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## Summer Vacation From 21 APR

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** In view of prevailing extreme heatwave condition across the State, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Thursday declared summer vacation of all Schools upto Class-XII from April 21.

The Chief Minister has ordered summer vacation of both government and private schools from Class-I to XII across the State from Friday. The School and Mass Education Department has been asked to notify the date of reopening of the schools in due course.

Usually, the summer vacation was supposed to start from the first week of May. However, this year, the Government has preponed the summer vacation in view of the extreme heatwave condition in the State, officials said.



Speaking to media persons here, School and Mass Education Minister Samir Ranjan Dash said, "The summer vacation of school was supposed to start from May 4. However, in view of the extreme heat weather condition, our Chief Minister has preponed the summer vacation from tomorrow."

As per the academic calendar, the summer

vacation will continue till June 16 and schools will open on June 17, he said.

However, as the vacation was preponed, the final decision on reopening of schools will be taken after examining the situation in the coming days, the Minister informed.

Besides, the parent-teacher meeting will be conducted on Friday as

per the schedule. The parents are advised not to bring their children to the meeting, Shri Dash added.

Earlier, the State Government has closed down schools for two times from April 12 to 16 and April 19 & 20 in view of the hot weather.

According to a morning bulletin of India Meteorological Department (IMD) Jharsuguda town in western Odisha recorded a maximum temperature of 41.4 degrees Celsius till 11.30 a.m. on Thursday. Similarly, Capital City Bhubaneswar sizzled with a maximum temperature of 40.2 degrees Celsius.

On Wednesday, as many as 30 places of Odisha recorded a maximum day temperature of 40 degrees Celsius or above.

## PRESIDENT OF INDIA GRACES THE OPENING OF RASHTRAPATI NIWAS, MASHOBRA FOR PUBLIC FROM APRIL 23



**New Delhi:** The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu graced the opening of Rashtrapati Niwas, Mashobra for public viewing today (April 20, 2023). It will be open for visitors from April 23, 2023 between 10 am and

5 pm, except Mondays and other government holidays. During the tour, visitors can have glimpses of the 173 year-old heritage building from inside. They can also walk through its lawns, orchards and nature

trails. For visitors' convenience there will be provision for cloakroom, wheelchair, café, souvenir shop, restrooms, water dispensers and a first aid set up. One can book slot for guided tour of the Rashtrapati Niwas at <https://visit.rashtrapatibhavan.gov.in/>

Earlier in the day, the President visited the Indian Institute of Advanced Study in Shimla which was established by the former President of India, Dr S Radhakrishnan, with the aim to promote high-quality academic work in humanities, social sciences and natural

## 5 Soldiers Killed After Terrorists Open Fire In J&K, Grenades Likely Used

**Srinagar:** Five soldiers died and another was seriously injured in a terrorist attack on a military vehicle in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch today.

The vehicle was fired upon by the terrorists at around 3 pm near the Bhimber Gali area and later caught fire due to a likely grenade attack, the Army said.

The unidentified terrorists fired at the Army vehicle, taking advantage of heavy rain and low visibility in the area, according to an official statement by the Army headquarters, Northern Command. "The vehicle caught fire, due to likely use of grenades by terrorists," it



added. Five personnel of the Rashtriya Rifles unit deployed for counterterrorist operations in the area died in the incident, said the Army. Another soldier, who was seriously injured in the

attack, was evacuated to the hospital and is under treatment.

Operations are on to locate the attackers, it added.

"Anguished by the tragedy in Poonch District (J&K), where

the Indian Army has lost its brave soldiers after a truck caught fire. In this tragic hour, my thoughts are with the bereaved families," said Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. The terror attack comes on a day Pakistan

announced that its Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari will visit India next month for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's foreign ministers' meeting in Goa.

Notably, a G20 Tourism Working Group meeting is also scheduled in Srinagar in May.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah and National Security Adviser Ajit Doval had reviewed the security situation in the Union territory last week.

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Director General of Police Dilbag Singh, and other senior officials also attended the meeting.

## Skill Development Not Just A Moral Obligation, Also An Economic Pre-Requisite: Odisha CM

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Skill development is not just a moral obligation, but also an indispensable economic pre-requisite and skilling youth leads to human transformation, said Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik at the Odisha Skill Conclave 2023 held here today.

Stressing on the demands of current times, Naveen said in order to succeed in the 21st century, the young generation needs to be equipped with skills. "I welcome you all to the Odisha Skill Conclave 2023. This is a time when our country is undergoing a significant transformation. Rapid technological advancements and changing job markets have made it imperative for us to invest in our human capital," he said, further sharing that the



Odisha government has kept a budgetary provision of Rs.100 Crore for this year for new scheme 'NUA Odisha' to train one lakh youth in future technologies like Cloud Computing, Artificial Intelligence, Augmented Reality- Virtual Reality, Data Science, 3-D printing and other futuristic knowledge. "Industry 4.0, and the Future of Work and

Skills are the buzzwords in the skilling industry right now. To achieve this, we need a collaborative effort between the central ministries, state government departments, industry, academia, and civil societies and must work together to develop policies and programs that not only promote skills development but also ensure that those

skills are recognized and valued in the job market," Naveen stated. Reiterating the government's commitment to this cause, he said many initiatives have been launched such as transforming the lives of the 70 Lakh of Women Shakti members through supporting them in becoming Small Medium Enterprises,

promoting startups and nano-unicorns.

Stating that the goals cannot be achieved without active participation of the private sector, the CM urged the industry to come forward and partner in this endeavour.

"During various platforms and consultations, employers have now started recognizing the skill talents of Odisha. Now time has come, when people are asking 'Are you Skilled or Are you Skilled-in-Odisha'". The brand Skilled-in-Odisha is now ready to shine across the Globe," he said while expressing gratitude to all the participants for their valuable contributions and ideas at the event.

## Former student Leader Prasant kumar Das Passes away

**Chandikhole (KCN):** Former General secretary of BB College, Chandikhole Prasant kumar das passed away due to a massive cardiac arrest. "He was survived by wife saraswati samantaray, Son S P Ananda, Daughter in law, Daughter & grand childrens. "Many



eminent people visited his village Kshetraphal to pay last respect to the departed soul and offered condolences to the bereaved family. "He was very active in socio, cultural and political Field till his last departure. His mortal remains was consigned to flame by his son Anand at the village Crematorium

## Heatwave To Continue Across Odisha During Next 2 Days; Orange Alert Issued

**Bhubaneswar:** Extreme heatwave conditions are likely to continue across Odisha during next two days, the IMD stated. According to Regional Meteorological Centre of IMD, there will be no large change in maximum temperature during next 36 hours. The day temperature is very likely to be 40 degree

C or above normal by 3-5 degree C at many places over the districts of Odisha. The mercury will gradually fall by 2 to 4 degree Celsius during subsequent two days. As per the latest weather bulletin, heatwave condition very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Mayurbhanj, Jharsuguda,

Cuttack and Khordha. Orange warning has been issued for these districts for tomorrow. Yellow warning: Heatwave condition very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Keonjhar, Sundargarh, Sambalpur, Balangir, Deogarh, Angul, Sonepur and Boudh during the period.

# Rajdhani College organises National-Level Conventional Debate on 'Participatory vs Representative Democracy'

New delhi (KCN) :Chaitanya, the Debating Society of Rajdhani College, successfully organized a national-level conventional debate on the topic 'Participatory Democracy is a Better Form of Governance than Representative Democracy'. The event aimed to provide a platform for debaters from various colleges and universities across the country to showcase their debating skills, engage in intellectual discourse, and foster healthy competition.

Mr. Abhay Kumar, Deputy Director General (ICCR), G20 graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and inspired the audience with his experiences as a debater in his college days at Kirori Mal College, and his journey thereof as a diplomat. Mr. Kumar encouraged the students to participate in different activities at college level and find their calling. In his address, Principal Prof. Rajesh Giri highlighted the need for discussion and debate, while



emphasising on the importance of the topic. The convenor, Dr Rachna Sethi, highlighted the role of college Deb Socs, including Chaitanya in giving students an opportunity to articulate thoughts, ideas and opinions in a fearless manner. She said that while debate has its start off point in deliberation, it should continue beyond the confines of debate competition through dialogue and discussion. Vichar Manthan 5.0 was

conducted as per format of conventional debate, and 25 teams participated in the national level competition. Dr. Deepti Bhardwaj, Assistant Professor, Ram Lal Anand College, DU and Shri Rajiv Mandal, In-charge, Editorial Page, Rashtriya Sahara were the esteemed judges. The judges congratulated the participants while sharing their valuable thoughts on the topic and highlighting the role of language, sensitivity

and expression in debates. Priyanshu Chauhan and Sudeep Krishna from Jamia Milia Islamia won the rolling trophy as winners of Best Team. Shivam and Shushank Gupta from Kirori Mal College bagged the second prize, while Saurabh and Yashi from IIMC won the third prize. Shreya Shukla from Shivaji College was the Best Interjector while Vasavi Mahajan, VIPS, GGSIPU received the Special Mention for their excellent performances.

## Reserve Water Tank damaged due to not functioning

Bhubaneswar/ Ganjam : (KCN): It is shameful to say that the constructed Reserve Water Tank of RWS & S , Division, Bhanjanagar of Ganjam District since 2014 for supplying of purified Water to the Villagers of Achuli which is coming under Purusottampur Block of Ganjam District has not functioned since 2014 from the date of its construction. The concerned Contractor had already been got the entire payments from the RWSS, Department. But till now , it has not been inaugurated or not functioned. For that , now the Reserve Water Tank is in totally damaged and rejected



condition. Now question arises that how the concerned RWS&S Division dared to neglect and not functioning the Reserve Water Tank from the completion of the water Tank, though or no doubt that it constructed for supplying of purified & clean water to the Villagers of Achuli. On the other hand, it will to be imagined that how

innocent the Villagers of Achuli & from 2014 , how & why the RWSS , Department is not serious, not aware of it as well as sitting in silence and idle. This irregularities of the RWSS, Department of Bhanjanagar of Ganjam District came to the notice when one Senior Journalist made a complaint before the

Honorable Chief Minister of Odisha Sri Naveen Pattanaik Jee. Going into the indepth on humanity ground, now the sensitive and intellectual Citizens of Ganjam District are appealing and demanding before the Honorable Chief Minister of Odisha to have a personal look into this sensitive matter and do pass an oder for an impartial enquiry against this irregularities as well as to take immediate prompt step to construct a new Reserve Water Tank for supplying of purified water to the Villagers of Achuli of Purusottampur, Block, Ganjam District.

## Odisha: CM Naveen Among BJD's 40 Star Campaigners For Jharsuguda Bypoll

Bhubaneswar: The ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) in Odisha today announced its list of 40 star campaigners for the Jharsuguda by-election, scheduled to be held on May 10. BJD supremo and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik topped the list while BJD general secretary (organisation) Pranab Prakash Das has been placed at the second position. Senior BJD leaders

Prasanna Acharya and Debi Prasad Mishra have also been named as the star campaigners for the bypoll. Ministers Niranjan Pujari, Ashok Chandra Panda, Pratap Keshari Deb, Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak, Tukuni Sahu and Rita Sahu have found place in the list. The list also includes former Ministers Sarada Prasad Nayak, Susanta Singh, Arun Kumar Sahoo, Pratap Jena,

Snehangini Chhuria, Puspendra Singh Deo, Chandra Sarathi Behera and Dibya Sankar Mishra. Several MLAs including Prasanta Muduli, Alaka Mohanty, Pranab B a l a b a n t r a y , Byomakesh Ray, Bikram Panda, Debesh Acharya, Prasanta Behera, Devi Ranjan Tripathy, Souvic Biswal and Rudra Pratap Moharathy have

also been made star campaigners for the May 10 bypoll. Ollywood actor Arindam Roy and BJD spokesperson Srimayee Sweta Snigdha Mishra also found place in the list. Notably, the bypoll is necessitated due to the murder of sitting MLA Naba Das on January 29 this year. The BJD has fielded Das' daughter Dipali as its candidate for the by-election.

## Jala Chatra seva by Utkal Vikash Parisad

Cuttack Sadar, (KCN) : Leading social organization of Cuttack Sadar Block Utkal Vikash Parisad (UVP) started Jala Chatra seva as water distribution to all public at Kishorenagar PS, Sirlo GP Pandadhiea Chak in the time of summer it will continue for one month. In the social work active members Sarat Kumar Sethi, Kabibhusan Acharya, Saroj Bhoi, Pratap Bhoi, Bina Bhoi, Siba Bhoi & all team. For this good



activities & dedication to society of all volunteers honorable president UVP columnist as well as youth social worker

Er. Prakash Chandra Sethi paid congratulation & thanks to all & encouraged them to continue the water

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**Confirmed: Louis Leterrier To Direct The Next 'Fast And Furious'**

Filmmaker Louis Leterrier is all set to helm the next film of the 'Fast and Furious' franchise. According to Variety, a US-based media outlet, Leterrier earlier replaced Justin Lin as director on 'Fast X' last May, a breakneck substitution that clearly resulted in something meaningful for the team - which includes producer-star Vin Diesel and legacy cast Michelle Rodriguez, Ludacris, Tyrese Gibson and Charlize Theron. "Louis joined the 'Fast & Furious' team seamlessly, with an

innate understanding of the franchise that is stronger than ever after two decades. Under his direction, 'Fast X' is a high intensity thriller with all the spectacular action, emotion, and twists that the fans have come to expect - and then some. We are thrilled that he will continue to work his magic in the director's chair," said Universal Pictures president Peter Cramer, as per Variety.

Directed Leterrier 'Fast X' the 10th film of the super-hit franchise also stars Jason Momoa, Jason



Statham, John Cena, Daniela Melchior, Alan Ritchson, Helen Mirren and Cardi B in the lead roles. The film is all set to hit the theatres on May 19,

2023. The breathtaking trailer showcases a terrifying threat emerging from the shadows of the past

who's fueled by blood revenge, and who is determined to shatter this family and destroy everything - and everyone that Dom Toretto (played by Vin Diesel) loves, forever. Momoa's character has ties with 2011's 'Fast Five' in which Dom and Brian (played by Paul Walker) tied up a huge bank vault to their cars and drove it through the streets of Rio De Janeiro. Meanwhile, Leterrier also directed Jason Statham's 'Transporter' franchise, 'Clash of the Titans', and 'Now you see me'.

**Bigg Boss 16 Fame Shiv Thakare Confirms Entry In 'Khatron Ke Khiladi 13', Calls It 'A Dream Come True'**

One of the most-popular and loved stunt-based reality show, COLORS' 'Khatron Ke Khiladi,' is all set to make a roaring comeback with its 13th edition. And this time, it's bigger, bolder, and more daring than ever before with a new theme and new challenges! The show promises to take the contestants on a journey of a lifetime. It's time fans must brace themselves for a nail-biting adventure as daredevil contestants from all walks of life face their worst fears head-on. And joining the fray is

the unstoppable Shiv Thakare, who is all set to show his mettle and take on the ultimate test of courage on 'Khatron Ke Khiladi 13'. Famous for his stint in Bigg Boss 16 as one of the most prominent members of mandali, Shiv is ready to make his presence felt on 'Khatron Ke Khiladi 13'. Talking about the same, Shiv shares, "Being a part of 'Khatron Ke Khiladi' is an adventure like no other. It's not just about facing your fears, but also about discovering your inner

strength and resilience. Joining this show is a dream come true for me. I have overcome many fears in my life, and I'm thrilled about facing the ultimate series of khattras in this epic show under the guidance of action guru Rohit Shetty. This show has always been on my checklist after Bigg Boss and I feel my Bappa granted my wish yet again. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and I'm ready to test my mental and physical strength on the show." 'Khatron Ke Khiladi 13' will air soon on COLORS.



**Akshay Kumar, Sara Ali Khan and Dhanush starrer 'Atrangi Re' leaked online by Tamilrockers**

Akshay Kumar, Sara Ali Khan and Dhanush starrer 'Atrangi Re' premiered on a streaming platform today. Directed by Aanand L Rai, this entertainer has fallen prey to piracy. Within hours of its digital release, 'Atrangi Re' was made available for free download by notorious websites. According to a news portal, the movie is available for download on illegal piracy sites like Tamilrockers, Telegram and MovieRulz among others. 'Atrangi Re' is touted to be a unique love story with Sara romancing Akshay and Dhanush. In a recent interview, filmmaker Aanand L Rai showered praise on Akshay and shared, "As simple and honest actor Akshay is, he's also a film lover. He said, 'I love this story, I want to be a part of it.' We completed 'Atrangi Re' and 'Raksha Bandhan' during the lockdown in record time, 'aur mohabbat se' (and with love). Akshay is a secured actor. Zero pretense. As an actor, he understands what you're trying to do with him." Giving an insight about Akshay and Bhumi Pednekar starrer 'Raksha Bandhan', the filmmaker added, "You will enjoy 'Raksha Bandhan'. I am completing a circle. From the most complicated 'Atrangi Re' to the simplest 'Raksha Bandhan'. Bhai-behen ki kahaaniyan bani hi nahin hai. (There haven't been films on brother-sister relationships.) I went to take the title 'Raksha Bandhan' from the association, nobody had registered it.

**Anil Kapoor, Madhuri Dixit Praise Rani Mukerji's Performance In 'Mrs Chatterjee v/s Norway'**



Rani Mukerji's magnificent performance in 'Mrs. Chatterjee v/s Norway' is drawing new admirers each day. After watching a special show, Anil Kapoor took to Instagram on Wednesday to praise his 'Nayak' co-star. "Watching #MrsChatterjeeVsNorway last night was a humbling experience... This is easily one of Rani's finest performances, and that's saying something! The story itself is beautiful and poignant, but Rani's performance has made it superlative! I hope Rani sweeps all the awards for this pitch-perfect performance... Such a great job by the entire crew and cast of the

film. Kudos!", wrote Anil. Anil posted three pictures, in which the lady of the moment was present. In the first frame, Anil and Rani were joined by the former's wife Sunita Kapoor. Madhuri Dixit joined the duo for a picture-perfect frame in the second frame. The three stars twinned in black while Rani's oversized geek glasses stole the show. In the third frame, Rani took a selfie where she was flanked by Anil and Madhuri. Jim Sarbh, who played an important character in the movie, reacted to Anil's words with a love emoji. Before Anil, Alia Bhatt, Shah Rukh Khan, Gauri Khan, Rekha and many other celebs extended

their congratulatory messages to Rani and the entire team. Directed by Ashima Chibber, 'Mrs. Chatterjee VS Norway' talks about the life of an immigrant mother who fights against all odds to win back the custody of her children. Neena Gupta, Jim Sarbh and Bengali actor Anirban Bhattacharya played pivotal roles in the movie. Expressing her happiness about the film's success, Rani told ANI, "It always feels great to see stories of our Indian women being heard globally. I have always tried my best to take the stories of our Indian women to a global platform. I am an Indian woman and I know our powers... so I always ensure that our stories are heard with my work."

**Sara Ali Khan Poses With Karisma Kapoor As They Wrap 'Murder Mubarak' Delhi Schedule**

Sara Ali Khan, on Wednesday, wrapped up the Delhi schedule of her upcoming film 'Murder Mubarak' with director Homi Adajania. Taking to Instagram story, Sara treated fans with a glimpse of the celebration. The 'Gaslight' actor shared a picture of a cake with the movie name written on it and captioned it, "Delhi Schedule Wrap." She also posted a video featuring Homi and his wife- fashion designer Anaita Shroff Adajania. In the video, Homi can be seen busy shooting the scenes while his wife having a fun banter with Sara as she brought some

desserts on the sets. Later, Sara also shared pictures on Instagram and penned a long note along with it thanking director Homi Adajania and expressed gratitude for her time in Delhi. "That's a Delhi Schedule Wrap Thank you @homster for reminding me that the best thing we can do for ourselves is cultivate our instincts, respect our souls and only chase the truth. And in the midst of that purity, love and honesty we'll make lifelong memories and hopefully capture some of it on celluloid. Jai Bholenath. Missing my pool, my sun, my



moon, my morning dew on the grass, the sound of the peacocks and birds, my Dilli ka Khana, the sound of the Azan in old Delhi,

spontaneous trips to Bangla Saab, driving past India Gate and so much more Until next time hamari Rajdhani," she wrote.

## CLAY MASKS TO COOL SKIN THIS SUMMER



Summers are here, and it's time for all of us to change our skincare game. As the weather changes, so does your skin. It's not just heat exhaustion that you should be worried about during the heatwave. It can have several effects on the skin. In this scorching heat, your dermal layer needs hydration more than ever. With the extra heat and humidity, the skin actually produces more sebum (oils), resulting in oily-feeling skin. From brightening up your skin to restoring your skin's natural balance and much more, clay masks are like a quick fix for your

beauty problems. Clay masks provide a deep cleanse while being gentle on the skin, leaving it feeling refreshed, renewed, and radiantly glowing. They nourish your skin and make you feel more natural. The bonus is that they need a minimum amount of time to reach optimal effect.

Clay masks help pull out pore-clogging build-up, but are still gentle enough to avoid stripping of the skin and promote healthy hydration.

Clay masks are great for absorbing oil and also contain a variety of minerals that have different skin benefits.

During summer, in particular, the action of a clay mask can be really beneficial for inflamed, heated-up, and porous skin.

Use a clay mask once a week to remove all the gunk and dirt from the

skin. Fuller's Earth, or multani mitti, is easily available. A natural clay, it is white or light beige in colour and contains several minerals. It is of particular benefit to oily skins, as it absorbs and reduces oiliness from the skin surface. It also refines the pores and tightens the skin. In fact, it helps acne and pimple prone skin and can be used along with sandalwood, neem, mint, etc. It becomes dry when applied on the skin, tightening the skin and serving the purpose of a useful face pack.

For oily skin: Mix Fuller's Earth (multani mitti) with rose water into a paste and apply on the face, avoiding the lips and area around eyes. Wash it off when it is dry.

For acne-prone skin: Mix Fuller's Earth with sandalwood paste, rose water and

neem leaf powder into a paste. Apply the same way and wash off when dry. For acne marks: Mix Fuller's Earth with one teaspoon lemon juice and rose water into a paste. Apply



on the face. Wash it off when it is dry. For normal to dry and normal to oily skin, mix 1 teaspoon Multani mitti with aloe vera gel into a paste. Apply on the face, avoiding the lips and area around

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eyes. Wash it off after 15 minutes with plain water. If there is acne, add 2 drops of Tea Tree Oil to the mixture.

For normal to dry skin, 2 teaspoons of Multani Mitti may

water, half teaspoon pure glycerine and a pinch of turmeric; apply on oily, pimple prone skin and wash off when it dries, or after 15 minutes.

Activated charcoal can be used with Multani Mitti. To

discourage

around eyes. Wash it off after 15 minutes. **Kaolin clay** Kaolin clay is found in different colors and types and does not dry the skin as compared to other clays.

White kaolin clay is mild and works on sensitive skin. It is also used in anti-wrinkle masks. Red kaolin clay is rich in iron dioxide and is more potent. It is used in body wraps. Mix Half The Bag Of Clay With A Small Amount Of Water Or Coconut Oil to form a paste. Apply facial evenly leaving eyes and nostrils clear. Relax for 20 Minutes for the mask to dry and rinse off with warm water. Any excess Clay can be used as a body mask.

**Dead Sea Mud Mask For Summer** The Dead Sea Mud mask has a powerful pulling effect. It addresses dullness, smoothes

out roughness, and restores the skin's health and radiance, much like a multi-purpose facial. It is rich in minerals that can hydrate and nourish the skin, plump it up, and increase its suppleness to make it smooth

Take a clean glass bowl. Combine the clay of with the required amount of water or rose water and mix it to achieve a smooth consistency. Apply the prepared mask evenly to the face and let it sit for approximately 10 minutes. Wash it off with warm or cool water.

When finished, apply a toner.

**You can mix a pack at home, but keep your skin type in mind and add ingredients accordingly. The author is an international fame beauty expert and is called the herbal queen of India**

## Story about Struggle

Argaaz Ibrahim, a talented and hardworking actor, is making waves in the Indian entertainment industry. With his exceptional acting skills and charming personality, he is expected to rise to even greater heights in the coming years. Argaaz was born in 1991 and brought up in Chandigarh, where he started his acting career at a very young age. In this article, we will explore his journey to stardom, his passion for acting, his struggles, and his future plans.

**Early Beginnings** Argaaz's passion for acting grew as he continued to perform in various plays and dramas throughout his high school and college years. He started performing in Nukkad Natak, a popular form of street theatre in India, at the age of 12. It is known for its lively and interactive performances that engage the audience and encourage them to participate in the action. Argaaz continued to participate in Nukkad Natak performances throughout his school and college years. During his board exams, Argaaz used to visit the sets of Gurdas

Maan. He witnessed the filmmaking process up close and learned from professionals in the industry. He was amazed to see how effortlessly Gurdas Maan engaged the audience with his lively performances and made them feel like a part of the action. It was a truly unforgettable experience that inspired him to pursue a career in the entertainment industry.

**Struggles and Setbacks**

Argaaz faced many hardships in his pursuit of acting. Once, one of his friends introduced him to an acting teacher who was running his acting school. He offered Argaaz to join his classes, which cost him around \$30,000. Despite the high cost, Argaaz managed to pay the fee. But later on, he found out that the acting teacher was a fraud and had run away with his money. He felt betrayed and angry that he had been scammed, but he learned a valuable lesson: research and investigate before investing in any opportunity. This setback could



have easily discouraged him from pursuing his passion for acting, but he persevered and found other opportunities to develop his skills. He

eventually landed a role in a local theatre production and has since continued to pursue his dream with determination and resilience. **Risingstar**

After struggling, Argaaz joined the Theatre for Theatre in 2012, where he honed his skills and landed his first role in a Broadway production. Since

then, he has appeared in several other successful productions and has become a well-known name in the industry. His determination and hard work have paid off, and he continues to pursue his passion for acting with great success.

In addition to his acting career, Argaaz has also become a role model for many fitness enthusiasts. He has transformed himself into a fitness freak and often shares his workout routines and healthy lifestyle tips on social media. His dedication to both his passion and his health is truly inspiring.

**Future Plans**

Argaaz's future plans include expanding his acting career and exploring new opportunities in the entertainment industry. He also plans to start his own production company and produce quality content for the audience. His dedication and hard work have made him one of the rising stars in the industry, and we can expect great things from him in the coming years. **At the end** Argaaz Ibrahim is a

talented and hardworking actor who has risen to stardom through his dedication and passion for acting. He has faced many struggles and setbacks in his journey, but he has persevered and found success in the industry.

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Danish Ahmad

### Letter To Editor

Sir, **Concerning turn of events**

Relevant to Atiq Ahmed and his brother Ashraf killing the shooters, two of whom are in their early twenties and the third who is only eighteen years old, have told police that they murdered the Ahmed siblings in order to 'make a name' for themselves in the criminal world. The ease with which they were able to murder the pair indicates serious lapses on the part of the escorting cops. The assailants had an easy time because of police laxity. The killings had an air of inevitability about them; it was just a question of how would they pull the trigger quicker than the UP cops. The state's recent spate of police encounters and extrajudicial killings must be investigated. Police, emboldened by an apparent trigger-happy government, have opened the floodgates to a vicious circle of killings. As a result, gangsters are fiercely competing for 'glory and fame'. This is a concerning turn of events. The judiciary and the Centre must strongly advise the UP & other state governments to change its ways and uphold the rule of law.

**Vijaykumar H K Raichur, Karnataka**

## Assam, Arunachal Sign Pact In Presence Of Amit Shah To Resolve Border Row



**New Delhi:** The Assam and the Arunachal Pradesh governments on Thursday signed an agreement in presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah here to resolve their decades old border disputes. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and his Arunachal Pradesh counterpart Pema Khandu signed the agreement. Assam and Arunachal Pradesh share an 804.1-km-long border. The two states have been in discussions to resolve the border dispute with Mr Sarma and Mr Khandu signing the Namsai Declaration on

July 15 last year wherein they had pledged to find a solution soon. Officials said the two states decided to resolve the dispute in 123 villages. Mr Shah termed the border agreement as a "historic" event and said it ended decades long disputes. Mr Sarma said the deal is a "big and successful" moment. Mr Khandu described the deal as "historic". Regional committees dealing with specific areas were formed last year, comprising ministers, local MLAs, and officials from both sides to take the discussion forward.

Arunachal Pradesh, which was made a union territory in 1972, has been maintaining that several forested tracts in the plains traditionally belonged to hill tribal chiefs and communities and these were "unilaterally" transferred to Assam earlier. After Arunachal Pradesh achieved statehood in 1987, a tripartite committee was appointed, which recommended that certain territories be transferred from Assam to Arunachal Pradesh. Assam contested this and the matter was in the Supreme Court for a long time.

## Assam Congress's Show-Cause Notice To Leader Over Harassment Charges



**New Delhi:** The Assam Congress has issued a show-cause notice to a former youth wing chief after she levelled harassment charges against a party colleague. The notice was issued to Angkita Dutta, who accused Youth Congress chief BV Srinivas of being "sexist and chauvinistic", after the National Commission for Women (NCW) asked the Assam Police to probe the charges. Ms Dutta has been given 24 hours to reply as to why disciplinary action should not be taken against her, according to the notice. Assam Congress also raised questions over the timing of her allegations, pointing to next month's Karnataka elections, for which Mr Srinivas has been campaigning. "It has also been found that as long as you were removed as President APYC due to the electoral process you not only refused to contest the Youth Congress Election but you also started bad mouthing the President IYC for removing you. Such a stand goes against party discipline," the notice read. In a series of tweets on Tuesday, Ms Dutta alleged Mr Srinivas and another Congress leader discriminated against her based on her gender. The Youth Congress chief responded with a defamation suit, for allegedly using "unparliamentary and defamatory" words against him. Ms Dutta claimed she had complained within the organization for months, but nothing happened. "I am on the verge of losing self-respect now because I am an educated woman and I work for women's issues," she said. The police are yet to register a case in this

matter. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has termed the issue an "internal matter" of the Congress party. "She has complained to Rahul Gandhi, not me. If I act then they will question why I am concerned about Congress's internal matter," he said, adding that the government will not intervene until she complains to him. Leader of the Opposition in the Assam assembly, Debabrata Saikia, has dismissed the allegations as an attempt to tarnish the Congress's image. "The issue is an internal matter of the party. It should not have gone out in the public domain... In the circumstances and the way things have developed, I am quite certain of a political motive behind all this. I cannot blame anybody without ascertaining the facts," the Congress leader said.

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court, which is hearing arguments on a batch of pleas seeking legal sanction for same-sex marriage, said on Thursday the inflow of cases in the court is so heavy that it is impossible to list constitution bench matters unless the time taken to argue is rationed. Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud, who is heading a five-judge constitution bench which is hearing the matter, said the chief justices before him had not set up constitution benches because of the kind of pressure which is there in terms of the inflow of matters. "If constitution benches really have to go on, you know, with five judges leaving their regular works.... That is why chief justices before me have not constituted constitution benches because you don't know the kind of pressure. Every evening I ask what is the filing and how much is the disposal," he said. "We don't want to add. That is the real problem in our court. The inflow is so heavy, unless we start rationing time, you know, it is impossible to list constitution benches," said the CJ, who is heading the bench, which also comprises Justices S K Kaul, S R Bhat, Hima Kohli and P S Narasimha. At the beginning of the hearing on the same-sex

## Vice President Cautions Of "Anti-India" Activities At Some Foreign Universities

**New Delhi:** Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Thursday said "Dangers are emanating from outfits", including some foreign universities doubling up as centres of subversive anti-India activities out to demolish the country's civilisation ethos and sully and muddy its growth. He said disturbing insights in the hidden agenda of the so-called elites in India is alarming and unfortunately getting reflected in our constitutional institution working. It is the responsibility of the Parliament to safeguard India's national sovereignty and cultural integrity, from any kinds of threats internally or externally, the vice president said. "Our democracy, on path to unprecedented growth and glory, needs that its wings - the legislature, the judiciary and the executive - act in tandem and togetherness for smooth upward flight journey. We all must ensure this," he said at the inauguration ceremony of two-day celebrations to mark the 16th Civil Services Day here. These constitutional entities can ill afford to weaponise authority by effecting incursions in the domain of the other, he



said, adding that the legislature, judiciary and executive serve best while functioning in their respective domain. "Dangers are emanating from outfits, within and without, including some foreign universities doubling up as centres of subversive anti-Bharat activities out to demolish our civilisation ethos and sully and muddy our growth," the vice president said. He said Parliament alone is "incharge of legislation" and competent to enforce it. Legislation is the exclusive preserve of the Parliament, the most authentic reflector of the will of the people at large, he said. "Under our constitutional scheme neither the legislature nor the judiciary can emerge as a

powerful political actor - this is best left to the political class. I have full trust and belief in your intellect and capacity to reach and outreach as influencers to neutralise anti-Bharat narratives and to effect execution of policies of the government and visionary leadership," the vice president said. In a veiled attack at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Dhankhar said it is indeed painful to suffer some who adopt an ostrich stance to India's phenomenal growth and flourishing democratic values. "In and out of the country they engage in misadventure to demean, decry, taint and tarnish our democracy and constitutional institutions. It is baffling why some amongst us

enjoyably resort to self-goals when it comes to economic growth, policy-making and implementation! This unwholesome stance needs to be antidoted," he said. The vice president said India is the the largest and mother of democracy, most functional and vibrant at all levels - the village, the municipalities, the states and at the centre. "In no other constitution of any other country, you will find a provision for panchayats, municipalities. We have it in our part IX of the Constitution. This kind of hierarchical democratic mechanism is nowhere else in the world. Our level of freedom of expression is next to none and there is no tangible reflection of enforced

silence," he said. Mr Dhankhar said civil servants are eminently suited to be guiding lights in this as also in promoting economic nationalism and observance of fundamental duties. "We must inculcate discipline in the people. Always remember 'Be you ever so high, the law is always above you!'. None is above and beyond the reach of law," he said. Mr Dhankhar said it is a soothing aspect-by and large that the civil servants are optimally unleashing their energy in the service of the nation, "making all of us realise that national dharam is imperative and not an option". "I am confident that in the unprecedented growth trajectory of the nation on the way to attaining global place at pinnacle with the attainment of the centenary of our independence in 2047, civil service will be spinally supportive," he said. Union Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh, Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba and Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances Secretary V Srinivas were among those who attended the event.

## Impossible To List Constitution Benches Unless Time Rationed: Supreme Court

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marriage issue for the third successive day, a counsel handed over to the bench a list of lawyers who would argue on behalf of the petitioners along with the indicative time which they would take. arguments could be over in 30 minutes. We have given three days (to the petitioners' side) in this court, I think that is good enough," the CJ said. Justice Kaul said the bench had indicated in the very beginning the issue

so that arguments from both the sides could be over. When Grover referred to diversity of views on the issue, the CJ said, "Then you can merrily go on in July. We have no problem." "People have

days for one side. "It can't be like this," Justice Kaul said, adding, "Nuances can't be addressed as if you are beginning a new case." Justice Bhat said the oral hearing which is happening in the matter is meant to give some voice to the people. "But our real work begins after that. So don't be under the impression that if you don't get to address your contents, we will not apply our minds. Our duty lies elsewhere. Once this is over, the whole court system is right now geared as though everything depends on what you say or what you don't say. It is not correct," he said. Justice Bhat said, "Please keep that in mind and restrain yourself to the extent possible and present the clearest picture without taking us through too many things." The hearing then started with Singhvi resuming his submissions. At the end of the day's hearing, the bench asked the petitioners' side to complete their submissions on April 24, the next date of hearing. During the hearing on Wednesday, the bench had emphasised on the need to finish a matter in a time-bound manner, saying there are other cases waiting to be heard.

The CJ said the petitioners' side will have to conclude their submissions by the end of the day as the court has to give sufficient time to the other side as well. "You know, if I am having a very long telephonic conversation, my better half only does this to me, which is, please now get on with your work and stop the conversation," Justice Chandrachud said in a lighter vein and asked senior advocate A M Singhvi, who was to argue for one of the petitioners, to continue with his submissions. "There are Supreme Courts where the entire



on which it would focus and deal with in the matter. The CJ said Singhvi could conclude his submission within 45 minutes and after that the court will give hour-and-a-half between senior advocates Raju Ramachandran and K V Viswanathan, who are also appearing for some of the petitioners. Senior advocate Anand Grover, appearing for some petitioners, asked, "Why should one person get more time than the others?" The bench said in the next week it will sit on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

to be bound by time," Justice Kaul said, adding, "Look at the time schedule given. Is this a realistic time schedule?" One of the advocates said they would cut down the time indicated and the petitioners' side will conclude their submissions on Monday. "You people also know this case has been taken up on some priority. We are trying to wind it up. If you don't want to wind it up, you don't wind it up," Justice Kaul said. Justice Chandrachud said the estimated time given by the petitioners' side is about 16 hours which means four complete

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# Kantapada Villagers Up In Arms Against Illegal Liquor

**Bhubaneswar:** The villagers of Kantapada under Gop block in Puri district of Odisha have urged the district administration to take immediate steps to stop illegal liquor trade in their locality.

The villagers have sent their petitions to Puri District Collector, Superintendent of Police (SP) and Excise Superintendent in this regard, sources said.

According to the villagers, some anti-social elements have been selling illegal liquor in the village market at Kantapada, located close to a school, for last



several months. The villagers have urged the authorities concerned to take the necessary steps to stop the illegal liquor trade at Kantapada but to no avail.

The villagers have alleged a nexus between the Excise department officials and some anti-social elements behind the illegal liquor trade in their village.

“The police and Excise department officials are hand in glove with the liquor mafia,” said a villager. A group of women of Kantapada has been

demonstrating against the illegal trade in the village for the last couple of days. The women have threatened to continue their agitation till there is concrete action on the issue.

“We have urged the district administration to take action against the illegal liquor traders,” said Mohani Behera, a villager. Kanhu Behera, Kartik Behera, Panchanan Behera, Ratnakar Behera and several others of Kantapada have expressed their resolve to fight against the illegal liquor trade in their village.

**ANGUL:** An elderly man was trampled to death by a wild elephant in a forest near Kantanegha village here on Tuesday. The deceased was identified as 83-year-old Ramachandra Sahoo of Kantamegha.

Bantala ranger Niladra Sahoo said early in the morning, Ramachandra had gone to the nearby forest to answer nature's call when he encountered the elephant. The jumbo lifted the elderly man with its trunk and smashed him against a tree. Ramachandra was killed instantly. Later, some villagers



spotted his body and informed the local forest officials. Initially, Rs 1 lakh has been provided to the deceased's family and the rest compensation amount will be paid after verification of documents. The body

was sent for postmortem. The ranger said at least eight elephants are roaming in Bantala forest for the last one month. Locals have been warned not to venture into the forest in morning and evening hours.

# ACS Sahu In Mayurbhanj

**Baripada:** Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Revenue & Disaster Management and Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Satyabrata Sahu made a visit to Mayurbhanj district on Wednesday. He harped on timely completion of projects under 5T Charter.

He held a review meeting with both forest and revenue department officials. The block-level officials of different blocks also joined the meeting through videoconferencing mode. District Collector Vineet Bhardwaj and other



senior officials were present. During the meeting, ACS Shri Sahu emphasized upon quick allocation of land to developmental projects by following all norms and protection of revenue forests in the district. As Mayurbhanj district has a lot of forest area, he directed

the Forest officials to ensure full protection of the forests with active involvement of local communities and people. He also instructed the officials to take steps to control forest fire incidents. He also instructed the officials to take steps for convergence of departments for proper utilization of CAMPA funds.

Earlier Shri Sahu visited Balasore district and took stock of development projects, said sources. He regularly move across the State for monitoring the development

programs under 5T Charter, being implemented by the Departments.

Notably, recently, the State Government decided that all Additional Chief Secretaries (ACSs), Principal Secretaries and Secretaries of different departments will make extensive field visits and night stays in remote and rural areas during third week of every month for effective monitoring and review of the programmes, schemes, and delivery of critical public services.

Accordingly top mandarins are on move and visiting the Districts.

# Odisha CM Inaugurates Model Vending Zone In Capital City



**Bhubaneswar:** Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today inaugurated a model vending zone for women at Dumuduma in the capital city here. The newly-inaugurated vending zone has 41 shops and all necessary facilities like proper lighting, drinking water, toilet,

seating facility and parking area, sources said. The Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) has constructed the vending zone. Among others, Urban Development Minister Usha Devi, Social Security and Empowerment of

Persons with Disabilities Minister Ashok Panda, Mayor Sulochana Das, and corporators of the city and officials of BMC, ORMAS and Mission Shakti were present at the event. Of the total 41 shops at the model vending zone, 30 shops have been allotted to

women self-help groups (SHGs), three to Odisha Rural Development and Marketing Society (ORMAS) and one to the members of a Divyang SHG. The remaining shops will be soon allotted to eligible parties, said an official of the BMC.



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## CFA Institute in India Expands Student Accessibility with a New Exam Center in Bhubaneswar

**Bhubaneswar :** CFA Institute, the professional body for excellence and thought leadership in finance, has opened registrations for their upcoming February 2023 intake. Additionally, with the rising demand to increase candidate accessibility and convenience, the institute will have 4 new exam centers in Kochi, Chandigarh, Bhubaneswar and Guwahati for the CFA Program. These centers will take the total number of test center cities for the CFA exam to 16 across India and over 400 worldwide.

The recent CFA Institute Investor Trust survey showed that Indians place a high level of trust on the potential growth in job opportunities in the financial services sector. However, in the post-pandemic era, students as

well as professionals are prioritizing safety, accessibility and ease of travel while accomplishing their life and career goals. Ease of accessibility to exam centers is expected to improve a candidate journey through the program and reduce costs associated with travelling to take exams.

The CFA Charter continues to be the global gold standard for professionals aspiring to work in the investment management industry. We constantly work to make the CFA Program affordable, accessible, meritocratic and relevant. During the pandemic we moved our examinations to Computer Based Testing from Paper Based Exams and started offering examinations four times in a year. By expanding of our test center

network, we are taking one more step to bring the CFA Program within the reach of aspiring professionals and students in India." Said Arati Porwal, Director Society Relations at CFA Institute in India.

India has a robust banking, insurance and investment industry. It has a diversified financial sector undergoing rapid expansion, both in terms of strong growth of existing financial services firms and new entities entering the market. With such rapid expansion, there is a growing demand for professionals with relevant competencies and high standards of ethics. The CFA Institute works closely with the industry and regulators to support an inclusive and secure financial services industry in India.

## Experience the best-in-class customer services at 11 new Alpha Service Centers across India

**Bhubaneswar :** Sony India is expanding its Alpha Service Network across 11 cities in India including Mumbai, Coimbatore, Jaipur, Pune, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Trivandrum, Chennai, Indore, Bhubaneswar and Guwahati. This is expansion for Alpha Camera body and lens repairs facilities is a testament to the brand's continued dedication to customer satisfaction. Sony now has the widest service network of after sales support for Digital Imaging products with 8 service centers for lens repairs, 18 service centers for Alpha Camera Body repair, 40+ service centers which can offer basic services like CCD

Imager cleaning and firmware updates and 220+ collection centers pan India.

The service centers are equipped with necessary jigs and tools to deliver best quality repair of Alpha camera body, Camera Lens, Professional Cameras and other digital imaging products like Digital Still Cameras and Camcorders. Customers can also avail instant services for basic supports like CCD Imager cleaning and getting the latest firmware update to enjoy best performance from their products. The friendly customer care staff at these service centers will help customers to register their in-warranty products on

Sony Alpha Community portal to enable them avail free of cost additional one year warranty on applicable products.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Mukesh Srivastava, Head of Digital Imaging Business at Sony India, said, "By supporting and assisting partners in local markets, Sony aims to ensure customers receive exceptional service and satisfaction along with quicker and faster turnaround at all outlets across the country. The new service centers will offer customers a seamless experience across multiple touch-points to provide a consistent brand experience that surpasses expectations."

## ATLAS OF AFFLUENCE - INDIA'S FIRST EVER WHITE PAPER ON LUXURY LAUNCHED AS A YEARLY FEATURE

**Mumbai:** Amidst leading luminaries of industries spanning across the business of luxury, the Atlas of Affluence (AOA) 2022 has been launched in Mumbai. Created by The Voice of Fashion (TVOF), a division of Reliance Brands Limited, the daily digital magazine that tracks and leads conversations on Indian fashion, design, crafts and retail, AOA 2022, is

the first such wide and deep white paper from India that dissects consumer behaviour studied through the prism of luxury.

A collective reflection on what affluence means in India spiked during the two years of the pandemic. Charting the post-pandemic market and the clearly altered consumer mindset through a specially commissioned study

across six cities and markets of India, AOA 2022 has been published as a book with exclusively commissioned artworks. This study uses the time graph of "pre-pandemic" and "post-pandemic" months to specify a comparative matrix. It also helps debunk long-held ideas about what affluence and luxury have meant to Indians.

## NSDL launches "Market ka Eklavya- Express" in 75 cities to mark 75 years of Independence

**Mumbai:** India's largest depository, National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) launched 'Market ka Eklavya- Express', an online investment awareness program for students that will be conducted in 8 different languages including Hindi. The program would serve as a beginner's guide for investing for the youth.

To mark the significance of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, an

initiative of Government of India to celebrate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of our people, culture and achievements, NSDL has launched a new initiative towards investor awareness 'Market Ka Eklavya - Express' across 75 cities, especially aimed at the college students who would very soon be entering the phase where they would start earning and naturally,

look for avenues of investment.

Earlier this month, Market ka Eklavya (5-hours program) was launched by the hon'ble Finance Minister of India, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman at the silver jubilee event of NSDL.

On the launch of the initiative Ms. Padmaja Chundur, MD & CEO, NSDL said, "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is a special initiative launched by

## SBI now offers Real Time Xpress Credit on YONO app

**Mumbai :** With an aim to digitally empower customers and offer additional convenience, the country's largest lender, State Bank of India (SBI) has announced the introduction of Real Time Xpress Credit (RTXC) on YONO. The bank's flagship personal loan product for salaried customers - Xpress Credit has a Digital Avatar now. Customers can now avail RTXC from the comfort of their homes through YONO - which is going to be 100% paperless and digital. The end-to-end 8 step journey would be easy and instant for the customers.

Under Real Time Xpress Credit, Central/ State Government and Defence salaried customers of SBI will no longer be required to visit the branch for availing a personal loan. The credit checks, eligibility, sanction & documentation will now be done digitally in real-time.

Shri Dinesh Khara, Chairman, SBI said, "We are pleased to introduce Real Time Xpress Credit (RTXC) Loan facility for our eligible salaried customers on YONO. The Xpress Credit product will enable our customers to experience a digital, hassle-free, and paperless loan process. We at SBI constantly endeavour to offer technology-led enhanced digital banking experience to the customers in order to simplify banking." The digitalization of Xpress Credit delivery will also help the bank to do away with the need to handle and store enormous paperwork.

## Blenders Pride Fashion Nights arrives in Bhubaneswar

**Bhubaneswar :** Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, a unique travelling experiential property, arrived in the City of Temples - Bhubaneswar - celebrating the authentic spirit of the city through fashion and style. A spirit that echoes with Pride and inspires the creators of today to become icons of tomorrow. Bhubaneswar's 'Made of Artistic Flair' edition for Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, brought together an eclectic evening that blended fashion, culture and dance, celebrating a symbolic amalgamation of homegrown artistry and the unwavering spirit of local talent.

Exemplifying the region's signature weave through a curated evening at the majestic Vivanta, Bhubaneswar, DC Square was Odia designer Sabyasachi Satpathy, whose intricately crafted ensembles drew inspiration from the multicultural city and its colourful history. In a true celebration of Odisha's distinct and masterful craftsmanship, the show was elevated with a captivating performance by the Prince Dance Group - from the small Odisha town of Berhampur - widely lauded for their artistry. The show drew to a finale with none other than actor Diana Penty, who captivated the audience in a beautiful ensemble by the designer. The "Made of Artistic Flair" edition of Blenders Pride Fashion Nights was a beautiful embodiment of the rich craft and cultural heritage of the city in a modern and contemporary setting.

Taking us on a 'Jatra' - The Journey of a Young Woman - the show encapsulated the journey of a woman from post adolescence to her nuptials, navigating the various challenges, trials and significant moments that come her way. The enigmatic journey was captured through the array of colours and textiles that Odisha Bandha/Ikkat offers. Truly encapsulating the spirit of 'Made of Pride', the designer made use of Odisha weave, which is sustainable, hand-woven, organic and a homegrown initiative of design, painstakingly woven by the weavers of Odisha. The upbeat set was a composition designed to narrate the spirit of Bhubaneswar along with the flair of the designer. The evening was attended by the city's A-listers & influencers. The fashion walk truly left the guests mesmerized and engaged.

Through this unique showcase of Pride encompassing diverse talent across creative fields, Blenders Pride Fashion Nights 2022, encourages everyone, especially youth at large to celebrate & take pride in their authentic and individual journeys. The evening spotlighted individuals who take Pride in their choices, are comfortable in their skin and, most importantly, embrace their authentic selves - truly living a life that is 'Made of Pride'.

our Prime Minister to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of India's Independence. Our program has been particularly aimed to create awareness about the financial markets to the young minds who will be the future of our country. In this Amrit Kaal, our digital education initiative focuses on building a path towards Financial Freedom for our youth, symbolizing the spirit of

## Mahindra Unveils its Disruptive Product Innovation, the brand-new 'G75 Smart' Motor Grader at EXCON

**Bengaluru:** Mahindra's Construction Equipment Division (MCE), a part of the Mahindra Group, announced expansion of its road construction equipment range with the launch of the brand-new Mahindra RoadMaster G75 Smart - "Profit Ka Partner".

Speaking on the occasion, Jalaj Gupta, Business Head, Commercial Vehicles Business Unit, Mahindra & Mahindra Limited, said, "We at Mahindra are committed to provide disruptive products and services for our customers and are launching yet another product innovation in the fast-growing road construction equipment segment, the Mahindra RoadMaster G75 Smart Motor Grader. It has been designed and developed in India based

on deep insights of the needs of smaller road contractors. Our aim is to help small contractors break free from sub-optimal grading practices and to upgrade them to mechanization and enable them to participate in nation building. The brand-new G75 Smart motor grader is a highly reliable machine with low owning and operating costs and will truly be their "Profit Ka Partner". Our existing RoadMaster range of motor graders has already captured over 20% market share, and we are confident that G75 Smart will further strengthen our position while transforming construction of small roads in India, which constitute about 60% of country's roads."

The RoadMaster G75 Smart offers road contractors, liberation

from compromised makeshift solution, such as manual labor and farm tractor-based graders. It is the ideal machine for spreading and grading applications for the rural, semi-rural and district roads, land development, internal housing and commercial roads. It enables small road contractors to participate in projects with grading needs for government flagship programs as Smart City, as well as PMGSY roads. The RoadMaster G75 Smart provides small contractors affordable and uncompromised mechanization and an opportunity to deploy a registered motor grader in the smaller projects which was not possible hitherto with the conventional graders. Also, it will help improve the quality and longevity of work and quicker turnaround of projects.

## Vi Brings Attractive International Roaming Packs for its Customers this Travel Season!

**Mumbai:** As international travel opens up and more Indians resume international travel for business and leisure, Vi, India's leading telecom operator, offers attractive international roaming packs for its customers this holiday season. Currently, Vi has roaming arrangements with operators across geographies, making international travel experience seamless and worry-free for its customers.

Vi International Roaming packs enable users to roam worry-free with unlimited Voice

calls and Data on its unparalleled roaming networks across top travel destinations globally. Vi post-paid customers travelling to popular business and holiday destinations such as UAE, UK, USA, France, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Australia, Thailand, Brazil and more can opt for Vi Unlimited International Roaming packs, starting from Rs. 599 offering 24 hour validity to Rs 5999 pack that comes with 28 days validity.

The 'Always On' feature on all Vi Postpaid Roaming Packs ensures that customers do not get

charged exorbitant rates while on international roaming even after the expiry of the subscribed pack. For example if travelers who have subscribed to the 7 day Vi Postpaid Roaming Pack, have to extend their stay, they can continue to use their phone for voice, SMS and data, and will be charged standard rates till the user's usage value doesn't cross Rs. 599. Upon crossing Rs. 599, the user will be billed @Rs 599 for each additional day that they use the International roaming facility, thus getting safeguarded from bill shocks.

## BOB Financial and HPCL launch co-branded contactless RuPay Credit Card

**Mumbai:** BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda (BoB) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL) - a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise in partnership with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), have announced the launch of HPCL Co-branded RuPay Credit Card. The card is designed to reward customers for spends at HPCL fuel pumps as

well as the HP Pay app. It also offers accelerated rewards for spends on utilities, grocery and departmental stores. This card can be used across merchants and ATMs globally through the JCB network.

Cardholders of HPCL BoB RuPay Contactless Credit Card will be able to earn up to 24 reward points (per INR 150 spent) for spends at HPCL fuel pumps and on the HP Pay app. In addition, cardholders will also benefit from 1% Fuel

Surcharge Waiver on fuel purchases at HPCL pumps or on HP Pay. Customers who spend INR 5,000 or more within 60 days of card issuance will get 2,000 bonus reward points.

The co-branded credit card will offer 10 reward points (per INR 150 spent) on utilities, grocery and departmental stores and 2 reward points on other categories. The card also offers attractive discount on movie ticket bookings.

## Jindal Stainless signs MoU with SCTEVT, Odisha to train future-ready stainless steel professionals

**Bhubaneswar:** Odisha's State Council for Technical Education & Vocational Training (SCTEVT) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jindal Stainless to promote technical education in the field of stainless steel and its various applications. Under this MoU, stainless steel courses will be introduced in all the Polytechnic colleges in Odisha from June 2022. The MoU was signed by Vice Chairman,

SCTE&VT, Shri Reghu G (IAS) and Unit Head, Jindal Stainless Limited (JSL), Shri Deepak Agrawal. Dignitaries present at the ceremony included Chairman, SCTE&VT and Principal Secretary to Government, Skill Development and Technical Education (SDTE) and Industries Departments, Shri Hemant Sharma (IAS); Additional Secretary, SDTE, Govt of Odisha, Shri Tapan Satpathy (OAS); Resident Director, JSL, Mr SS

Upadhyay, and General Manager, Sales & Distribution, Mr Ranit Rana.

Commending the development, Chairman, SCTE&VT and Principal Secretary to Government, SDTE and Industries Departments, Shri Hemant Sharma (IAS) said, "This collaboration with Jindal Stainless will enhance the learning experience for students and faculty both, as it will give them insights about and practical exposure to the stainless steel industry."

# Hazlewood's fitness pivotal to Australia's Ashes plans

**New Delhi:** Australia's chair of selectors George Bailey is hopeful Josh Hazlewood can ramp up his fitness levels building up to the six-Test tour of the UK in June. The 32-year-old fast bowler picked up an Achilles tendonitis injury during the home summer, one that subsequently ruled him out of participation in the Border-Gavaskar Test series. The New South Walesman joined his IPL franchise Royal Challengers Bangalore earlier this week but it could be sometime before he features in their Playing XI. Bailey and the Cricket Australia selectors are counting on him to build up his bowling loads through the T20 league having named him in a 17-member squad for the World Test Championship final against India as well as the five-Test Ashes series

that starts immediately after.

"Josh Hazlewood is still building back to his full capacity through the IPL, so hopefully he gets a few games over there in the back half of that tournament and starts to ramp up his return," Bailey said on Wednesday (April 19). He's reasonably experienced. He's very professional. Josh. He knows exactly what and where he'll need to be to be at his best for the Ashes. We're in constant communication as we are with all the players around that. He will be building, in some ways, that sort of smaller workload through four-over bursts in the IPL might be a nice build for him."

While Hazlewood is on a comeback trail, Australia's squad for the tour of the UK is conspicuous by the absence of Michael



Neser, who enjoyed his career-best Sheffield Shield season for Queensland where he took 40 wickets at 16.67. With him playing County Cricket for Glamorgan, selectors will have the

option of calling him up should fast-bowling reinforcements be required.

"The other advantage or the handy thing we have is that we've got Sean Abbott and Michael

Neser over there playing county cricket. They're obviously on the ground playing lots of cricket, so we can call on them if we need," Bailey said. "It's great to have so many players playing County

cricket. We keep an eye on all the guys that are over there playing. I think specifically around the bowling front, we've got our first-choice for quicks over there. And then if we do need to call

upon another quick we can be really specific around who we need and why. And not necessarily have someone in the squad who ends up being superfluous."

Meanwhile, Bailey sought to offer some clarity on maverick opener David Warner's selection, stating that while he was expected to start the Test Championship final against India at The Oval as a mark of continuity, he flat-batted suggestions that the 36-year-old was a definite starter for the Ashes. The 36-year-old Warner has endured a prolonged run of lean form in the format, having passed 50 only once in his last 15 innings albeit that solitary effort was a double hundred against South Africa in the Boxing Day Test.

"[Warner is] invested and wants to make sure he helps us finish off a

couple of consistent years on the Test front by trying to win the World Test Championship final," Bailey said. "The way we are looking at that is it's a culmination of what's been a pretty consistent two years. It's been a pretty similar team for a long period of time. We are confident that's a team and that's a makeup that can have success.

"Not specifically to Dave, but I think we'll just get through that Test championship. We'll obviously be planning behind the scenes but we'll have a look at what that looks like as we get there. Different opposition and different surface in terms of going from the Oval to to start the Ashes. So we'll work through that. We'll wait and see what the conditions hold when we get there."

## Gary Ballance announces retirement from all forms of cricket

**New Delhi:** Former England batter Gary Ballance has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. The 33-year-old had returned to the country of his birth - Zimbabwe - and signed a two-year deal after being released by Yorkshire. He featured in one Test, one T20I and five ODIs for them. Ballance quits the game with five Test hundreds to his name, with the latest one (137 not out) coming in the only Test he featured in for Zimbabwe.



statement issued by the Professional Cricketers' Association.

The left-hander thanked Zimbabwe for giving him the chance to

continue playing at the highest level but revealed that he no longer had the desire to carry on in professional sport.

"I had hoped my move to Zimbabwe would provide me with a new-found happiness for the game and I will always be thankful to Zimbabwe Cricket for providing me with an opportunity to return to international cricket and welcoming me into their team.

"However, I have reached the stage where I no longer have the desire to dedicate myself to the rigours of professional sport and it would do Zimbabwe Cricket and the game

itself a disservice, should I carry on. I wish them every success going forward," Ballance added.

Ballance played 23 Tests for England after making his debut in 2014, and scored 1498 runs for them - including four centuries and seven fifties. He also won the County Championship with Yorkshire in the 2014 and 2015 seasons.

Last December, Yorkshire announced that Ballance had requested to be released after he was in the midst of the controversy where he admitted to using racist language against club teammate Azim Rafiq.

## UEFA Champions League 2023: Erling Haaland Strikes In Bayern Munich Draw, Manchester City Enter Semis With 4-1 Aggregate

**New Delhi:** His 48th goal for Manchester City this season, Erling Haaland scored again Wednesday for City to advance to a Champions League semifinal against Real Madrid with a 1-1 draw against Bayern Munich in the second leg of their quarterfinal.

The Norway forward missed a first-half penalty but atoned by sealing City's progress with a 4-1 win on aggregate by scoring on a counterattack in the 57th minute, just after Bayern missed a good chance at the other end. Bayern's lack of confidence after losing the first leg 3-0 in Manchester showed as it

failed to take advantage of numerous chances.

"We really wanted to take the lead in the first half," said Joshua Kimmich, who scored Bayern's consolation from the penalty spot in the 83rd. "We had a few chances, very, very good chances, and we needed the lead against City to make them nervous. It's obviously easier for them when they can keep it scoreless for a long time. It's very annoying ... I'd like to have experienced the second half if we'd scored in the first."

The penalty was awarded after City defender Manuel Akanji was cited through VAR for handball. Bayern

counterpart Dayot Upamecano was also penalized for handball when Ilkay Gundogan's cross grazed the bottom of his arm in the 35th, but Haaland blasted that spot kick just over the bar. Kevin De Bruyne played Haaland through to settle it early in the second half, when the unfortunate Upamecano slipped as he tried to recover. "We played very well in the difficult moments, we were very compact and we didn't give Bayern much," De Bruyne said. "At the other end we got one chance. And when we scored the goal, it was much harder for Bayern."

# LSG outwit RR in low-scoring contest

**New Delhi:** Marcus Stonis's all-round efforts (a 16-ball 21 & 2-28) helped Lucknow Super Giants secure a 10-run win over Rajasthan Royals, in Jaipur, to retain the second spot on the points table. After posting 154 for 7, courtesy Kyle Mayers' half-century and Nicholas Pooran's late blitz, the visitors restricted Royals to 144 for 6, despite an 87-run opening stand by Jos Buttler and Yashasvi Jaiswal.

Lucknow Super Giants' start was extremely slow. Trent Boult's tight lines notwithstanding, KL Rahul and Kyle Mayers didn't attempt too many attacking strokes. The left-arm pacer bowled 11 dot balls in his first two overs. The openers managed only 37 runs in the powerplay, with the former going at run-a-ball 17 and the latter even slower - 18-

ball 16. It was the lowest score registered in the powerplay without the loss of a wicket in IPL 2023.

On a pitch that stayed low despite being hard on the surface, shot-making was difficult. The duo brought up their half-century stand in 46 balls, but then broke free for a few overs. Mayers flatbatted Jason Holder for a six over the long off boundary and followed it up by off-driving Chahal for another maximum in the next over. KL Rahul also joined his opening partner in the attack, by hitting a boundary and a six in those two overs.

By the time the duo was separated - when Rahul holed out to Buttler at long on, after being put down twice earlier in the innings (on 6 and 12) - LSG had picked up pace, at 82 for 1 in 10.4 overs. In a space of 20 balls, Rajasthan Royals

struck four times. Following Rahul's dismissal, Boult returned to bowl his final over and cleaned up Ayush Badoni, who missed out on a lap shot. Ashwin then struck twice in an over, having Deepak Hooda caught at deep midwicket and cleaning up Mayers, reducing LSG to 104 for 4 in 14 overs. Boult, who had finished his spell by then, returned figures of 1 for 16.

While most batters struggled to get going early on, Stonis got off the mark by reverse-sweeping Ashwin for a boundary. The hard-hitting Australian was able to rotate the strike easily but Nicholas Pooran, his partner at the other end, struggled for the majority of his stay. However, Pooran turned it around in the penultimate over when he took down Jason Holder, hammering his



fellow West Indian for two boundaries and a six in a 17-run over. With what seemed like a below-par total, Jos Buttler and Yashasvi Jaiswal were content in going slow early on. While Jaiswal managed only 1 run in his first five balls, Buttler was pacing at 5 runs in 14 balls before cracking his first boundary. While both the batters took some risks, and even managed 47 runs in the

powerplay, they seemed in little difficulty. Barring one thick edge off Jaiswal that was dropped by Naveen ul haq at short third while he was batting on 22, in the sixth over, there wasn't much threat from the bowlers on a slowish wicket. The duo went on to add 87 runs for the opening wicket before the southpaw was eventually dismissed in the 12th over,

cutting to Avesh at short third. Even at that point, Buttler was comfortably cruising at run-a-ball 35. The stutter started with the fall of Sanju Samson, who was short of his crease while attempting a quick single amidst some miscommunication over the run with his partner, Buttler. The opener followed soon after, getting caught at deep midwicket.

Hard lengths with slower balls worked well on the surface that was playing slow and low, not allowing the batters to time their shots well, especially with one end of the boundary being extremely long. Stonis used that to good effect, and bagged the wickets of the LSG openers.

The tactic allowed LSG to strangle RR's scoring and even paved the way for the wickets of batters who went early in their shots, like Shimron Hetmyer a couple of overs later, when he top-edged an Avesh delivery to Rahul at long on. LSG also slipped to a similar position - 104 for 4 - but in 15.1 overs. Devdutt Padikkal, who was brought in as an Impact Substitute, smashed Stonis for three boundaries in this final over, but Riyan Parag's

struggles from the other end didn't help. The required rate kept climbing quickly, and despite three boundaries off Stonis's last over, RR were left needing 19 runs in the final over. With an additional fielder inside the 30-yard circle due to LSG's slow over rate, Avesh Khan was up against a nery challenge which he aced despite getting hit for a boundary off the first ball. He had Padikkal caught behind and Dhruv Jorel caught at long on to end RR's hopes. Brief Scores: Lucknow Super Giants 154/7 in 20 overs (Kyle Mayers 51, KL Rahul 39; R Ashwin 2-23) beat Rajasthan Royals 144/6 in 20 overs (Yashasvi Jaiswal 44, Jos Buttler 40; Avesh Khan 3-25, Marcus Stonis 2-28) by 10 runs