



Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik paying floral tribute to the statue of Biju Patnaik on the occasion of Sradhotsav at OLA Premises

Tripathy Files Nomination

Jharsuguda(KCN): BJP candidate Tankadhar Tripathy on Monday filed his nomination papers for the by-election to Jharsuguda Assembly Constituency. Shri Tripathy came to the office of Returning Officer and Jharsuguda Sub-Collector in a grand procession in presence of BJP State President Manmohan Samal, senior leader Samir Mohanty, Bargarh MP Suresh Pujari, BJP Chief Whip Mohan Majhi and number of senior leaders and party workers. After submitting his papers, Shri Tripathy termed the by-election a fight between the common people and a corrupted BJD

Government. "I am a nominal person. This is a fight of the people of Jharsuguda. This is a fight between people and a 24 year of corrupted government," he said. Thousands of people spontaneously joined in the procession today, which indicates their anger towards a tainted government, the BJP candidate said. Alleging that the BJD government has been neglecting the area, he said the people of Jharsuguda will give a fitting reply to the ruling party in the by-election. Shri Tripathy also slammed the Government raising law and order problems in



Jharsuguda. Reacting to this, BJD senior Vice-President Debi Prasad Mishra targeted the BJP raising murder of two gangsters in Uttar Pradesh, in presence of police. "If they raise the law and order issue, very recently two people have been killed under police security. They may be criminals, but the incident happened under police security," Shri Mishra countered.

Congress nominee Tarun Pandey had filed his nomination two days earlier while BJD candidate Dipali Das, daughter of Naba Das, is scheduled to file her nomination tomorrow. Dipali had recently received a party ticket from BJD Supremo and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik at his residence in Bhubaneswar. The by-poll to Jharsuguda Assembly seat was necessitated after former Minister Naba Kishore Das was murdered by a police officer in January. Voting for the by-election will be held on May 10 while the result will be declared on May 13.

PRESIDENT OF INDIA TO VISIT HIMACHAL PRADESH FROM APRIL 18 TO 21

NewDelhi: The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu will visit Himachal Pradesh from April 18 to 21, 2023 and will stay at Rashtrapati Niwas, Mashobra. On April 18, 2023, the President will inaugurate a Tulip Garden at Mashobra. On the same evening, she will attend a civic reception to be hosted in her honour by the government of Himachal Pradesh at Raj Bhavan, Shimla. On April 19, 2023, the President will interact with the officer trainees of Indian Audit & Accounts Service at the National Academy of Audit & Accounts, Shimla. She will also grace the 26th convocation of Himachal Pradesh University at Shimla. On April 20, 2023, the President will visit the Indian Institute of Advanced Study. Later, she will host an 'At Home' reception at the Rashtrapati Niwas. The Rashtrapati Niwas will be opened for public viewing on the same day.

ESMA On Health Staff



Bhubaneswar(KCN): In order to ensure that there will be no disturbance in delivery of public healthcare services, the State Government has invoked the Essential Services Maintenance (ESMA) Act to prohibit strikes by nurses, pharmacists, paramedics and other medical professionals in the State. The Home Department has issued an order in this regard. In the order, the Department of Home said, "In the interest of public, it is necessary to prohibit strikes in the form of cessation of work by the nurses, pharmacists, paramedics, technicians, other class-III and Class-IV employees etc. including contractual employees in services/ engagements connected with maintenance of medical services in the Government hospitals and dispensaries in the State." So, the government has imposed Odisha Essential Services (Maintenance) Act 1988, prohibiting strikes in the aforesaid services for a period of six months with effect from April 16. The order will be applicable for the healthcare staff of District Head Quarters Hospitals, Sub- Divisional Hospitals, Area Hospitals, Community Health Centers, Primary Health Centers, Municipality Hospitals, ESI Hospitals etc. as well as Medical Colleges and Hospitals run by Government and other autonomous health institutions receiving grant from the State Government, specifically AHRCC, Regional Spinal Injury Centre including Jail Hospitals, Police Hospitals etc. so that health care delivery system in the State is not affected.

WINNERS OF TATA BUILDING INDIA SCHOOL ESSAY COMPETITION CALL ON THE PRESIDENT

NewDelhi: Winners of the Tata Building India School Essay Competition 2019-20, called on the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (April 17, 2023). Speaking on the occasion, the President congratulated the winners of the Tata Building India School Essay Competition. She also appreciated the organisers for providing this platform for the young minds to showcase their ideas in



writing on a specific topic of national importance or on social issues. She said that it is

a good initiative for igniting the imagination of the young and instilling a sense of pride

and spirit of nation building in the youth. The President said that during the 'Amrit Kaal',

the topic of the essay competition 'Five things I will do to build a great India' is quite relevant. She expressed confidence that when India will celebrate its 100 years of independence, the contribution of these young minds would be for the betterment of the country as a whole. She urged children to dream big and try hard to realise their dreams. She said that her message to all children is that they should do good to others.

Mercury Soars Above 40 Degrees C At 21 Places Of Odisha; Baripada Hottest With 44.2

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Mercury is on the rise at many places in Odisha and IMD has warned of a 'heat wave' in the State. Twenty-one places witnessed day temperatures above 40 Degrees Celsius today. Baripada recorded the highest day temperature at 44.2 Degrees Celsius, followed by Boudh (43.5), Nuapada (43.5), Jharsuguda (43.4), Talcher (43.2), Sambalpur (43.2), Titilagarh (43.1), Angul (43.1), Bolangir (43.0),

Sundargarh (42.8), Bhawanipatna (42.6), Rourkela (42.2), Sonepur (41.7), Hirakud (41.6), Cuttack (41.6), Dhenkanal (41.4), Paralakhemundi (41.1), Bargarh (40.8), Nayagarh (40.5), Keonjhar (40.4) and Chandbali (40.2). "Due to prevailing Northwesterly and Westerly dry air and high solar insolation, the Maximum (Day) temperature is likely to be more than 40°C and above normal by 3 to 5°C



at a few places over the districts of Odisha during the next 24 Hrs and slight fall thereafter at many places over the districts of Odisha," a special bulletin of the IMD regional centre here

mentioned. "People are advised to take precautionary measures while going outside during day time between 1100 IST-1500 IST," the IMD bulletin read. Yellow Warning

(Be updated): Thunderstorms with lightning very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Malkangiri, Koraput, Rayagada, Nabarangpur, Balasore, Bhadrak, Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar and Kandhamal. Heat Wave conditions are likely at one or two places over the districts of Ganjam, Puri, Jagatsinghpur and Sambalpur with validity from 0830 hrs IST of 18.04.2023 to 0830 hrs IST of 19.04.2023.

Audit Automation @ 5T Charter

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Assistant AGCS of Co-operative Sector, where time bound program and transparency was harped on. Special Secretary Co-operation, Banani Mohanty, Registrar of Cooperative Societies Odisha, Uddhab Charan Majhi and Auditor General Co-op Societies Chinmay Kabi graced the occasion. Focus was on the pending audit and the officers were advised to clear those one with immediate effect. In order to speed up audit process and lessen

pending ones, it was decided to empanel Chartered Accountant Firms to conduct audit of the Co-operative Sector. While there are nearly 7500 Cooperative Societies across the State, there are 4010 PACS serving the people. Now with creation of new 1300 PACS across the State, it was harped on automation process under 5T Charter, said a senior official. Principal Secretary Co-operation Shri Chadha pointed out that there



should be no delay in clearing audit of the Co-op Societies and PACS. Day Long Review Meeting is attended by the Assistant AGCSs across the State and senior officers are advising them for speeding up the process of audit, said sources. Recovery, Surcharge Proceedings and Special Audits are to be done in a time bound manner, advised Principal Secretary Shri Chadha, said sources.



Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik Interacting with trainee KALIA farmers for augmenting livelihood activities at Naveen Niwas

KIIT Fashion Technology Student Crowned Miss Teen Universe India 2023

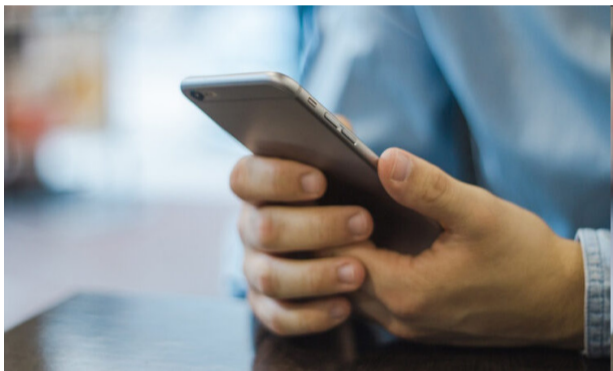
Bhubaneswar: Trishna Ray, student of KIIT School of Fashion Technology, has been crowned as 'Miss Teen Universe India 2023' at the Miss Teen Diva 2022 national pageant held at Jaipur from April 6-13. She will be representing India abroad. Trishna was adjudged the best at the competition as she also bagged three other subtitles at the competition. They were Beauty with Brains, Best in Ramp Walk and Best in Speech Round. She was also adjudged as 'Miss Teen Universe India East'. The Founder of KIIT and students by the School of Fashion Technology at exposure given to students by the School of Fashion Technology at



Dr Achyuta Samanta has expressed his delight over Trishna winning the crown and said that her success is a reflection of the proper national and international level apart from academics. He also lauded the efforts of the faculties for her achievement.

World's First Ever MissCall-Based Payment System Launched For Citizens Of Odisha

Bhubaneswar: Odisha Government today launched the world's first MissCall-based payment system 'MissCallPay' at the State's first-ever Fintech Festival – an initiative to enhance the adoption of digital payments and promote Bhubaneswar as a fintech hub of East India. 'MissCallPay' solution is aimed at serving 90 million Indian mobile subscribers, who are still not on UPI. Users who find it challenging to use UPI apps on smartphones do so primarily due to digital illiteracy. MissCallPay enables any kind of payment by just giving a missed call, be it for an electricity bill, a gas bill, a merchant transaction at a store, a mobile recharge, or even a person-to-person payment. MissCallPay runs on newly launched UPI 123pay rails of NPCI and was unveiled by the RBI Governor to increase penetration of UPI-based digital payments into the hinterlands of India and is in line with the government's objective of accelerated, inclusive and resilient growth by enabling digital payments for all, so as to uplift the economy as well as the weaker sections by means of financial inclusion. MissCallPay is tied up with the following entities to provide fintech services in Odisha: On its launch, MissCallPay started providing services to three establishments in the State; the first being TP Western Odisha Distribution Limited



(TPWODL) – an initiative to provide convenient bill payment service to electricity subscribers in western Odisha. The TPWODL is a joint venture between Tata Power Company Limited (Tata Power) and the Government of Odisha and is headquartered in Sambalpur. Apart from the partnership with TPWODL, MissCallPay is also a service provider to Mission Shakti – a project of the Odisha government that gives livelihood to around 70 lakh women in the State in a self-help group (SHG) setting that provides sensitive support structures to take the rural poor households out of poverty through capacity building, financial assistance and self-reliant institutions. Moreover, MissCallPay has enabled simple MissCall-based payment by farmers to SFAC and NAFED and supported farmer-producer organisations for the procurement of seeds, fertilisers, pesticides and the farming equipment required during an ongoing crop season in Odisha. The State is a frontrunner in the country when it comes to launching initiatives for farmers. The government was one of the pioneers

in forming the Odisha Farmer Producer Organisation (FPO) Policy, 2018. Currently, there are more than 500 FPOs being promoted and supported under government policies and schemes, in line with the Central government-laid scheme for the formation and promotion of 10,000 FPOs. Now, with MissCall, rural Odisha would be a pioneer of digital payment growth in the hinterlands of our country. Speaking on the occasion, Founder and CEO of MissCallPay Mitesh Thakker said, "At MissCallPay, we are focused on leveraging the technology to simplify UPI digital payments, particularly for our elders and digitally challenged users, and everyone, in general, can do digital payments by just giving a MissCall." "Launching of this digital solution at Odisha Fintech Festival with the State's esteemed organisations like TPWODL, Mission Shakti and 27 FPOs is very welcoming and encouraging, as the State government is very proactive in doing innovative things for the benefit of its people," Thakker added. This method of payment is very easy to use; one

can use it with either a feature phone or a smartphone and transactions are carried out in Odia language and 11 other Indian languages. Payment can be made remotely; the person does not have to be in the store as well. All the person needs to do is to give a miss call; he gets a callback, and on the callback, he confirms the TPWODL Bill amount or, in the case of merchant payment, enters the amount followed by a UPI PIN. The payment gets done directly within seconds from the user's bank account, like in any UPI App payment. In terms of security, the payment method is quite secure, as payment only gets done when the user receives a call-back from 080-6907-9999; such a call-back comes within 2 to 10 seconds, which is a smaller window period than that of OTP, which makes it secure. Almost everyone in India knows how to speak and listen, unlike using smartphone apps; this ensures that people don't get cheated as people are doing payments using their basic skills, unlike using some mobile app that may be in English that they may have to learn. The first transaction takes place in about 2 minutes, and later transactions happen in a few seconds. This payment system is built using NPCI's UPI 123 pay rails and BBPS. Hence, the next billion people are able to make the payment in an easy and secure manner.

Odisha Imposes ESMA To Prohibit Strike By Nurses, Pharmacists, Paramedics

Bhubaneswar: The Odisha Government today imposed Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA) to prohibit strike by nurses, pharmacists, paramedics, technicians, and other Class-III and Class-IV employees for six months. The step has been taken to keep the healthcare delivery system in the state unaffected. "It is necessary to prohibit strikes in the form of

cessation of work by the Nurses, Pharmacists, Paramedics, Technicians, other Class-III and Class-IV employees etc. including contractual employees in services/engagements connected with maintenance of medical services in the Government Hospitals and Dispensaries in the State like District Head Quarters Hospitals, Sub-Divisional Hospitals, Area Hospitals, Community Health

Center, Primary Health Centers, Municipality Hospitals, ESI Hospitals etc. including Medical Colleges and Hospitals run by Government and other autonomous Health Institutions receiving Grant-in-aid from State Government, specifically AHRCC, Regional Spinal Injury Centre including Jail Hospitals, Police Hospitals etc. so that health care delivery system in the State is not affected/ disrupted," the

notification read. "In exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (1) of Section-3 read with Section-2 of the Odisha Essential Services (Maintenance) Act 1988 (Odisha Act 9 of 1992), the State Government do hereby prohibit strikes in the aforesaid services. The order shall remain in force for a period of six months with effect from the date of issue," the notification added.

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Shehnaaz Gill's Mother Predicted Of Her Doing A Salman Khan Film Long Back

Shehnaaz Gill, the bubbly Big Boss 13 contestant and the heartthrob of the town gained nationwide fame and attention for her goofy style and personality. So much so, she also caught the attention of Salman Khan and is now making her debut next to Salman Khan in his upcoming film Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan. A few days prior to the film's premiere, this vivacious and full-of-life actress spoke about her experience of working with Salman Khan. Reminiscing about her early experience in the industry and now grabbing the opportunity to work with Salman



Khan, she says, "I was once rejected at an audition for a music video and felt really dejected. I was upset and crying. My only support at that time was my mother who at that time told me to believe in myself. At that time she said that one day I'll work in a film with Salman Khan. And, now Salman sir has given me this opportunity and

made my dreams come true and also my mother's prediction." She further added, "Now that I am on the big screen, I am not that nervous. But when it's Salman sir in front of you, you know, it happens. But I am not nervous, not anymore. It feels really nice to stand amongst such prominent people who have achieved so much in their

lives. It's a very proud moment that I am standing behind Salman Sir right now. And I want to thank Salman sir for this great opportunity to work with him." A Salman Khan Film production, Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan is directed by Farhad Samji. The film stars Salman Khan, Venkatesh Daggubati, Pooja Hegde, Jagapathi Babu, Bhumika Chawla, Vijender Singh, Abhimanyu Singh, Raghav Juyal, Siddharth Nigam, Jassie Gill, Shehnaaz Gill, Palak Tiwari and Vinali Bhatnagar with all the elements of a Salman Khan film - action, family-drama and romance.

Diljit Dosanjh Becomes First Punjabi Singer To Perform At Coachella 2023

Singer-actor Diljit Dosanjh has created history by performing at Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in Indio, California. The weekend performance marks his dominance not only in the Punjabi industry but on a global level. Diljit entered the stage with a complete Punjabi vibe by wearing a black kurta and tamba. He added swag to the look with a black turban, sunglasses, and even a pair of yellow gloves to set the stage on fire. Dosanjh dropped an Instagram post on Sunday to celebrate this historic moment. Fans reacted with tons of love for the singer expressing how he made India proud. Bollywood celebs congratulated the singer via their Instagram to narrate the moment of happiness and joy they felt after Diljit's performance. Several Punjabi singers too commented on Diljit's milestone. Actress Kareena Kapoor took to her Instagram on Sunday to share an Instagram reel of the 'Uda Punjab' co-star performing at Coachella. Bebo of Bollywood wrote "The OG with multiple heart and star emojis. The 'Ki & Ka' actor Arjun Kapoor also referred to Diljit as G.O.A.T on his Instagram story. Actress Rakul Preet Singh also expressed her happiness for Diljit taking Punjabi culture to new heights.

Sumbul Touqeer Khan Gets Bitten By Monkey, Rushed To Hospital With Injury

Sumbul Touqeer Khan, who became a household name with her daily soap 'Imlie', was recently seen in Salman Khan-hosted reality show Bigg Boss 16. She was the youngest contestant on the reality show and won thousands of fan following with her stint. Her bond with Shiv Thakare on the show was loved by viewers and they were lovingly nicknamed ShivSum and often trended on the internet. The actor recently took a trip to Ooty along with actress Ulka Gupta and left her fans surprised when she

broke the news that she got bitten by a monkey on her leg. She shared a few stories and photos of her injury on social media, and wrote, "That monkey bit me". Ulka Gupta then shared a snap with Sumbul from the hospital and uploaded a picture of a monkey, and wrote, "Why did you do this." Sumbul's fans were worried after they saw the pics of her injury. They even wished her a speedy recovery and also warned her to be vigilant. Both Sumbul and Ulka constantly shared



updates from their trip to Ooty. The actress has been a part of several shows

such as 'Jodha Akhbar', 'Waaris', 'Chandragupta Maurya', and more. She became a household

name with her stint on 'Imlie' and fans loved her chemistry with lead actor Fahmaan Khan.

She is also known for her work in Ayushamman Khurrana's crime-drama 'Article 15'. She also did 'Ishaaron Ishaaron Mein', and a cameo in the web show 'Dear Ishq'. The actress has carved a space in the heart of the masses with her acting prowess and received immense love from the audience. She is quite active on social media handles and often shares updates regarding her personal and professional life. For the unversed, Sumbul recently shared that she has bought a new house in Mumbai.

Sara Ali Khan Jets Off To Delhi For Next Schedule Of Homi Adajania's 'Murder Mubarak'



Sara Ali Khan is buzzing with activity as she has a tight schedule with multiple projects lined up. Amidst fulfilling her varied work commitments Sara Ali Khan was seen checking off to Delhi for the next schedule of Homi Adajania's 'Murder Mubarak'. The actress is also seen promoting 'Gaslight' off lately which is all set to release on 31st March 2023 on Hotstar. She was seen leaving for Delhi for her second shoot schedule of Homi Adajania's 'Murder Mubarak'. The shutter big spotted the actress at the airport and she was seen dressing up comfortably and casually. As she chose a cute white crop top paired with light blue ripped jeans and stylish sneakers. She had her hair beautifully cascading down her shoulder, which gave off a casual and carefree feeling. The no makeup look exuded natural beauty and made her look as refreshing as the breath of fresh air. Her casual yet stylish appearance suited her easy going demeanor, which is adored by her fans. The actress posted a boomerang on the story where she was seen blowing flying kisses to the camera as she departed to Delhi. It was captioned as "Bye Bye Mumbai. Time to (camers emoji)". Sara Ali Khan has been setting trends and expressing her sense of style with her relaxed yet stylish outfits. She always looks effortlessly gorgeous in every outfit she chooses to carry. She is loved by her fans for her relatability and carefree personality and not to forget her chic outfits! On the work front, she will be next seen in Pavan Kirpalani's 'Gaslight' which is stated to be released on 31st March 2023, Homi Adajania's 'Murder Mubarak', Ae Watan Mere Watan, Laxman Utekar next opposite Vicky Kaushal.

Aditya Roy Kapur And Mrunal Thakur's Mysterious Crime Thriller Gumraah Trailer Out

With a gripping teaser and groovy songs, the makers of Gumraah have certainly piqued curiosity amongst the audiences about the intriguing storyline of the film. While the audience awaits the release of Gumraah, makers drop the most mysterious yet enthralling trailer of the film and fans can't keep calm but look out for the arcane events taking place in Aditya's life. The trailer promises unmissable drama, lots of twirls, and a mystery that will unfold on April 7, 2023. Gumraah stars Aditya Roy Kapur in a dual role along with Mrunal Thakur who will essay the role of a lady cop for the first time. The Malang star actor



will be seen portraying a double role for the first time in his career, making it even more special for his fans. Helmed by debutant director Vardhan Ketkar the film is being produced by Bhushan Kumar's T-Series and Murad Khetani's Cine1

Studios. Gumraah is to release in cinemas on the 7th of April 2023. Gumraah is an official Hindi remake of a Tamil hit action-thriller film Thadam, released in 2019. Directed by Magizh Thirumeni, the film starred Arun Vijay and Tanya Hope in the

lead roles. Aditya and Mrunal will be sharing the screen space for the very first time in the film. Aditya Roy Kapur was last seen in web-series 'The Night Manager' which also featured Anil Kapoor and Sobhita Dhulipala in the lead roles.

Farhan Akhtar Explores Rajasthan Deserts For Priyanka Chopra, Katrina Kaif And Alia Bhatt Starrer 'Jee Le Zaraa' Location Recce

Bringing us yet another road trip film after Dil Chahta Hai and Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara, Excel Entertainment had announced their next in collaboration with Tiger Baby for a project titled 'Jee Le Zaraa' starring Priyanka Chopra Jonas, Katrina Kaif & Alia Bhatt in the lead. Written by Zoya Akhtar, Farhan Akhtar and Reema Kagti;

produced by Reema Kagti, Zoya Akhtar, Ritesh Sidhwani & Farhan Akhtar, the film will be directed by Farhan Akhtar. Giving us a glimpse of the recce from 'Jee Le Zaraa', director Farhan Akhtar shared a picture where he can be seen standing in the desert of Rajasthan. He further wrote the caption - "Searching for gold #locationscout

#jeelezaraa #rajasthan". Ahead of this, the producer Ritesh Sidhwani commented - "And he is back on the director's chair" As the director shared the picture of the recce, Alia Bhatt who will be seen playing the lead in 'Jee Le Zaraa', reacted by dropping a comment writing - "Can't waitttt" Excel Entertainment was founded by Ritesh

Sidhwani and Farhan Akhtar in 1999. From having won national awards for their first couple of films like Dil Chahta Hai and Rock On, to being India's official entry at the 92nd Academy Awards for Gully Boy, this duo's always made a mark in films over the years. Excel Entertainment in collaboration with Tiger Baby will be coming together for 'Jee Le Zaraa'.

Battle 2024: Will Ram temple issue be a clincher for Modi-Yogi



It is almost certain that once the G-20 summit would come to an end and head of the states of member countries of powerful forum of the world would leave in the month of coming September, 2023, India would be in an election mode. They are slated in the month of April-May, 2024.

Even before the poll dates would be announced, the nation would see huge euphoria when the Ram temple would be unveiled in Ayodhya in January, 2024. Of course, the Ram temple has been the life and soul of BJP's politics since it came into being in 1980. Will the Ram temple would be an issue in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls too? Will the BJP reap the fruits of construction of Ram Temple? This question is rife in the air.

The saffron party wants the temple to open before the Lok Sabha polls. It goes without saying that when the opening of the temple take place under the watch full eyes of Prime

Minister Narendra Modi and UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, it will be preceded by a massive publicity blitzkrieg to raise Hindu passions and create a frenzy of sorts for the ensuing Lok Sabha elections.

Of course, other constituents of the Sangh Parivar are planning programmes to create a build-up for the grand occasion. The Yogi Adityanath government expects the pilgrim footfall to go up to around one lakh devotees per day when the temple opens.

The BJP, which could win only two Lok Sabha seats in the 1984 elections, adopted a resolution at its Palampur national executive demanding the construction of the Ram temple. The fledgling party found its cause. On November 9, 1989, the shilanyas was carried out at the site, and when Lok Sabha elections were held a few days later, the saffron party's tally surged to 85, and it has not looked back since.

During the campaign, BJP leaders would point out that in no other regime would the temple have come up. Also, the Congress and the Samajwadi Party would be attacked for derailing the temple's

construction for years. Yogi Adityanath has visited the temple site almost every month since he came to power in 2017 and has been personally supervising the development work. The excitement around the Ram Janmabhoomi agitation benefited the BJP and now it is time for its final result. Whatever the party promised, it delivered. The BJP will gain from the temple construction and also when it is opened to the public.

The BJP will bring the temple into the campaign in an organised manner. Even if it displays the picture of the completed temple, it will have an impact on the Hindu mind. The main impact will be felt in Hindi-speaking areas, but it will not be limited to those areas. The people in the south are also religious; they may vote for regional parties, but they look up to the temple, and thus it will have an impact.

While the 2019 Lok Sabha election narrative was about surgical strikes, the Ram temple will become the big narrative in the 2024 general elections. And this is something that no political party in the country can deny.

Union home minister Amit Shah has recently

said in Tripura that the Congress has been hindering the Ram Temple construction case in courts since independence and the Supreme Court's verdict on the matter came after Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to power. The Ram Temple

Vivek Shukla

political battles. Nripendra Misra, chairman of the Ram temple construction committee, said that by December 31 this year, the garbh griha of the temple would be complete and Ram Lalla's idol would be moved to his permanent abode. The opening of the Ram temple will be a key element in the BJP's narrative for its 2024 campaign. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the prime mover behind the building of the temple, should be the main beneficiary of the public sentiment built around the religious issue. The Modi government has delivered on two of its core ideological



gradually developed a phobia for Ram, Ramayana, and Ram Rajya. On the other hand, the BJP mobilized Hindus using the highly emotive issue and emerged as a dominant political force in the country. Ever since Congress abandoned Ayodhya, Hindus starting abandoning Congress in North India. In 2009, when the UPA government filed an

affidavit in Supreme Court questioning the existence of Lord Ram, it became a cause célèbre. The religious sentiments of millions of Hindus were hurt, and Congress is still paying a heavy price for what has been a decisive mistake.

Over the years, we never saw any Congress leader talking about Lord Ram. In fact, Ram Naam became Congress party's bête noire to such an extent that anyone who takes the name of Lord Ram is termed as Sanghi, communal, bigot, or Hindutva agent by the party members.

Well, the Ram temple will go beyond the symbolism of a Hindu deity to signal a larger message of cohesion and cultural synthesis. It is social engineering through invoking divinity. Based on Modi's suggestion, the temple complex will have seven new temples dedicated to key characters in the Ramayan-Maharishi Valmiki, Shabri, Nishad Raj, Acharya Vashisht, Rishi Vishwamitra, Ahalya and Agastyauni-who are revered by different castes and communities and in diverse geographic regions. Valmiki is revered by dalits, and so is Shabri. Surat has a temple

dedicated to her, while the Sabarimala temple in Kerala is believed to draw its name from her. Nishad Raj is revered by the fishermen community. Acharya Vashisht was a Brahmin, while Vishwamitra belongs to the Kshatriya caste. Ahalya and Agastya have temples dedicated to them in various parts of the country.

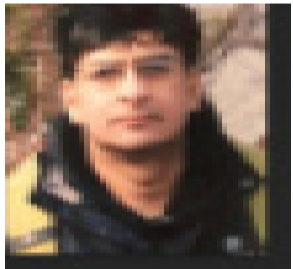
Finally, the BJP would not spare any stone unturned to expose the likes of AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi and others who were critical of the Ram Temple. It may be recalled that Owaisi lashed out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi and accused him of violating the oath of office by taking part in the bhumi puja of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. "India is a secular country. The Prime Minister has violated the oath of the office by laying the foundation stone of Ram Mandir. This is the day of the defeat of democracy and secularism and success of Hindutva," the Hyderabad MP said.

Come next Lok Sabha polls, Ram temple almost certainly will take the centre stage.

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Vandey Bharat: A Traveller's Memoir

Saikat Kumar Basu



Recently, I had the grand opportunity to travel in a round trip on Vandey Bharat between Howrah Station and New Jalpaiguri Junction. This was my maiden travel on this new Indian Railways super fast train, and was an absolutely delightful experience. The total 561 kilometres each way distance was covered only in 7.5 hours in AC chair cars with broad windows, enough leg space, light, ventilation, comfortable leaning chairs and outstanding hospitality of the Indian Railways staff serving on the Vandey Bharat. The toilet arrangements (vacuum sucking model) and the alert cleaning staff has been cautious in making the entire journey a memorable experience.

The cleanliness and proper waste collection as initiated by the Government of India as a national priority; is very demonstrated in Vandey Bharat Railway service. The travel has been very smooth with only a few designated stops and the schedule maintained is highly appreciated. Furthermore, the quality of food served in breakfast, snack, lunch and dinner must be

appreciated. The food was warm, not over spicy or hot for the children traveling, a healthy balance of both vegetarian and non-vegetarian items were included along with desserts like gulabjams, sweet curd and ice creams. Waste products were all nicely collected and the supportive behaviour of the professionally trained railway staff with a smiling face and eagerness to help the passenger was an added bonus to the trip.

However, it was quite unfortunate to note that several of my co-passengers were not cooperating with the Vandey Bharat staff to help them in maintaining cleanliness as well as discipline inside the compartment. In spite of repeated announcements, some washroom users were tossing plastic bags, paper towels, tissue papers in the commode causing unnecessary plugging and overflow of sewage water often producing undesirable smell. Although the cleaning staff were highly attentive in taking care of the situation; however the nuisance continued. Furthermore, some irresponsible guardians traveling with this kids let them loose in the compartment causing chaos and disruption of railway catering service at times. The repeated in and out of

compartment by playful and belligerent unsupervised kids have been causing disturbance to the AC airflow inside increasing the average temperature due to intermixing of hot and



cold air. I sincerely believe that the Railways possibly need to think about how to manage this issue by smart designing or strategies to avoid or overcome such passenger mediated nuisance. The other suggestion that I would like to humbly add to the railways department in charge of Vandey Bharat services, is the use of trollies to deliver food to the passengers down the aisle. The compartment in which I

was lodged had 78 seats; hence to transfer food placed on trees by the stewards from one end to the other, has been taking considerable time in spite of their best efforts. Every time they

food to the passengers from seat no 1 to seat number 78. I sincerely believe that by using trollies getting the food trays would reduce the challenge significantly. Furthermore, I also suggest using two trollies in each compartment, one from the direction of seat number 1 to 78 and the other directed from seat number 78 to seat number one, in opposite directions to cut down the long time spent on food delivery and collection of garbage. Overall the experience of travelling on the Vandey Bharat has been spectacular and I highly memorable one for me. I sincerely thank all the crew, cabin members and staff of the Vandey Bharat Railway services, and all the other associate state workers and staff members for their outstanding professionalism and meticulous hard work in making this a success as citizens. I would also take this opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude to the Honourable Railway minister and his team at the Ministry of Railways, Government of India for doing a commendable job in expanding the railways and introducing outstanding super fast trains such as the Vandey Bharat railway services, a truly outstanding and memorable experience for the audience.

Kolkata, West Bengal India

Letter To Editor

Sir

With the latest edition of Vandey Bharat semi superfast train about to begin its journey from Kerala's capital Trivandrum to the coastal city of Kannur, rail journey in India is all set for a revolutionary change and that too within a short period of time, Vande Bharat trains or train 18 (technical name) has undoubtedly redefined the Indian train journey. These semi speed trains are definitely the beginning of a new railway era, no doubt. It was on February 15, 2019 when the first VB train began its journey and just after four years train-18s have started running across several parts of the country and many more are getting ready to run in all the states of the nation.

The trainset with all modern facilities was developed in the Integral Coach Factory in Chennai and has become a game changer for Indian Railways. In his address to the nation on 15 August 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that during the 75 weeks of the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence, 75 Vandey Bharat trains will connect every corner of the nation.

To make this promise come true the railways have taken expeditious steps to manufacture more train sets. At present, besides the Integral Coach Factory in Perambur, Vandey Bharat trains will also be manufactured at three new manufacturing facilities in Sonapat, Latur and Rae Bareilly. The Indian Railways plans to operate a total of 900 Vandey Bharat Trains in the next 4-5 years. The arousing welcome given by the citizens, for India's first semi-highspeed train equipped with world class passenger amenities, is truly proof enough on how Indians take pride in this indigenous transportation vehicle. These trains achieve high speeds due to faster acceleration and deceleration and can reduce journey time by 25% to 45%. Hi tech Features and Amenities in Vandey Bharat Express trains include - intelligent braking system, kavach protection for extra safety, automatic doors, GPS based audio-visual passenger information system, bio-vacuum toilets, type on-board hotspot Wi-Fi for entertainment purposes, high class comfortable seating, catering and the list goes on and on. The new train sets are also energy efficient as they save about 30 per cent of electricity with advanced regenerative braking system. The train's air conditioning is also energy-efficient and saves 15 per cent energy.

That the Modi government has allocated a whopping Rs 2.40 lakh crore in the Union Budget 2023-24, for modernising the Railways and special focus given on semi speed trains, the country is sure to witness a dynamic revolution in rail travel. The railways are now on its way to launch VB trains with sleeper coaches to make long distance travel fast and comfortable. The Railways are also planning to introduce Vandey Metro trains by 2024, for local and suburban services across the country. All these goes to show that rail journey's are going to be faster, safer, comfortable and an experience in itself.

M PRADYU KANNUR

Sir,

Injustice to farmers

The central government has launched its latest attack on farmers by lowering the procurement price of wheat under the guise of grain quality. It is well known that crop quality suffered this season as a result of climate change and untimely rains. However, the government is now attempting to punish farmers for this natural disaster by lowering the purchase price for grains. The government's decision to lower the procurement price of wheat from farmers under the guise of quality is nothing more than a ruse to defraud farmers of their rightful dues. Previously, the government used quantity ceilings to reduce procurement. Now the Government is trying to reduce the procurement under the excuse of quality, which is entirely unacceptable.

Vijaykumar H K Raichur, Karnataka



The Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice, Dr. Reeta Vasishta at the inauguration of Free Health Camp Jointly organised by Tatymasi Martand Foundation, National Medicos Organisation (NMO) & First Step Foundation, in New Delhi

Supreme Court Pauses Order On Cases Against Officers Probing Bengal Scam

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday stayed the Calcutta High Court's April 13 order directing the West Bengal police not to lodge any FIR against CBI and Enforcement Directorate officers probing the school jobs-for-bribes scam. A bench comprising Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justices P S Narasimha and J B Pardiwalam, which decided to hear the plea on April 24, also stayed the direction of a single judge bench of the high court that Trinamool Congress leader



Abhishek Banerjee and Kuntal Ghosh, an accused in the case, can be questioned by the ED and the CBI and such "interrogation should be made soon." "The petition was in the mentioning list. Dr A M Singhvi has adverted to the contents of the order and the directions passed by which the ED and CBI have been directed

to file a report with respect to a probe in connection with a public speech by Abhishek Banerjee. List on April 24, 2023. Till the next date of listing, there shall be stay on all action against petitioner in relation to the directions passed in impugned order," the top court ordered.

"Not Against Anyone": Sachin Pilot Skips Key Rajasthan Meet For Solo Event

Jaipur: Rajasthan Congress leader Sachin Pilot, who is locked in a power tussle with Chief Minister and party colleague Ashok Gehlot, is on a public outreach program today on the outskirts of Jaipur even as the Congress gets underway with preparing for the upcoming Assembly elections. Mr Gehlot, party in charge Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, and Rajasthan Pradesh Congress Committee Govind Singh Dotasra are holding one-to-one meetings with MLAs. Mr Pilot's Assembly seat, Tonk, was also scheduled for a one-on-one today, but the former Deputy Chief Minister will be conspicuously absent as he is on a solo outreach program. Sources close to Mr Pilot, however, said not much should be read into this as his program was planned before the party scheduled the meetings.

"I am not against any person or the Congress government here. This is against corruption which happened during Vasundhara Raje's time," Mr Pilot told NDTV. "I have been talking about this for a long time. When the (Rajasthan) government was three years old, I had written to the Chief Minister asking for his intervention, that we must investigate... Now with election just months away, I don't want people to come and say we made so much noise, but did nothing against corruption," he said. However, inferences are being drawn as Sachin Pilot just a week ago stepped up his attack on his own government's "inaction" over alleged corruption during the earlier Vasundhara Raje-led BJP government.

Speaking to reporters at the Congress war room, former cabinet minister Raghunath Sharma also said that not much should be read into Mr Pilot's absence as his program was scheduled earlier. Backing Mr Pilot, he said that though the state government has a zero-tolerance policy for corruption, the investigation into corruption under Ms Raje's governance is wanting. Congress sources, on the other hand, said Mr Pilot will not appear for discussions today in the one-to-one with Congress MLAs.

FADA West Bengal commits to promoting Green Drive and Road Safety Drive

Kolkata, (ADVAITA SETH): The 3rd edition of the Auto Dealers West Bengal Town Hall Meeting was recently hosted in Kolkata by the FADA West Bengal Chapter. One of the key items on the agenda was the launch of the 3rd edition of the GST Workshop aimed at the dealer community in the region. Dr. Saumitra Mohan (IAS), the Hon'ble Principal Secretary of the Transport Department, Government of West Bengal, chaired the meeting, joined by senior government officials, FADA central council leadership, and representatives from FADA's West Bengal chapter. The event also welcomed several distinguished guests, including Mr. Sanjib Kumar Paik, Asst. Director (Tech) of the Transport Department, West Bengal, Mr. Jatin Harjai, Partner & Founder of J. Harjai & Associates, Chartered Accountants, Mr. Soham Misra, State

Chairperson of FADA, West Bengal, and Mr. Saharsh Damani, CEO of FADA. Appreciating the vision & the continued efforts made by the Federation (FADA) in sync with member automobile dealer partners, Dr Saumitra Mohan (IAS), Principal Secretary, Transport Department, Government of West Bengal said, "The automobile industry has been a key contributor to the development of any economy, and the West Bengal automobile industry has been an integral part of our economic growth journey. The West Bengal Transport department appreciated the efforts made by the fraternity and has been instrumental in conception, facilitation and execution of infrastructure projects in the region which in turn can add to their capacity and help them make a further and stronger contribution to the nation and in specific to the state



building drive". He added, "The West Bengal Government has also ensured various significant efforts to promote road safety in order to reduce fatalities on the road, as well as encouraging important stakeholders to utilise technology that allows systems to make roads accident-proof." The state government is collaborating with the dealer community to organise the used car segment and provide an effortless registration procedure, which will help the segment to be more reliable in doing business in the region". Mr Soham Misra,

State Chairperson, FADA, West Bengal, said, "The visionary leadership of our local transport authorities has been the driving force behind the industry's success in the region, and the authority has been very supportive towards the industry revival. With a promising percentage of eastern India's retail automobile sales coming from West Bengal, the state has been an important market for the automotive industry and holds immense growth potential. As an auto dealer community, we are committed to offering the best services to our customers in the region.

As an association, FADA is committed to offering the best of its support to its dealer members to keep the business thriving and efficient". Mr Saharsh Damani, CEO, FADA, said, "FADA, in sync with the state government, reaffirms its commitment to meeting the vision of skilled manpower, as well as the implementation of scrappage policy, which is another important aspect, and the association is working closely with the dealer partner to explore challenges and opportunities in this direction going forward." The conclave was

divided into two distinct sessions, with notable speakers leading each session and covering different aspects of the auto retail industry. Session 1 was an interactive discussion with dealers and members of the West Bengal government's leadership, while Session 2 was a workshop focused on providing a deeper understanding of GST and its implications. Founded in 1964, Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA), is the apex national body of Automobile Retail Industry in India engaged in the sale, service and spares of 2/3 Wheelers, Passenger Cars, UVs, Commercial Vehicles (including buses and trucks) and Tractors. FADA India represents over 15,000 automobile dealers having 26,500 dealerships including multiple Associations of Automobile Dealers at the Regional, State and City levels representing the entire Auto Retail Industry.

"Hurt By BJP": Siddaramaiah On Karnataka Ex Chief Minister Joining Congress

Bengaluru: Congress leader Siddaramaiah today said that the way former Karnataka Chief Minister Jagadish Shettar was treated by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) should not be meted out to anyone. A day after quitting the BJP, former Karnataka Chief Minister Jagadish Shettar today joined Congress ahead of the upcoming state assembly elections. Speaking on the occasion, Siddaramaiah said, "The way he (Jagadish Shettar) was treated in BJP, this should not happen to anyone in any party. He is hurt now. BJP has disrespected its community and supporters. After Jagadish Shettar has joined us, we will win more than 150 seats. His

joining will give a boost to the party." "I welcome former Chief Minister Jagadish Shettar to our party. He is known as a decent politician in Karnataka. Though he is from RSS, he is a secular person. I worked with him as the opposition leader and he was the opposition leader when I was Chief Minister. He was an honest party worker in BJP and always stood with the party, not for personal gain," he added. Mr Shettar arrived at the Congress office in Bengaluru this morning. His induction to the party took place in the presence of Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge, Karnataka state Congress president DK Shivakumar and Leader of Opposition in the state assembly Siddaramaiah.

After joining Congress, he said, "Yesterday I left BJP and today I joined the Congress party. Many are surprised as an opposition leader, former CM and party president is joining Congress. BJP has given me every position and being a party worker I always worked for the party's growth." "I thought being a senior leader, I will get the ticket, but when I came to know that I am not getting it, I was shocked. No one spoke to me nor tried to convince me, not even gave assurance about what position will I get," he stated. Mr Shettar further said, "I was contacted by DK Shivakumar, Siddaramaiah, Surjewala and MB Patil. When they invited me I came without any other option.



I am joining Congress wholeheartedly." Senior BJP leader Amar Singh Patil also joined Congress along with Mr Shettar. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Kharge said, "I do not need to give more introduction about Jagadish Shettar. His joining will boost the enthusiasm of the Congress. He is the person who not only wins alone, he is a person who is capable to win more seats."

"Though he was in RSS and Jana Sangha, he is a non-controversial person. We have worked together. Our target was 150, now after Shettar's joining it is confirmed that we will reach the target," added the Congress chief. Notably, Karnataka State Congress in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala, Siddaramaiah and Karnataka Congress chief DK Shivakumar met former CM Shettar in Bengaluru after he

resigned from BJP on Sunday. In this regard, Jagadish Shettar took to Twitter and said, "Fed up with the political events of the past few days, I have resigned from my MLA seat and will discuss my next move with the activists. As usual, I believe that your love and blessings will always be with me". Mr Shettar tendered his resignation as an MLA to Karnataka Assembly Speaker, Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri, at Sirsi on Sunday. Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai had mentioned that BJP president JP Nadda and Union Home Minister Amit Shah had promised Shettar a big post in Delhi. "Jagadish Shettar has been a senior and an important leader in this

region. JP Nadda and Union Home Minister had promised a big post in Delhi to Shettar. Everything would have been fine if the former CM had continued," Mr Bommai told media persons in Hubballi. Mr Bommai said that tickets are being denied to some candidates as opportunities are being given to the young generation. Mr Shettar, a six-time MLA from the constituency, was reportedly advised by the party to stand down and not seek a fresh term as MLA from the Hubli-Dharwad Central segment, following which his followers expressed their anguish against the party's high command. On Saturday after announcing his

resignation Jagadish Shettar also mentioned that there was a conspiracy against him, which is why he was denied a ticket. "There is a conspiracy against me, will tell everything after resigning," Mr Shettar told ANI. After being left out from the BJP's candidate lists, Mr Shettar had issued an ultimatum to the party, saying he would consider his future political course if denied a ticket from his preferred segment. Meanwhile, former Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa on Sunday said if Mr Shettar comes back to BJP, the party would welcome him. The Karnataka assembly elections will be held in a single phase on May 10, with the counting of votes scheduled on May 13.

Hirakud dam spillway stuck in approval delay in Odisha

BHUBANESWAR: Every time there is a flood in the Mahanadi system, Hirakud, the world's longest earthen dam gets everyone's attention. Strategies to improve its water-carrying capacity and structural safety are chalked out. But everything goes back to square one once the phases pass. Over two years have passed since the Odisha government planned an additional spillway to protect the dam as per the Central Water Commission's (CWC) recommendation. But the

project is yet to get the required administrative approval. Of the two spillways planned five years ago, one was taken up by a joint venture (JV) of Tata Projects Limited and Turkey-based AGE Group at an estimated Rs 369 crore under the World Bank (WB)-funded Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP).

However, the project got stuck after the JV backed out citing delay in resolution of displacement issues. In 2020, the government cancelled the work contract and decided to

construct the additional spillway with its own funding through Odisha Construction Corporation (OCC). But it is yet to be decided whether one or two spillways will be constructed.

The estimated cost of the single spillway has now been revised to Rs 786 crore and as it is more than 15 per cent of the preliminary estimate, the Finance department had sought some clarifications, which the Water Resources department has already complied with.

New Covid cases cross 300 mark in Odisha

BHUBANESWAR: With the state recording 308 infections in the last 24 hours, new Covid cases crossed the 300 mark in Odisha after eight months. It is the highest single-day spike after August 30. Of the new cases detected from 5,931 samples, around 20 per cent were children and adolescents below 18 years and 90 per cent local contact cases. With over 300 cases a day, Odisha is one of the 10 states that is fuelling the country's Covid tally. The state also recorded one death taking the toll to three in the last one

week. The deceased, a 70-year-old man from Subarnapur district, who succumbed while undergoing treatment, was suffering from diabetes mellitus, hypertension and a cerebrovascular accident.

Since all three deceased had comorbidities and two among them were aged above 60 years, the Health and Family Welfare Department has appealed people with comorbid conditions and senior citizens to remain alert and practice Covid appropriate behaviour even if they are fully vaccinated with

precaution dose. Health department sources said Sundargarh, Nabarangpur, Sambalpur and Cuttack accounted for nearly 60 per cent of the caseload. The daily test positivity rate rose to 5.19 per cent following the uptick in cases in last few days.

However, high weekly positivity rate in Sundargarh, Subarnapur, Sambalpur, Nabarangpur, Nuapada, Balangir and Bargarh has emerged as a cause of concern as the districts despite repeated reminders have been conducting less number of tests. As per the data

shared by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Sundargarh had the highest weekly TPR of 13.68 per cent, followed by 12.2 per cent in Subarnapur, 10.47 per cent in Sambalpur, 8.86 per cent in Nuapada, 8.77 per cent in Balangir, 5.8 per cent in Nabarangpur and 5.09 per cent in Bargarh.

The state government has asked all districts to intensify contact tracing and testing to curb the infection. Meanwhile, after the recovery of 97 patients, the active cases stood at 1,505. As the Omicron sub-variant

XBB.1.16 strain is on the verge of devastating the country where cases have soared 13-fold in the last month, the sequencing has slowed down in Odisha due to lack of sufficient samples with required CT value.

Genome sequencing labs said they are not getting adequate samples for sequencing which could give an idea of the virus variant that is behind the surge in the state. In fact, one case of the recombinant coronavirus variant XBB.1.16 was reported as early as in January in the state.

Odisha govt resorting to appeasement politics: Union Minister Raj Giriraj Singh

BHUBANESWAR: Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Giriraj Singh criticised the state government for resorting to appeasement politics and shielding rioters of Sambalpur. Singh, who was on a three-day Lok Sabha 'pravas' to the state, termed the violence in Sambalpur as unfortunate.

"The BJP believes in the philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. Here is a government which believes in appeasement politics," the minister remarked. He sought to know from the state government if the people of Odisha have ever hurled stones at a 'tazia' procession during the last 75 years. "If not why this attack on Hanuman procession. Where will we celebrate Hanuman Jayanti," he asked. The Union minister who reviewed central



schemes with senior state officials of Panchayati Raj and Rural Development departments here on Saturday expressed concern over deserving beneficiaries being deprived of the benefits of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in the state. Alleging funds allocated under the two schemes are being embezzled by government officials, the minister said the UPA

government had sanctioned only 10 lakh houses to Odisha while the NDA government has allotted 28 lakh houses to the state under PMAY. Despite allocation of central assistance, the state government is yet to complete construction of around 9.60 lakh houses which have been sanctioned since 2021, he said. Similarly, UPA had sanctioned only Rs 6,700 crore to the state under MGNREGA. But after Prime Minister

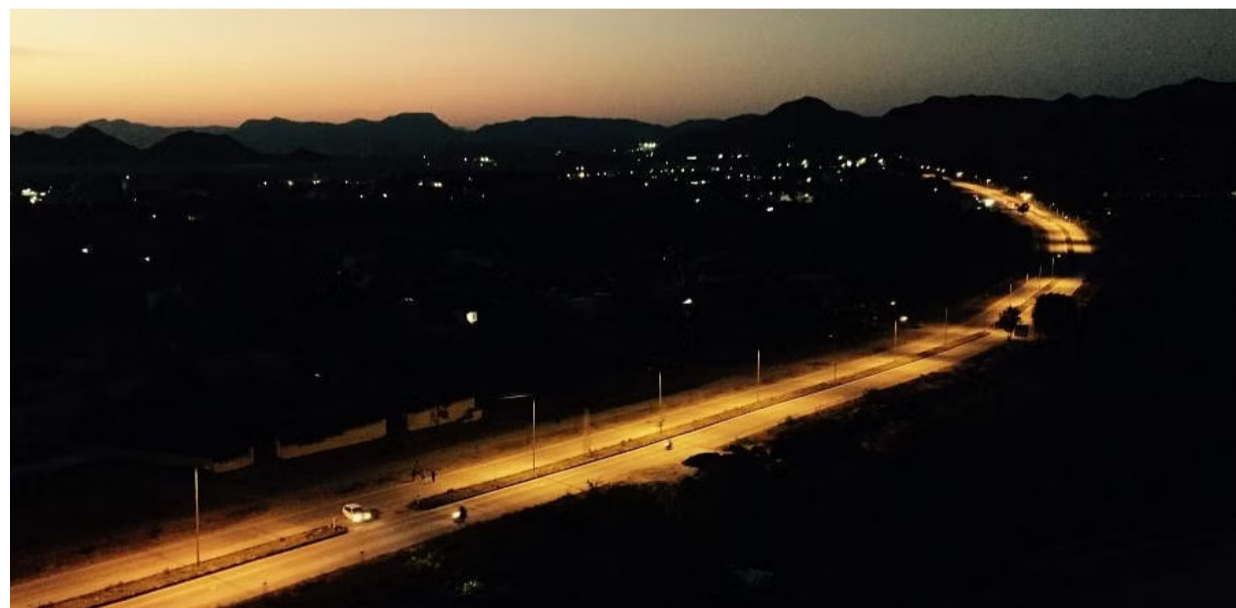
Narendra Modi came to power, the funds sanctioned under the scheme has increased to Rs 27,000 crore.

The quantum of central assistance has increased from Rs 26,000 crore to Rs 1 lakh crore for rural development during the corresponding period.

Priority should be given to people whose houses were badly damaged by cyclone Fani in May 2019. They are waiting for housing assistance for the last four years while the ruling BJD is trying to distribute houses to its workers, Harichandan said.

"We are giving the state government 15 days time for allotting houses with work orders. It is the government's responsibility to ensure the houses of the beneficiaries are constructed before the onset of monsoon. Any deviation will force the BJP to take the issue to the streets," he warned.

Defunct street lights create nuisance in Jagatsinghpur town



JAGATSINGHPUR: Dysfunctional street lights in Jagatsinghpur town have led to rising instances of snatching, loot and other crimes in the last six months. Even as hundreds of street lights in the town are not functioning for months, neither the Housing and Urban Development (H&UD) department nor Crompton Greaves Consumer Electricals Ltd have taken any steps to replace them. In 2018, the H&UD department signed an agreement with Crompton Greaves Electricals Ltd for universal coverage of smart LED street

lighting in all urban local bodies in the state including Jagatsinghpur municipality. The


department had also entered into an agreement with Energy Efficiency Services Ltd for the implementation of Street Lighting National Programme. As per the agreement, Crompton is required to install new electric poles fitted with energy-efficient smart LED street lights for an initial period of seven years. The company is also supposed to maintain the lights during the period. However, since Crompton and EESL have taken over the installation

and maintenance of the street lights in the town, the situation has worsened.

As per records, Jagatsinghpur municipality has 3,564 street lights in its 21 wards of which around 530 have been lying defunct since September, 2022. On September 2, 2022 collector Parul Patwari had urged the additional secretary of H&UD department to repair the lights. However, nothing was done in this regard. In fact, during a meeting of the civic body's council, executive officer Ashok Kumar Karna said the municipality cannot buy


LED lights from its own funds as it has already entered into an agreement with the two agencies for seven years.

However, the inaction of the department, the civic body and the companies has emerged as a cause of concern for locals. Sources said at least 115 street lights in the town are being operated under Installation of Centralised Control and Management System (ICCMS) which allows automated control capabilities and prevents wastage of electricity. But the points are not functioning due to which the bulbs remain lit 24x7 resulting in electricity wastage.



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CarDekho's launches 2nd Mega Refurbishment Centre for Used Cars

New Delhi :CarDekho, India's leading auto-tech company, has opened its mega refurbishment centre in Mumbai for Used Cars. This is the company's second mega refurbishment centre in the country after NCR. The Mumbai centre will take full control of the refurb process and set quality benchmark through advanced state-of-the-art infrastructure while optimising cost through scale of operations. The company plans to open 20 such refurbishment centres across India in near future.

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Sharad Saxena, CEO - Used Car Business, CarDekho Group, said, "The opening of our mega refurbishment centre in Mumbai marks another milestone for the company in its quest to provide the best pre-owned vehicles to its customers. The cars refurbished at this centre will carry CarDekho's trust that offers reliability, affordability and unmatched satisfaction. This centre

integrates the Group's best know-how and reinforces our vision to disrupt the personal mobility space in India. We want our customers to live our promise of 'Bharosa Kar Ke Dekho'."

The refurbishment centre is equipped with State-of-the-art Brake, Suspension & Side Slip Tester, Hitech Pneumatic Tools & Equipment, 3D Wheel Alignment, Wheel Balancing, Air Conditioning Service, Injector & Spark Plug Cleaning and a fully mechanised Bodyshop with Electric Dent Pullers, Double action sanders with vacuum extractors, Infrared heating Machine & full functional heated Downdraft Paint Booth along with inhouse paint mixing facility for high-quality painting.

Odisha records 20x growth in job applications in the last 90 days

Bhubaneswar.: As one of the fastest-growing states in terms of economy in India, Odisha has been witnessing a steady growth in job opportunities across sectors and industries and has emerged as a popular destination for job seekers. apna.co - India's largest jobs and professional networking platform - recorded 20x growth in job postings in the state's capital, Bhubaneswar in the previous quarter. The platform has also noted increased job openings for multiple roles in the last three 90 days.

After recording an economic rating higher than India's GDP, Odisha has become a promising destination for employers to invest in, strengthening the state's economy and creating more job opportunities. apna has become a trusted partner for various popular companies such as Zomato, Bharti AXA, Burger King, TeamLease, Byjus, and Delhivery amongst others in the state to fulfill their hiring requirement. In the last quarter, there has been an increased hiring momentum for roles such as telecallers/BPO, sales, computer/data entry operator, delivery persons, and business development executives amongst others. The capital city continues to be one of the top commercial hubs in Eastern India.

With more than 25 percent female users from Bhubaneswar, apna has become a default partner for women to build their professional networks and participate in helping India unlock its economic potential. According to the platform, there has been a quarter-on-quarter increase in women joining the workforce from the state and participating in uplifting Odisha's economy. Telecalling and business development have consistently been the most popular role amongst women in Bhubaneswar followed by data entry operators. Interestingly, women also opted to get on the field by joining the sales workforce for various organizations after COVID cases dropped drastically.

Commenting on the growth, Manas Singh, Chief Business Officer, apna.co said, "Odisha is witnessing tremendous growth in the past quarter, emerging as one of the key markets with a rise in both workers and employers on apna. We will continue creating more hyperlocal opportunities to help accelerate the economic growth of Bhubaneswar."

FURO Sports Shoes welcomes Shahid Kapoor as its Brand Ambassador

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

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

BOB Financial crosses the 1 Million Credit Cards mark

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

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

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

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

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

Vedanta Aluminium deploys IIoT technology in power plant to improve emissions control

Bhubaneswar: Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, has augmented its 2400 MW Thermal Power Plant with Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) devices in fabric filters to improve emissions control. Fabric filters are special bag filters placed after electrostatic precipitators in chimneys to collect or particulate matter from the hot gas emanating from the power plant boiler system, stopping them from escaping into the atmosphere. The differential pressure

plays a pivotal role in improving the efficiency of the filters. This is the 3rd line of defense in capturing particulate matter and gases, which significantly improves the air quality. The company has moved from the traditional way of measuring differential pressure through transmitters to using IIoT

devices for precise monitoring and immediate action.

Customised applications of leading-edge technologies across the value-chain are helping Vedanta Aluminium exercise stringent control on operational parameters to bolster ESG (Environmental, Social & Governance) performance. This includes a laser focus on environmental parameters such as energy conservation, carbon reduction, air quality, water sustainability, circular waste management, and biodiversity.

Vedanta's Smelter-I in Jharsuguda (Odisha) was the national benchmark in water efficiency amongst aluminium producers, with the lowest amount of water consumer per tonne of metal produced in FY22.

All of Vedanta Aluminium's business units have robust Environment Management Systems (EMS) adhering to ISO

14001:2015

Speaking about Vedanta Aluminium's endeavours to bolster ESG excellence, Mr. Rahul Sharma, CEO, Vedanta Limited - Aluminium Business, said, "We are committed to further improving our environmental sustainability performance through a structured approach that includes adoption of best-in-industry practices, leading-edge digital technologies, consistent improvements in efficiency of resource-intensive processes, circular initiatives and incorporation of 'Design for Sustainability' principles into our operations. In our journey as India's largest aluminium producer and the world's second most sustainable aluminium company, we are striving to emerge as the industry benchmark in operational excellence and environmental performance, as we add value to our customers, communities and country."

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

Mumbai : Ambuja Cements Ltd, one of India's most sustainable cement manufacturers, is now offering an innovative green solution for constructing strong walls. Ambuja Cool Walls is a unique wall solution that keeps the house cool during summer and retains inside temperature to make the house warmer in winter. Ambuja Cements is among the first Indian cement companies to offer this unique block and mortar solution to individual house builders.

Ambuja Cool Walls is a sustainable product made with an innovative heat-barrier technology that is far superior to any other products available in the market. 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 posed 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 Walls is a sustainable product as it consumes large volume of fly ash in its manufacturing. The walls does not require curing during construction and thus saves 5000 liters of water for a 1000-square feet house. Mr. Neeraj Akhoury, CEO India Holcim and MD & CEO of Ambuja Cements Ltd., said, "Ambuja Cements has always pursued innovation to provide customers with eco-friendly solutions for a better and a greener future. It's our 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."

Flipkart clocks over 200 Million Fashion products in the Spring-Summer

Bhubaneswar: As the Spring Summer season 2022 draws to a close, Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, has recorded a sale of over 200 million fashion products across close to 19,200 pin codes. The Spring Summer Season also played a key role for customers and sellers and saw close to 175,000 fashion sellers participating. These sellers came from not just metros but from tier 2 and tier 3 towns as well. Customers shopped for fashion and lifestyle products including sarees, men's t-shirts, watches, sunglasses, women's kurtis and footwear, from national, international and homegrown fashion brands.

The season saw customers shopping for fashion products from across the country including metros and a majority of these customers also from tier 3, 4 and 5 cities shop for fashion products from cities like Ranchi, Ernakulam, Kanpur,

Medinipur, Cuttack to name a few; and a substantial number of the overall customer base were first-time fashion shoppers.

Sandeep Karwa, Vice President, Flipkart Fashion, said, "We are extremely delighted with this overwhelming response from the customers, who consistently choose Flipkart for all their fashion and lifestyle needs. This year's spring-summer season saw a resurgence in consumption on the back of renewed economic recovery post-pandemic and we are pleased that lakhs of sellers saw a phenomenal response during this season. It is also a testament to our efforts to bring unparalleled value in fashion shopping to our customers. With a range of technology-led innovations that are making shopping experiences personalised and seamless for our customers, we are bringing India and Bharat closer ushering in considerable growth

opportunities for lakhs of sellers and brand partners."

Ayush Baid, a Flipkart Fashion seller who sells Women's ethnic wear from Surat, Gujarat, said, "We have grown on Flipkart by 500% during the spring-summer season and this was possible due to the technology and power of ecommerce. Growth on Flipkart has led to the overall growth of the company."

Harish Dadwani, a Flipkart Fashion seller partner from Agra, Uttar Pradesh, said, "It has been 4 years since I joined ecommerce and through the Flipkart platform have seen a growth of over 10X since then.

I had launched several new products in the spring-summer collection which has seen a 50X growth spike. I am very positive to set new milestones and garner new opportunities in the coming years and feel that I can achieve much more through ecommerce, technology and Flipkart."

IIT Delhi Student Wins Coveted TCS CodeVita Season 10

MUMBAI: Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) (BSE: 532540, NSE: TCS), announced the winners of Season 10 of its flagship global coding contest, TCS CodeVita, at a virtual grand finale. CodeVita, holder of the Guinness World Records™ title as the world's largest computer programming competition, has been inspiring students across the world to build and test their coding expertise for the past 10 years. The contest promotes programming as a sport and encourages participants to pit their skills against each other and solve intriguing real-life challenges.

The winner claimed the grand prize of \$10,000, while the first and the second runners-up were awarded \$7,000 and \$3,000 respectively. In a first, the third runner up, Michal Stanik from Czech Republic, was also recognized by TCS with a prize of \$1,000. Moreover, all four winners earned an internship opportunity with TCS' Research & Innovation organization. Registration for Season 11 of TCS CodeVita will commence soon.

"Season 10 of CodeVita has been remarkable in harnessing the passion for coding among the youth. We were thrilled to see how the four finalists

solved all the 10 problems, which has never happened before. I am happy to see CodeVita is encouraging youngsters to write good code and apply it to solve challenging problems," said K Ananth Krishnan, Chief Technology Officer, TCS. Winner Kalash Gupta said, "Thank you so much, it's unbelievable! When I started with the contest, I never thought I would even be in the top 3 but this is a very humbling experience. I'm very excited about the prize money. Initially I was not confident, as I took longer than I expected to solve the first problem.

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

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.

Different guys standing up at different times - Boult on RR's win

New Delhi: Ahead of the first meeting in IPL 2023, Gujarat Titans and Rajasthan Royals had faced off against each other three times, with the Hardik Pandya-led team emerging victorious on all three occasions - including the Qualifier 1 and the final. Skipper Pandya and David Miller had essayed key roles in the three wins and they were at it again in the Ahmedabad game on Sunday (April 16). The Titans posted a competitive 177/7, thanks to Miller's 46 and useful contributions from the rest of the batters. They targetted the Royals spinners as R Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal and Adam Zampa all went in excess of 30 runs from their quota of overs while Trent Boult also proved expensive. The Titans then came up with a clinical show with the ball in the first half of the chase. With key

incisions from Mohammed Shami, Hardik Pandya and Rashid Khan, the Royals were reduced to 55/4 in the 11th over. But the Royals staged a brilliant comeback. Captain Sanju Samson's 32-ball 60 revived the chase before Shimron Hetmyer finished it off with four deliveries to spare, scoring an unbeaten 56 off 26 deliveries. Between them, Samson and Hetmyer struck 11 sixes, with 10 of them coming in the second half of the chase, as the Royals turned it around to register their first win against the Titans. "It was a significant win. The history between the Titans and us, they have got out number in that respect. Any game we come from behind and absorb a bit of pressure, take the game deep like that and be on the right side, is very satisfying. There is some good vibes in the change room and

that feels good to come out on the right side of the result," said Boult in the post match press conference. Boult observed that the Titans pacers hit the right lengths and made things difficult for the RR batters but they managed to hang in there and hit back, not succumbing to the pressure. "It's hard to pinpoint a certain moment in the game but that's the nature of T20 cricket - you are never out of the game and just having the belief that you can win from anywhere. The amount of meetings every teams has, and our team specifically, and talks about tactics, it was nice to go out there and put some of the stuff in play. "Obviously picking 12 overs of spin, I thought they pulled it back very nicely and every over counts but Sandy [Sandeep Sharma] closed that innings out nicely. 175 [177], pretty good wicket, they bowled very well on



frustrated to miss out on some runs tonight. But the hunger from the rest of the batting unit to want to contribute, it's different guys standing up at different times," added Boult. Afghanistan's Noor Ahmad, who came in as an impact player, had an expensive start but he accounted for the key wicket of Samson, dismissing him in the 15th over to leave the Royals at

114/5. They needed 64 to win off the last five overs when Hetmyer cut loose, and with help from Dhruv Jurel and R Ashwin, took the Royals over the line, scoring a six off Ahmad in the final over. Ahmad gave away only eight runs in the 17th over but Alzarri Joseph, Shami and Rashid ended up conceding 49 in their three overs combined in the death. The Titans' director of cricket, Vikram

Solanki, defended the choice of bowlers used in the death, and also sprung to the defence of Ahmad who ended up with 1-29 from 2.2 overs on debut. "In the last four overs, I think if you think of how Mohammed Shami bowled in his opening spell... Mohit Sharma was an option. The last over, with seven runs to defend, it was important to try and take a wicket. Noor broke that partnership for us and actually brought us back in the game (with the wicket of Samson). I thought he was brilliant. I suppose it becomes a line call to see if he can try and take a wicket at that stage. "I just think what a wonderful debut for Noor, to have taken that important wicket, under pressure, to come in and do what he did, was exceptional. It speaks volumes of his character. And the fact that Hardik had the confidence in him, to bowl him in those

difficult phases, speaks about the confidence that he has," said Solanki. For the Titans, it was their second disappointment at home this season after their earlier loss to Kolkata Knight Riders. Solanki the loss came as a disappointment but assured that the team will make its fans proud. "There is an element of winning and losing in games but we are very grateful for the supporters that come out and support us. I think we've given them something to support in the past and we'll continue to work hard to ensure that they have a team that they are proud of. We work very hard. Yes it's a loss, yes we're disappointed with the fact that we've not been on the right side of the result today. We will assess every element of this game as we've done with our wins as well as our losses," said Solanki.

Sachin Tendulkar Reveals Why He Watched Son Arjun Tendulkar's Debut From Dressing Room, Not The Dug-Out

New Delhi: Arjun Tendulkar, son of legendary Indian cricketer and former Mumbai Indians captain Sachin Tendulkar, finally made his long-awaited debut in the Indian Premier League (IPL) against Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in an IPL 2023 match at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai on Sunday. Sachin Tendulkar and Arjun Tendulkar became the first 'father-son' duo to play in the IPL and for the same franchise as well. Sachin Tendulkar, who is a mentor of the Mumbai Indians (MI) franchise and usually sits in their 'dug-out' for most matches, chose to watch this game from the confines of the dressing room with son Arjun Tendulkar taking the field for the



first time. Arjun opened the bowling for the five-time IPL champions MI and bowled a couple of overs in the game. Former India and MI captain Sachin explained why he watched the game from the dressing room. "It was new experience for me as till now I have not gone and watched him (Arjun) play before. It just wanted him to have the freedom to go out and express himself and do what he wanted to do. Today, also I sat in

the dressing room because I didn't want him to move away from his plans and start looking at the mega screen here and suddenly realise I was watching there," Sachin Tendulkar told the IPL website. Arjun Tendulkar, who shifted his base from Mumbai to Goa in Ranji Trophy cricket last year, said it was an honour to receive his first IPL cap from MI and Indian cricket team skipper Rohit Sharma. "It was a

great moment, it is a special moment to play for the team I have supported since 2008. It was very nice to get the cap from captain of MI and Indian cricket team, Rohit Sharma," Arjun Tendulkar said. Father Sachin Tendulkar was pleased that his son Arjun was making debut for the same side as his own in IPL after 16 years. "It is a different feeling because 2008 was the first season for me and 16 years down the line he plays for the same team. Not bad!" Sachin Tendulkar said. Sachin Tendulkar turned out from Mumbai Indians from 2008 to 2013. He scored 2,334 runs from 78 IPL matches with 1 hundred and 12 fifties. Arjun Tendulkar was bought by the Mumbai Indians for Rs 30 lakh at the IPL 2022 mega auction but finally made his debut in the IPL 2023 season.

Matthew Kuhnemann fifer sets up Durham's final-day victory

New Delhi: In a rain-hit drawn game at Grace Road, Leicestershire captain Lewis Hill shone through with an unbeaten 162, while Colin Ackermann scored a century to help the home side get to 451/9 before declaring the innings. Kent's No.9 batter Joey Evison scored an appreciable, gritty 99 in his attempt to help his side escape with a draw on the final day in Birmingham. Despite the failure of that endeavour, it was an innings of 161 balls that came agonisingly close to denying Warwickshire the innings victory. After the bowlers that kept Surrey's target down to 243, Ollie Pope scored a blistering unbeaten 122 off just 102 balls with 14 fours and three sixes to power Surrey to a scintillating victory by nine wickets. Dom Sibley kept him company during the onslaught with a patient 79 off 144 balls.



With so little time left, a victory was out of question for Leicestershire but Chris Wright bowled a fine spell of 4 for 38 in 13 overs. A five-wicket haul for Matthew Kuhnemann on the final day helped Durham to a late victory over Worcestershire. Durham had declared their second innings on 254 for 4, setting a target of 314 runs. Worcestershire were then reduced to 3

for 2. Azhar Ali and Jack Haynes posted a fight back but Kuhnemann ran through the middle-order before putting the finishing touches to an exceptional win by dismissing the last batter Dillon Pennington. Worcestershire were bundled out for 192 in the 65th over. A similar game played out in Nottingham where the hosts succumbed to a late defeat to Somerset following a fifer from

fast bowler Dane Paterson. Asked to chase 295, Nottinghamshire collapsed to 129 all out as Paterson picked five while Stuart Broad and Brett Hutton shared the other five wickets between them. Daneil Worrall, Kumar Roach and Sean Abbott combined to push Hampshire from an overnight score of 198 for 5 to 258 all out and set their team up for a victory in London.

Nitish Rana And Hrithik Shokeen Slapped With Big Fine After Verbal Clash

Kolkata: Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) skipper Nitish Rana and Mumbai Indians (MI) all-rounder Hrithik Shokeen had to pay a big price for their verbal clash in their IPL 2023 match at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai on Sunday. Rana and Shokeen were both fined part of their match fees after pleading guilty to breaching IPL's Code of Conduct during the match. The incident happened in the ninth over of their match at the Wankhede Stadium when the Mumbai Indians

bowler gave an earful to Rana after dismissing the KKR captain, who stopped in his tracks to turn around and hurl some words back at the bowler. Shokeen had Rana caught at long on by substitute fielder Ramandeep Singh, and immediately looked in the direction of the batter to say a few words. But as Rana turned back to respond to the young player's charge at him, Mumbai Indians' stand-in skipper Suryakumar Yadav and the senior most player in the game, Piyush Chawla,

stepped in to diffuse the tension. "Kolkata Knight Riders captain Nitish Rana was fined 25 percent of his match fee for breaching the IPL Code of Conduct during his team's match against Mumbai Indians at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai. Rana admitted to the Level 1 Offence under Article 2.21 of the IPL's Code of Conduct," the BCCI said in a statement. "Mumbai Indians bowler Hrithik Shokeen was fined 10 percent of his match fee for breaching the IPL Code of Conduct



during his team's match against Kolkata Knight Riders at the Wankhede Stadium in

Mumbai. Shokeen admitted to the Level 1 Offence under Article 2.5 of the IPL's

Code of Conduct," the statement added. Mumbai Indians captain Suryakumar

Yadav became the fourth skipper in the IPL 2023 to be fined for maintaining a slow over-rate in his side's win over KKR on Sunday. "Mumbai Indians captain Suryakumar Yadav has been fined after his team maintained a slow over-rate during their TATA Indian Premier League (IPL) match against Kolkata Knight Riders at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai. As it was his team's first offence of the season under the IPL's Code of Conduct relating to minimum over-rate offences, Mr. Suryakumar Yadav was fined Rs. 12

lakh," the BCCI statement read. Apart from Suryakumar, Faf du Plessis, Sanju Samson and Hardik Pandya have already been fined through this season. As far as the result of the game is concerned, Ishan Kishan hammered a half-century while Suryakumar roared back to form to negate a brilliant 104 off 51 deliveries by Venkatesh Iyer and help Mumbai defeat Kolkata by five wickets to register their second win of the ongoing season.