-to-back fours and his fifth test century with a 10th boundary cut through point, whipping off his helmet to take the applause of another big crowd at Adelaide Oval.

Smith, dropped earlier by Hashim Amla, had departed for 59 just before his partner reached the milestone, tearing off for an optimistic single and left stranded as Khawaja stood his ground and Quinton de Kock removed the bails.

Handscomb, brought into the side on the back of a double century for Victoria, proved a more than able partner, however, and any prospect of another Australian batting collapse quickly dissipated.

The 25-year-old survived a scare when he just dived back into the crease ahead of a direct hit from Temba Bavuma but opened the following over with two drives and a pull for three fours that got him to his fifty and gave Australia the lead.

It was the outstanding Abbott who ended Handscomb's maiden test innings by bowling the Victorian through the gate an hour into the night session.

The 29-year-old, who came into the side in the second test for the injured Dale Steyn and took 6-77, started the day with a brilliant exhibition of disciplined seam bowling, finishing with figures of 2-7 and six maidens in his first 10-over spell.

Australia resumed on 14-0 but debutant Matt Renshaw was only able to add two runs to his overnight tally before he was brilliantly caught for 10 at third slip by Dean Elgar.

That brought to the crease Warner, who was unable to open as usual on Thursday after Proteas skipper Faf du Plessis's calculated declaration caught him off the field having treatment on his shoulder.

Warner failed to thrive at number three and was dismissed for 11 when he got an edge off an Abbott delivery that was seam- ing away from him with Elgar once again snaffling the catch in the cordon.

From Page -1 Modi.

"The BMC has not touched any BJD posters in the City but removed our campaign materials. Clearly, it is evident that the ruling party is scared of the growing popularity of BJP," said State BJP general secretary Bhruhu Baxipatra.

Accusing the BMC Commissioner of acting like a BJD worker, Baxipatra said under the Civil Service Code, an IAS officer is not authorised to issue instruction for removal of posters of the Prime Minister. "We will bring this to the notice of the appropriate authority," he said.

Justifying the action, the BMC Commissioner said the City has been declared as no hoarding zone with effect from November 1. Besides, the BJP has not taken permission from BMC for putting up the campaign materials.

On his second visit to Odisha, Shah will address the 'Jana Jagaran Mahasamavesa', a State level rally against the failure of the BJD Government.

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Umpire's call is fair thing: Kohli happy with current DRS

MOHALI (KCN): Indian captain Virat Kohli and his teammates waits for a third umpire decision during the second Test at Visakhapatnam. | Photo Credit: K.R. Deepak

India have now played two Tests with the use of DRS but Kohli said that it's too early to judge.

The umpire's call in the Decision Review System for the

It's called umpire's call and the on-field umpire has the right to stick to his original decision. While the matter has been debated, Kohli's vote went with the on-field umpire.

"I think it is just one way to make sure that everyone knows the correct decision has been made or not. The umpire's call bit everyone understands because they are the

just confirms that particular decision. If it is really, really off, then DRS corrects it but if it is marginal, then you got to respect it. That's all it does. I think it clarifies the decision that is made on the field. I think that's absolutely fine."

Asked if he was happy with it, Kohli said: "Yes, I am pretty happy with it. It just confirms the decision

what kind of progress the Indian team has made in terms of usage of the technology.

"I think we need to have a bit more patience with that particular aspect. We as a team have only played two Test matches with DRS. And I can't analyse the progress in the span of eight days. It's not something that's going to drastically change, some-

comes to referral.

"But obviously the wicketkeeper and the bowler are the main people involved who have the best sight of where the ball hit the pad or if they heard the sound of the bat. The close-in fielders play a massive role as well, as you saw with KL's dismissal. It was Hameed who actually convinced the bowler that he heard something which someone else might not have. So I think it takes awareness of all the people around the bat, especially those close to the batsman, to understand what happened and give the right kind of feedback."

That Kohli has done his homework was understandable when he said that batsmen who are going for a review or the fielding team should be aware that 15 seconds time limit starts only when the ball is dead which effectively means that anyone has more time than the prescribed limit to go for a referral.

"People don't realise after the ball is declared dead is when the 15 seconds start and not before. So those are the sort of things we will be more aware of going forward but a span of two games is very little to judge how we have gone so far with DRS," he explained.

Sindhu says 'more to come' after breakthroughs

AFP HONG KONG(KCN): P.V. Sindhu vowed there was "more to come" after she proved her Olympic success was

win an individual Olympic silver medal.

"This is only the start for me," the world number nine

catapulted her to fame in India with congratulations from the prime minister and cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar.

"I didn't expect it," Sindhu said of her silver medal. "Yes of course my dream was to get a medal at the Olympics. It would be anybody's dream."

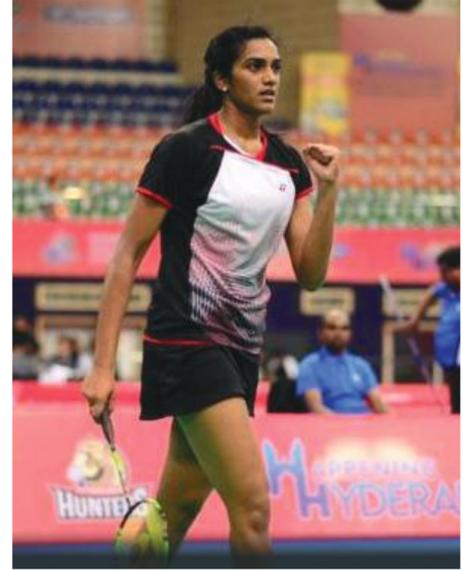
But Nehwal, who is returning from knee surgery and plays Hong Kong's Cheung Ngan-yi in the quarterfinals later, warned of the pitfalls that can come with fame in India.

Successful athletes are under huge pressure to keep winning, while also remaining perfect role models, she said.

"It's quite a huge burden," said Nehwal. "The Indian public gets very much attached to you when you accomplish something great and if you lose they are going to criticise you in a bad way."

"But if you win, you are everywhere."

Well-known female athletes are small in number in India, with Sindhu, Nehwal and boxer Mary Kom among the few examples.



no flash in the pan by winning her first Superseries badminton title.

Sindhu continued her winning ways at the Hong Kong Open on Friday, fighting past Indonesia's Liang Xiaoyu, 21-17, 21-23, 21-18 to reach the semi-finals.

Last week, Sindhu beat Sun Yu to claim the China Open Superseries title, three months after she became the first Indian woman to

told AFP at the Hong Kong Coliseum stadium, where she racked up her eighth straight win on Friday.

"There's only more to come."

The next opponent for Sindhu, 21, could be compatriot Saina Nehwal, who had been India's most prominent badminton star after she won a bronze medal at the 2012 Olympics.

Sindhu exceeded Nehwal by winning silver, a result which



touch and go LBW decisions has been a topic of discussion for some time but Indian captain Virat Kohli is happy with the technology in its current form.

In its current form, any decision taken by the on-field umpire on leg before being referred to the third umpire is referred back if the ball tracker shows that the ball is only grazing the stumps.

people who are given the job to make decisions and it is respected even in the DRS System. I think that is pretty fair. A lot of people don't understand that," Kohli said, making his stand clear on the matter.

"If the on-field umpire has made the call, then obviously the benefit has to go to him, what his vision of the decision was and then DRS

that's been made on the field. And if you want to challenge the umpire, it's not just you telling him that he could have made a different decision, you have the option of checking it again and figure out if it is wrong or right. I think it is pretty fair for the game."

India have now played two Tests with the use of DRS but Kohli said that it's too early to judge as to

thing that's going to keep going on in one direction. We will analyse over a period of 12 months as to how we have used it. A span of eight days is too less to judge, I feel," the skipper elaborated.

The captain said that while the whole team needs to be aware, it's the wicketkeeper and the bowler who play the main part when it

Australia vs South Africa: Usman Khawaja hits ton as hosts take lead in Adelaide

ADELAIDE (KCN): Usman Khawaja hit his country's first century of the series and Peter Handscomb a half century on debut as Australia reached 307 for six with a lead of 48 at end of the second day of the day-night third test against South Africa on Friday.

Khawaja's magnificent 285-ball 138 not out was the glue in Australia's innings, the left-hander putting on 137 with Steve Smith until his captain was calamitously run out and then 99 with Handscomb.

Sean Abbott (3-

38), who took two wickets in the first hour, returned to dismiss Handscomb before Kagiso Rabada bowled another debutant, Nic Maddinson, for a duck and Vernon Philander removed Matt Wade for four.

Khawaja will resume with Mitchell Starc (16 not out) on day three as the hosts look to extend their lead and put themselves in a commanding position to get the result they need to avoid a first ever 3-0 series sweep on home soil.

Now 29, Khawaja has been recalled and discarded

with regularity since his debut in 2011 but was retained for Adelaide despite the clearout that followed the humiliating innings and 80-run defeat in Hobart.

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