

Rath Yatra Prep: Chariot Construction Begins In Odisha's Puri City

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The construction of chariots for this year's Rath Yatra started on the occasion of Akshaya Tritiya in Odisha's Puri city today.

The day also marked the commencement of the 21-day Chandan Yatra of Lord Jagannath at Narendra pond in the Holy City.

The Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) made elaborate arrangements for Rath Anukula or the ceremonial beginning of chariot construction for the annual Car Festival



of Lord Jagannath and his siblings Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra. The Brahmin priests of the 12th century shrine performed all rituals prior to the

beginning of chariot construction work, said an official of SJTA.

As per the tradition, three logs were placed at Rath Yard in front of the SJTA office in Puri and the

priests performed a Yajna to mark the beginning of the chariot construction work. Soon after the completion of the Yajna, the 'Agyanmala' of the

sibling deities were brought from Srimandir in a procession and handed over to three carpenters (Vishwakarmas) authorizing them to build the chariots, said the official.

Representative deities of Lord Jagannath and his siblings were also brought to the Rath Yard in palanquins during the performance of Rath Anukula ritual.

The chariot construction began soon after the priests consecrated the three logs by reciting hymns, he added.

CM Naveen Patnaik Performs 'Akhi Muthi Anukula' On Akshaya Tritiya



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today performed the 'Akhi Muthi Anukula' ritual on the occasion of Akshaya Tritiya.

The CM performed the ritual at a farm of the Odisha University of Agriculture & Technology (OUAT) here in the presence of Agriculture Minister

Ranendra Pratap Swain. He ploughed a small portion of the field and sowed seeds as a part of the ritual. 'Akhi Muthi Anukula' is the ceremonial act of sowing

seeds in paddy fields after ploughing. The occasion marks the commencement of agricultural works.

The CM then went to the Lok Seva Bhawan, where he inaugurated the Millet Shakti Cafe.

Patnaik also inaugurated the 'Agricultural Review Centre'. It will function as the central command and control system in the state agriculture building.

This apart, he inaugurated a creche namely 'Kalika' on the premises of the Lok Seva Bhawan for the children of its employees.

Special Squad Arrests 5 Dreaded Criminals; Seizes 3 Pistols, 10 Live Bullets

Puri: In a major crackdown, at least five hardcore criminals were arrested in the morning today by a joint team comprising a special squad and Talabania police in Puri town of this district. The anti-socials were identified as Manoranjan Mohanty alias Manua (38), Soumyaranjan Acharya alias Raja (32), Milan Mishra (35), Deepak Suar alias Dipuna and Nilu Barik alias Nilua (32). Manua was leading the

gang of five and has about 18 criminal cases pending against him in different police stations. Similarly, Dipuna has three pending cases, Nilua has three and Milan has six. According to a police source, special squad was trailing the criminal Manua for the last several months. He was evading arrest and changing locations and very frequently moving to outside Puri and the State. A constant intelligence-

based operation was planned and since last 29 days being executed. Finally, the squad and Talabania Police were able to nab him. Manua is the son of late Raghunath Mohanty from Narashingha Ballav Patana in Mohanty Sahi under Talabania police limits of Puri; Raja is the son of Manoranjan Acharya from Sininda village under Tirtol police limits of Jagatsinghpur;

Milan is the son of Sarat Chandra Mishra from Raghupati Nagar at back side of bus stand under Kumbharapada police limits of Puri; Dipuna alias Dipu is the son of Gopal Suara from Suara Sahi under Town police limits of Puri and Nilua is the son of late Jagabandhu Barik from Markandeswar Sahi under Town police limits of Puri, the police source said.

Odisha Cabinet To Meet Today

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Odisha Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik is scheduled to meet at Lokseva Bhawan here on April 24 (tomorrow). The meeting will be held at around 5.30 pm, sources said.

At least 10 important proposals of Agriculture, Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water, Rural Development, Skill Development, Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and Revenue departments are likely to get the Cabinet approval tomorrow. It is worth mentioning here that the Chief Minister had presided over the first-of-its-kind digital cabinet meeting from the Japanese city of Kyoto on April 9. Patnaik, who was leading a high level delegation in Japan to attract investment to Odisha, had taken some key decisions during the first-ever digital cabinet meeting.

G20 'Future Of Work' Exhibition Inaugurated In The State Capital



Bhubaneswar(KCN): An exhibition on the 'Future of Work' under G20 Presidency was kickstarted here today on the sidelines of the 3rd Education Working Group (EWG) meeting that began earlier in the day. The exhibition will continue till April 28, which will showcase the need for acquiring new skills.

The Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in association with the Central Ministry of Education is organising the mega event at the CSIR-Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology (IMMT) in Bhubaneswar.

Inaugurating the exhibition and later taking to his personal Twitter handle, Union Minister of Education and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan wrote, "Inaugurating a special exhibition on #G20FutureOfWork at @csirimmt, Bhubaneswar ... I welcome you to a world of endless possibilities. A unique confluence of technology leaders, influencers, innovators, industry and academia, #G20FutureOfWork exhibition gives a glimpse of modern workplaces, skills & jobs of the future and the evolving learning,

skilling and employability landscape."

An official source said that it will act as a unique platform for technology leaders and academia to showcase their perspectives and vision around the future of work. Several institutes and organisations from diverse sectors, including NIT Rourkela, IIT Bhubaneswar, IIM Sambalpur, Meta, UNICEF and NCERT, have participated in the exhibition to display advanced technologies that would drive the future of work, constant innovations in the modern workplace, skills and innovative delivery models.

The exhibition will showcase the transformations as a result of digital innovations and ways disruptive technologies are redesigning occupations and reshaping the world of work. Odisha is a land of skills. Its art & architectural excellence and ancient trade linkages is a glowing testimony to this.

The 21st century will be knowledge-based and technology-driven. Guided by its civilisational ethos and as a natural hub of talent, captive market & resources, India is going to play a leading role in fulfilling global

aspirations of the 21st century, Union Minister Pradhan said.

Skills and competencies will drive the future rather than degrees. PM Narendra Modi has envisioned transforming India's Yuva Shakti into job creators rather than job-seekers. As technologies continue to disrupt, we must think of new approaches to skilling to prepare youth for the future of jobs.

Internet, mobility and global connectivity will provide us with an opportunity to think about global requirements. "Glad that today on the auspicious occasion of Akshaya Tritiya, industry, academia, startup ecosystem and all stakeholders have come together in Bhubaneswar under the G20 Future of Work framework to reimagine the skilling ecosystem, create future-ready global citizens and make India a global hub of skilled manpower," the Minister asserted.

"I compliment and appreciate the spirit of Jan Bhagidari of the people of Odisha. I have been told that more than 1 lakh youth have participated in month-long G20-related events to generate curiosity about India's G20 presidency as well as the 3rd EWG meeting," the Minister concluded.

Sankha Bhawan Opens

Bhubaneswar(KCN): On the auspicious occasion of Akshaya Tritiya, Chief Minister and Biju Janata Dal (BJD) President Naveen Patnaik on Sunday inaugurated the grand BJD office 'Shankha Bhawan' and dedicated it to the people of Odisha.

Addressing the people of Odisha from the state-of-the-art Shankha Bhawan, the Chief Minister said he is very happy to dedicate the Bhawan for the people of Odisha.

"A new era had begun in Odisha in the year 1997 with the birth of the Biju Janata Dal (BJD), who had been formed to carry the

principles of legendary leader late Biju Patnaik. The BJD, which was formed as the regional party to serve people of Odisha, has now been transformed into a social movement."

Shankh Bhawan will be a meeting place for all those who love Odisha, who are interested in working for the development of Odisha, for the protection of Odisha and to build a new and strong Odisha. Shankha Bhawan will work for Odisha's development and pride, and it will also work for promotion of rich cultural heritage. "This Shankha Bhawan is an inspiration source for Odisha and continues to work for



Odisha," he said. "It will connect the future with the past of Odisha. It will bring together the four and a half million people of Odisha and will be dedicated to the development of Odisha to

protect the Odias. It will be devoted to the development of art, literature, and culture of Odisha," the Chief Minister said. The Chief Minister further said that the

Shankha Bhawan will not only be a center of inspiration for physical, social, economic, cultural, and political progress, but it will also be a center of spiritual enlightenment based on

the fundamental principles of Jagannath culture.

Starting his speech with Jai Jagannath, Shri Patnaik said that Shankha Bhawan will continue to work for spreading the great culture of Lord Jagannath and will continue to spread the message of Vasudheb Kutumbakamar.

The BJD Supremo thanked everyone who contributed to the construction of the Shankha Bhawan, including the workers, the architects, the youth, students, women workers, and leaders.

He appealed to all to dedicate themselves to carrying forward the culture of service,

advancing development, and shining the glory of mother Odisha.

It is worth noting that portraits of many legendary leaders from Odisha, Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das, Utkalgaub Madhusudan Das, poet Sarala Das, Veer Surendra Sai, Baxi Jagbandhu, Bhim Bhoi, poet Samrat Upendra Bhanj, Maharaja Krishnachandra Gajapati, Shaheed Laxman Naik, Pandit Raghunath Murmu, and Birs Munda were present in the conference rooms of Shankh Bhawan.

The BJD's new Headquarters' 3-storey building has 30 rooms, located at Unit-6 area

(Forest Park area) in Bhubaneswar.

Party President and CM Naveen Patnaik will issue orders to his partymen from his office from the 'Third Floor' of the newly reconstructed building. The elegant building complex has an air-conditioned conference hall on the first floor with the capacity of 2000 people, a 250-seat huge auditorium and a canteen. The first floor also has a press conference hall having enough space for media persons.

Party leaders have their offices on the second floor. The IT Cell will also be operated from this floor.

Odias in North America Celebrates Odisha Day

Boston, (KCN) :: The Odisha Society of New England (OSNE) a chapter of Odisha Society of Americas (OSA) celebrated 88th Utkal Divas with much glamour and grandeur. The Ceremony venue Oxford Auditorium in Massachusetts was decked up aesthetically with the hues of colourful cottons, flowers and lights befitting to the Grand Occasion. Wearing the lavish and elegant look of a mini Odisha, the entire ambience was agog with Festive Fervour. The Mega Event also witnessed the celebration of 40th Anniversary of OSNE and hosting of regional Drama Festival. Lots of excitements and enthusiasms were clearly visible among the large number of Odias and Odisha lovers gathered to take part in the Gala cultural Jamboori

specialy organised to mark the uniqueness of triple celebrations. The programme commenced with the recitals of National Anthems of U.S.A and India followed by Odisha's State Anthem, 'Bande Utkal Janani'. The meeting was inaugurated with the lighting of ceremonial lamp by the distinguished Guests present include Indian Consul for Community Affairs in New York Hon'ble Shri A.K. Vijay Krishnan, Chairman of Milan Cultural Association Shri Suresh Sharma, Eminent Scientist and Writer Dr Lakshmi Parida and Chief of ISKCON Centre in New England Prabhu Shri Sadananda Das. Delivering his welcome speech President of OSNE Dr Bishwa Bhusan Sahoo, dwelt on the exemplary contributions of Odisha



Society of New England in projecting and proliferating the rich and vibrant cultural heritage of Odisha in North America. The Governor of Odisha Honourable Prof Ganeshi Lal and Chairman of World Odisha Society Shri Kishore Dwibedi

addressed the gathering through Goodwill Video Messages. Others who addressed the Convention include Founding Members of OSNE Dr Bijoy and Smt. Subarna Misra, Shri Satyabrata & Smt Bijoylaxmi Mishra, Dr Budhinath & Smt.

Kalyani Padhi and Shri Chandra Sekhar Mohanty. Prominent personalities present include OSA's New York and New Jersey President Shri Nagesh

Rajanala and Former President Shri Bijoy Mishra. The highlights of the spectacular show was the staging of three innovative and high voltage Odia Dramas by the troupes from Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Connecticut as part of the regional Drama Festival. The spirited participation of visiting NROs from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania chapters of OSA in the dramas was also quite notable and memorable affair. The special attractions of the cultural programmes include number of Odissi, Ollywood, Rangabati group dance presentations by the kids and youth members of OSNE. The Fashion show showcased the richness of Odisha's

handlooms and fabrics. The workshop on Odisha Public Library entitled 'Vision-2024' focussed on Odisha's march towards modernisation of learning systems. The Festival also consisted of photo exhibition on essence and excellence of Odisha like Pattachitras, Tribal art, Terracotta art, hand woven textiles enshrining theme on Gitagovinda, Filigree works of Cuttack, Pipili's appliqué works and exuberance of Chilika lake. There were stalls on Odisha's handicrafts, handlooms and Odia books. The main attraction of the celebration was the Odia Food Festival displaying Odisha's traditional delicious food stuffs, holding of pitha competition and

observing Pakhal and Chhenapoda Divas. The programme concluded with the serving of mouth watering Odia delicacies to the attendees. The entire arrangements of the mammoth Event was smoothly conducted with the able stewardship of OSNE's President Dr Bishwa Bhusan Sahoo and team. The executive members of OSNE who actively engaged in the successful management of the Show include Rashmi Ranjan Rath, Jayashree Mohapatra, Akankhya Patnaik, Lipsa Panda, Saroj Behera, Rajesh Patnaik, Sasmita Satpathy and Reema Patnaik. Executive Committee of OSNE profusely thanked the volunteers engaged in organising the Grand Ceremony.

Balangir District is Known as Migration Prone Since Years Together Back

Bhubaneswar/ Balangir: (KCN) : The word Migration or Migrant Workers or Labourers is a heart touching issue & it is totally painful, disgraceful, sorrowful ness & pettiness. Till to this date , the Government Machinery, Politicians, Social Activists, Sensitive and Intellectual or educated or learned Citizens are not serious. Particularly, the Government Machinery is not serious and not looking into it properly as well as not taking any eye catching step to stop the Migration. The main reason is that Particularly Migrant Workers or Labourers are poor, backward and illiterate Catagory peoples. No doubt that Government is creating awareness, but the main problem is that Government is not giving sufficient works or not engaging the Migrant Workers or Labourers regularly. Another thing is that if the Government is engaging them 6 days in a week and he is giving payments at the end of the week and is not giving any advance payment. Taking opportunity of this system of the Government, the Labour Contractors or in local language called them Labour Sardar, no doubt that who have taken Licenses from the



Source: Map of Balangir, (n.d)

District Administration or Labour Department are giving Lakhs Rupees of money as advance to the Migrant Workers or Labourers & the Migrant Workers or Labourers become happy as they are getting at a time a big amounts of money. They do purchase new clothes for their families , they repair their Tiny Cottages and they spend in their other requirements. Then, they make their mind programming that they will go to outside, they work their & they repay their loan to the Labour Contractors or Sardar. This trend is going on & this is the ground report. It is sure that the Government can not provide sufficient works & can not give advance amounts of money to the Migrant Workers or Labourers. No doubt that Government can do it &

for this strong willingness is required. Government can only arrange awareness sitting inside luxurious Hotels. Recently , it is a talk in Balangir District as the Collector of Balangir Sri Chanchal Rana, IAS, previous Collector of Balangir and presently Director Panchayat Raj Department, Sri Arindam Dakua, IAS and Principal Secretary of Panchayati Raj Department & also previous Collector of Balangir District, Sri Sushil Lohani, IAS arranged an Awareness Meeting or Camp at a Luxurious Hotel of Balangir Town instead of doing in different Blocks of Balangir District, though Balangir District is Known as Migration Prone District since years together back. In Official Record ,

approximately 1.53 million Migrant Workers or Labourers in Odisha State & out of this 0.58 million Migrant Workers or Labourers from Western Odisha & it is of Kalahandi, Balangir, Koraput Districts or Known as KBK, Districts. More to 3 lakhs Migrant Workers may be forced to skip polls as per Government Records. There are lots of different Works for the developments of the Villages of the different Blocks & the Government can easily provide works to the Migrant Workers or Labourers on daily basis. The Government can also reform, rectify and change his old methods for dealing with the case of Migrant Workers or Labourers. It is a Social Mania & Head Ache in the entire KBK or Western Odisha. Going into the indepth impartially on humanity ground, the sensitive and intellectual Citizens of Western Odisha are appealing and demanding before the Honorable Chief Minister of Odisha Sri Naveen Pattanaik Jee to have a personal serious look into it and do pass an oder for solving this Migrant Workers or Labourers problems particularly in Western Odisha which is the most Backward Region of Odisha State.

Mobile Internet Services Resume In Sambalpur

Sambalpur: After being suspended for 10 days in the aftermath of violence during Hanuman Jayanti celebrations here, mobile internet services resumed in Odisha's Sambalpur town, today. The services were restricted since April 13 to curb circulation of

inflammatory messages and prevent misuse of social media. While internet connectivity on broadband and leased line was restored on Friday, the same for mobile phone users was kept suspended. On the other hand, curfew timings have

been relaxed from 5 am to 8 pm here. Notably, a motorcycle rally was taken out in the town on April 12 ahead of Hanuman Jayanti. While the rally was passing through Motijharan Square, some persons pelted stones at the participants of the

rally. The incident subsequently led to a clash between two groups. Many shops and vehicles were set on fire during the clash. Several persons, including police personnel, were injured in the incident.



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Remembering Wholesome Moments Of Environment Activist Allu Arjun

On the occasion of 'World Earth Day', we look back at some videos of Allu Arjun, who, by his actions and example, have paved the way for a new generation of environmentalists. On his birthday, Allu Arjun is often greeted and gifted by fans with flower pots and plants, inspired by his love and passion for making the country a greener place to live in. Allu Arjun has always felt strongly about environmental

conservation and has actively participated in several initiatives to promote environmental sustainability. In 2014, he became the brand ambassador for the 'Go Green' campaign, which aimed to promote sustainable living practices and reduce carbon emissions. As part of this campaign, he encouraged people to use public transport and plant trees. Arjun is also known for his love for



nature and wildlife. While shooting for Pushpa, he ensured that the forests were clean and pristine post-filming. His friends and family are also known to often gift him plants as he values those

He also prefers the brand ambassador of the Telangana Forest Department and has been promoting its initiatives to protect the state's biodiversity. Considering his constant efforts of 'going green', we today on 'World Earth Day' celebrate the Leading Man who by his actions and initiatives has set an example that's inspired millions to take up the cause and be more sensitive and responsible towards our environment.

above all else. From his office to his home, all of it is lit with lush greenery and trees. The megastar often posts pictures of himself watering his plants and encourages fans to plant more trees.

Allu Arjun Partying At Pub Triggers PK Fans! Salman Khan's Brother-In-Law Aayush Sharma Lands In Legal Trouble Over The Title Of His Next 'Ruslaan'

On the occasion of Megastar Chiranjeevi's birthday, the entire Mega clan flew to Goa and enjoyed together. Only Allu Arjun was missing at the get-together which angered the Mega fans. But Bunny posted his wishes to Megastar on social media. His brother Allu Bobby and dad Allu Aravind were there at the party and it was later revealed that Allu Arjun was in New York at the Independence Day Parade. This cooled down the Mega fans as his reasons were justified.



Now, Allu Arjun did not wish Pawan Kalyan on social media which caught the attention of PK fans. While some fans tried to argue that he is busy with shooting, the 'Pushpa' hero was spotted partying at a pub in Hyderabad along with his close gang of friends from 'Geetha Arts'. This triggered the Pawan Kalyan fans and are criticising Bunny on social media. They are questioning the reason behind Allu Arjun distancing himself from the Mega clan. They are constantly bashing Bunny though the star wished Pawan during a public meeting in the Godavari district. He danced to Pawan's song in 'Ala Vaikunthapuramlo' and even sent birthday wishes to PK last year. It is high time that the fans understood not posting in social media doesn't mean that a hero doesn't care. Currently, Allu

Arjun is focused on 'Pushpa - The Rule' and is aiming to score a huge blockbuster that would cement his status as a pan-Indian hero. Pawan Kalyan has a lot of movies lined up and he is also busy with his political commitments. Note: Your feedback is very important to us. Post them in the comments box down below. Be sure to give us your opinion no matter what. Please do not use abusive language. There are better ways to speak your mind.

Salman Khan's brother-in-law Ayush Sharma and producer K.K. Radhamohan have been served a legal notice for using the title 'Ruslaan' for their upcoming movie.



The notice claims that a movie with the same title was released in 2009 and that the use of the title 'Ruslaan' for the upcoming movie could have legal consequences. Rajveer Sharma, who played the lead role in the 2009 movie 'Ruslan', has sent the notice through his advocate Rudra Vikram Singh. The notice also demands that Sharma and Radhamohan refrain from using any dialogues or stories from the

original movie. The trailer for Ayush Sharma's movie starring Telugu superstar Jagapathi Babu and Sushri Mishra was released on April 21. According to sources, the movie is set to be released in theaters soon.

The 2009 movie 'Ruslan' also starred Megha Chatterjee, the daughter of Moushumi Chatterjee, in the lead role. The legal notice has created a hurdle for the release of the upcoming movie, and the producers are yet to respond to the notice.

Sharwa to romance Raashi Khanna in his next



Sharwanand is going through a tough time in

his career with back to back flops. So, he has

taken a break and made a transformation of sorts. Now, he is all set to start his new film next week. The announcement will be made on Monday. Raashi Khanna has been paired opposite Sharwa in this film. What's special is that none other than writer Krishna Chaitanya will be directing this film. On the other hand, Sharwa's new film Oke Oka Jeevitham will hit the screen next week.

Vaishnav Tej passes but his film fails?

Vaishnav Tej proved his mettle as an actor with his debut film Uppena. The film was a big hit at the box office and won good craze for the mega hero. His latest release is Ranga Ranga Vaibhava which was released this Friday. Tej was seen as a lover boy and attempted comedy as well. The audience loved him in an energetic role but slammed the film. Tej shared a good chemistry with the heroine Ketika but the film flopped



leaving the team disappointed. We need to see what kind of a film Vaishnav comes

up with next. As per the news, he is once again doing a rom-com with a young director.

Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan Day 1 Collections: Salman Khan's Mass Entertainer Earns Rs 15.81 Cr

Bollywood's Bhaijaan aka Salman Khan's big Eid release, Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan (KKBKKJ) has been making the right kind of noise as fans and critics have hailed the star's entertaining ride. The mass masala movie has managed to earn in double digits. Well-studded with a lot of elements worth cheering and hooting on, the film has booked an amazing first-day



collection at the box office with 15.81 Cr. With a collection of 15.81 Crore Gross across the nation, the film has booked the

opening of the year. The release of Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan has been like a festival time for Bhaijaan fans. Collecting 15.81 crores across the nation, it has surely earned some huge moolah on day 1 itself. KKBKKJ had an overall 15.33% Hindi Occupancy on Friday, April 21, 2023, according to the trade site Sacnilk.

AMENDMENTS RELATING TO BUSINESS AND CAPITAL GAINSMAD BY FINANCE ACT, 2023



Adv. Narayan Jain & CA DilipLoyalka

Amendments made regarding Income from Business by the Finance Act, 2023 are discussed in this article.

1. Benefit or perquisite received in cash also taxable: Section 28(iv) has been amended with effect from Assessment year 2024-25 to provide that where benefit or perquisite provided is in cash or in kind or partly in cash and partly in kind, the same will also be taxable. Similarly an explanation to section 194R has been added which provides that provisions of 194R(1) shall apply to benefit or perquisite whether

in cash or in kind or partly in cash and partly in kind.

2. Preliminary expenses: The deduction for preliminary expenses in 5 equal instalments under section 35D is allowed only if the expense is incurred by assessee himself or through notified agency. With effect from Assessment year 2024-25 the above condition has been removed. However, taxpayer shall be required to furnish a statement containing the particulars of this expenditure within prescribed period in prescribed form.

3. Payment to Micro or Small

Enterprise will be allowed only on actual payment: With effect from Assessment year 2024-25 payment to Micro and Small Enterprise registered under MSMED Act shall be allowed in the year of payment only. The relaxation of payment under section 43B before due date of furnishing return of income for claiming deduction is not available for such payment to the Micro or Small Enterprise. However, if the payment is made within time prescribed under MSMED Act the same may be allowed even if paid in subsequent year. For example, if a party has received the bill on 28th March 2024 and payment is made on 5th April 2024, the same will be allowed in the Assessment year 2024-25. Under the MSMED Act the payment is to be made within 15 days where

there is no agreement regarding payment and if there is an agreement of payment beyond 15 day same can extend up to maximum 45 days. Under MSMED Act mandatory interest is to be paid on delayed payment and such interest is not allowable as deduction.

4. Limit for presumptive taxation: With effect from Assessment year 2024-25, limit of turnover or gross receipts for presumptive taxation scheme under section 44AD has been raised to 3 crores from 2 crores, if receipts or turnover in cash does not exceed 5% of total turnover or gross receipts. Similarly, for assessee engaged in profession, the limit of gross receipts for presumptive taxation scheme under section 44ADA has been raised to Rs.75 Lakhs from Rs.50 Lakhs if

receipts in cash does not exceed 5% of gross receipts. In this connection it may be mentioned that receipt by a cheque drawn on a bank or by a bank draft, which is not account payee, shall be deemed to be receipt in cash.

5. Setoff of unabsorbed depreciation or brought forward: With effect from Assessment year 2024-25, in case non-resident is engaged in the business of providing services or facilities in connection with, or supplying plant and machinery on hire used, or to be used, in the prospecting for, or extraction or production of, mineral oils opts for presumptive taxation scheme of 10% under section 44BB, he shall not be allowed to set off brought forward unabsorbed depreciation under section 32(2) or brought forward loss

under section 72(1). CAPITAL GAINS 6. Consideration received in case of Joint Development Agreement under section 45(5A): Under section 45(5A) the capital gain is taxable in the year in which completion certificate is received and for computing full value of consideration market value of the property increased by consideration received in cash is taken. The Finance Act, 2023 has amended section 45(5A) to clarify that with effect from Assessment year 2024-25 the receipts by way of cheque or draft or any other mode of payment shall also be considered for computing full value of consideration.

7. Interest on house building loan : With effect from Assessment year 2024-25 the cost of acquisition of the asset or the cost of improvement thereto shall not include the

amount of deductions claimed on the amount of interest under section 24(b) or under Chapter VIA.

8. Capital gain from Specified Mutual Fund or Market Linked Debenture: With effect from Assessment year 2024-25 new section 50AA has been inserted which provides that where the capital asset is unit of a Specified Mutual Fund or Market Linked Debenture, capital gains arising from the transfer shall be deemed as short-term capital gain irrespective of period of holding of such units or debenture. Further, no deduction shall be allowed in computing the income chargeable under the head "Capital gains" in respect of securities transaction tax (STT) paid.

9. Exemption/ deduction under section 54 or 54F limited to Rs.10 Crores: With effect from Assessment year 2024-25 if an assessee

purchases or constructs a new house property for a consideration exceeding Rs 10 crores, for claiming deduction/exemption under section 54 of 54F , the investment/ consideration shall be deemed to be 10 crores. Similarly, the assessee can make a deposit of maximum Rs. 10 Crores under Capital Gain Account Scheme.

10. Cost of acquisition of intangible Self Generated Assets or any Self Generated Right: With effect from Assessment year 2024-25, cost of acquisition or improvement of all Self Generated Intangible Assets or any Right shall be deemed to be nil.

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Choices for Odisha's power sector

Ms. Chetana Chaudhuri, Prof. Sanjib Pohit and Mr. Pradeep Kumar Panda

At the 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP26) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Glasgow, United Kingdom, in 2021, India Government expressed to intensify its climate action as a step forward to the target of reaching net-zero emission by 2070. One major component of the strategies is to achieve 50 percent cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources by 2030. State governments, along with the Central government have taken several initiatives to reduce emission in power sector through promoting renewable energy sources. Odisha, a coastal state in the Eastern part of India, is rich in minerals. Growing demand for power for industrial activities and domestic consumption is putting stress on the state's emission parameters. Though Odisha has the share of 3.47% population in India, net GHG emission from Odisha

(274.54 Mt CO₂e in 2018-19) is 9.3% of the country in 2018 (GHG Platform India 2022). In per capita terms, net emission from Odisha (6.15 tCO₂e per capita) is higher than that of the national average (2.24 tCO₂e per capita). Odisha has installed capacity of 12322 MW, as of December 2022 (CEA), in which 9540 MW of installed capacity is for coal-based power plants. So, emission in Odisha is largely driven by high dependence on coal (90%) as a source of power generation in the state (in 2021-22). Other sources of power generation are hydro (8%), small hydro (1%), solar (1%). Odisha is one of the few states of India which is surplus in electricity production: only 33% of the produced electricity is consumed within the states and the rest of exported to other states. Clearly, selling electricity is a source of revenue for the state, revenue received from Taxes and Duties on Electricity in Odisha was Rs. 393846.21 lakh in 2020-21. To keep up the pace of growth and

development for the states and to meet the aspiration of the people, the state requires to continue generating electricity. It will not be prudent to import electricity from other states to reduce emission within the state boundary. As all states moves towards the goal of achieving net zero, most states would face the same dilemma: how to produce electricity in a sustainable way. Mitigation measures in terms of transition towards renewable energy is emphasized in policy design in Odisha. In 2021-22, contracted capacity of renewable power by GRIDCO from various sources was 1460.7 MW, (109.2 MW from 8 small Hydro-electric Projects, 1010 MW from Solar PV Projects, including 25 MW from roof-top solar, 20 MW from 1 Biomass Power Project and 321.5 MW from wind sources). Odisha Renewable Energy Development Agency (OREDA) took initiatives for various programs on the front of solar energy like Konark Solarisation, (aiming to turn the

temple town of Konark into a solar town as well as a Net-Zero town through Solar Street Lighting, Solar Powered Drinking Water Kiosks, roof-top solar power plants, solarising the nighttime illumination of the Sun Temple, establishment of solar charging stations, introduction of electric vehicles, etc.); Roof Top Solar Power Plant in residential, commercial and Government buildings; and Solarisation of agricultural pump sets under PM-KUSUM & Soura Jananidhi (State Scheme), etc. The state government of Odisha is also targeting to harness its renewable energy potential, as reflected in Renewable Energy Policy of Odisha, 2022, offering exemption on duty and surcharges along with other benefits, and targeting to increase the renewable capacity to 10 GW by 2030. Apart from traditional sources of non-fossil-fuel like hydro, solar and wind energy, the policy document also considered the non-traditional sources like green hydrogen, green

ammonia, floating solar, biomass, waste-to-energy etc. For renewable energy development, major challenges are: land acquisition and opportunity costs involved with RE development. Odisha's renewable energy rich sites are mainly in the forest areas or agricultural land; so, it is quite difficult for the state to establish large scale solar power sector. Despite having significant potential for renewable energy sources in Odisha, presently, renewable energy's share in power sector is only 1%. The pragmatic alternative is to continue with coal-based electricity, but adopt latest technology to reduce emission. There are some mitigation technologies available for reducing CO₂ emission from the stationary sources like carbon capture and storage (CCS) technology for large scale production. The existing carbon capture technologies can be grouped into three categories: (a) pre-combustion and (b) oxy-fuel combustion with

CO₂, and (c) post-combustion. Under the pre-combustion process, Integrated Gasification Combined-Cycle (IGCC) technology has the potential of reducing 90% emissions from power plants. In oxy-fuel combustion technology, CO₂ is separated during combustion and has the potential of removing up to 100% CO₂ from the flue gas. Post-combustion CO₂ capture technology can be retrofitted to existing plants without major modifications; and only the necessary capturing equipment are needed to be installed. Here, the most common method is chemical absorption with amine solvents (recovery of CO₂ is approximately 85% to 95%); others being membranes, the PSA (pressure swing adsorption) process and mineral carbonation processes. The drawback of the technology is that these processes reduce the power plant efficiency to some extent. But research on integration of CO₂ capture, transport and storage in power plants is going

on in different countries on the world. Inclusion of CCS in the mitigation portfolio is recognized to be beneficial for expediting the climate stabilization process and for gaining long-term economic

efficiency in long-term.

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Letter To Editor

Sir,
Enzymes can degrade plastics

Plastic products are a cemented part of everyday life, from containers and clothes to bags, bottles and food packaging. However, plastics resist degradation, instead breaking down into smaller particles that invade natural ecosystems and threaten the organisms living in them, including humans. Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) - a polymer widely used in common plastic products due to its durability and cheap cost - is a primary target for scientists to reduce plastic pollution. Utilizing enzymes and other biology-based methods to break down PET in plastic showing promise in the scientific community and forming the basis of many novel research projects. Scientists identified a mutated form of an enzyme called leaf-branch compost cutinase (LCC) that degrades PET. This mutant LCC also retains the monomers of PET so that it can be repeatedly remade into high-quality plastic products, an example of how plastic can be recycled in a circular economy. The LCC mutant enzyme can become a permanent solution to plastic recycling and can provide an insight for future enzyme studies for plastic recycling.

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The Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Youth Affairs and Sports, Shri Anurag Singh Thakur meets the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Shri Neiphiu Rio, in New Delhi

S Jaishankar Meets Guyana PM, Discusses Energy, Defence Cooperation

Georgetown: Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar has called on Guyanese Prime Minister Mark Phillips and vowed that India will partner with the South American country in its developmental journey. During the meeting on Saturday, the two leaders discussed bilateral

cooperation in energy, disaster resilience and preparedness, as well as defence. Mr Jaishankar, who is on his first visit to Guyana, tweeted that he was happy to meet Prime Minister Phillips and other leaders here. "Discussed energy, disaster resilience & preparedness and defence cooperation. India will partner Guyana in its developmental journey," he tweeted.

and defence and infrastructure that were the drivers of the India-Guyana ties. "Addressed the India-Guyana Business Round Table. Appreciate participation of Foreign Minister Hugh Todd, Finance Minister Ashni Singh and Public Works Minister Deodat Indar,"



Countdown Of "Corrupt" Telangana Government Has Begun, Says Amit Shah

Hyderabad: The countdown for the K Chandrasekhar Rao-led BRS Government in Telangana has begun and the BJP's fight will not stop until the present regime is dethroned, Union Minister Amit Shah said on Sunday. Addressing a public meeting titled "Vijay Sankalp Sabha" at Chevella near here, Mr Shah said if BJP comes to power in Telangana, reservations for Muslims will be removed. Elections are due in the southern state later this year.



"The countdown for the ruling BRS in Telangana which has been running a corrupt government in the state for the last eight-nine years has

begun," Mr Shah said. He alleged the entire world is watching the public outrage against BRS (Bharat Rashtra Samiti) and KCR, as Rao is addressed. BJP is forming government in Telangana

and the corrupt will be put behind bars, he claimed. "Telangana people have come to know about you (KCR) and your family corruption. To divert attention they made TRS to BRS," Mr Shah said

about KCR recently renaming his founded party. He charged policing and administration in Telangana have been completely politicised and welfare measures which are being extended

by Prime Minister Narendra Modi are not percolating down to the grassroots. Referring to the arrest of Telangana BJP president and Lok Sabha MP Bandi Sanjay Kumar recently in connection with the case of malpractice after a Class 10 board exam question paper surfaced in an instant messaging app, Shah said party workers won't be cowed down by such acts. "He feels that BJP party workers will be scared if put behind bars. KCR listen, our workers are not scared of your atrocities. Our fight will not stop until you are dethroned," Mr Shah charged.

Lawyers' Body Passes Resolution Opposing Legal Right To Same-Sex Marriages



New Delhi: The Bar Council of India (BCI) on Sunday passed a resolution opposing the grant of legal recognition to same-sex marriage in the country. BCI Chairman Manan Kumar Mishra said the resolution has been passed by the Bar after holding a meeting with representatives of all State Bar Councils. As per documented history, BCI said ever since the inception of human civilization and culture, marriage has been typically

accepted and categorized as a union of biological man and woman for the twin purpose of procreation and recreation. In such background, it would be catastrophic to overhaul something as fundamental as the conception of marriage by any Law Court, howsoever well-intentioned it may be. Issues pertaining to social and religious connotations should typically be dealt by Courts through the doctrine of deference,

the Bar Council said. "The legislature being truly reflective of the will of the people is best suited to deal with such sensitive issues. Every responsible and prudent citizen of the country is worried about the future of his/her children after coming to know about the pendency of this matter before the Supreme Court. More than 99.9 per cent of people of the country are opposed to the idea of same-sex marriage in our country," BCI said.

The Council said the vast majority believes that any decision of the Apex Court in the petitioners' favour on this issue will be treated to be against the culture and socio-religious structure of the country. "The Bar is the mouthpiece of the common men and, therefore, this meeting is expressing their anxiety over this highly sensitive issue. The Joint Meeting is of the clear opinion that if the Supreme Court shows any indulgence in this matter, it will result in destabilizing the social structure of our country in the coming days. The Apex Court is requested and expected to appreciate and respect the sentiments and mandate of the mass of the country," BCI said in a statement. The Constitution Bench comprising the Chief Justice, Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Justice Ravindra Bhat, Justice Hima Kohli and Justice PS Narasimha is dealing with a batch of petitions pertaining to

'marriage equality rights for the L G B T Q I community'. Various petitions are being dealt with by Supreme Court seeking legal recognition of same-sex marriage. The Centre has opposed the petitions. One of the petitions earlier raised the absence of a legal framework which allowed members of the LGBTQ community to marry any person of their choice. According to the petition, the couple sought to enforce the fundamental rights of LGBTQ individuals to marry any person of their choice and said that "The exercise of which ought to be insulated from the disdain of legislative and popular majorities". The petitioners, further, asserted their fundamental right to marry each other and prayed for appropriate directions from this Court allowing and enabling them to do so.

"Amritpal Singh Told Police He Will Surrender In Morning": Gurdwara Cleric

Moga: Hours before his arrest, 'Waris Punjab De' chief Amritpal Singh addressed a gathering this morning in Rodewal Gurdwara in Punjab's Moga. "Amritpal Singh came to the Rodewal Gurdwara on Saturday night. He himself informed the police about his presence and that he will surrender this morning at 7 am," claimed Singh Sahib Giani Jasbir Singh Rode of Rodewal Gurdwara in Moga, while speaking to ANI over phone. Khalistan leader and radical preacher Amritpal Singh who was missing for over a month is being shifted to Dibrugarh, Assam, informed Punjab Police sources. Amritpal had been on the run since March 18, the day Punjab Police launched a massive manhunt for him. Papalpreet Singh, a close aide of Amritpal Singh, was taken to Assam's Dibrugarh Central Jail on April 11 after he was arrested. Associates of Amritpal Singh were shifted out of Punjab after Central Intelligence agencies raised concerns over possible jailbreak and repeat of the Ajnala



incident on March 11. Two more aides of 'Waris Punjab De' chief Amritpal Singh were arrested at Mohali in Punjab, in a joint operation by Punjab and Delhi Police on April 18. On April 15, Punjab Police arrested his close aide Joga Singh from Sirhind in the Fatehgarh Sahib district. The radical leader had been declared a "fugitive" while he was on the run earlier in March. "Waris Punjab De' chief Amritpal Singh has been declared a fugitive. His two cars were seized and gunmen nabbed. We also checked if the firearms of

his security escorts had been procured legally. A case has been registered. Punjab Police have launched a manhunt for Amritpal Singh and we are hopeful that he will be arrested soon. A total of 78 people have been arrested so far and further searches and raids are underway," Chahal said in an exclusive interview with ANI. The crackdown came almost over three weeks after Amritpal's supporters stormed Ajnala police station in Amritsar on February 23, demanding the release of one of his aides, Lovepreet Toofan.

Odisha: Direct benefit transfer loses sheen as 62 per cent villages lack banks

HUBANESWAR: The viral video of 70-year-old Surya Harijan from Nabarangpur district walking barefoot to collect her pension from a bank has once again brought to fore the struggle of thousands of beneficiaries of welfare schemes managed through direct benefit transfer (DBT). Though DBT was introduced to ensure a simpler and faster flow of funds and accurate targeting of beneficiaries, de-duplication and reduction of fraud, many in Odisha are

victims of the facility as 62 per cent of panchayats in the state are yet to have banks. Official sources said, of the total 6,798 panchayats, 4,164 do not have brick-and-mortar branches. Although 4,160 panchayats have business correspondents (BCs) and customer service points (CSPs), they hardly solve the purpose at the time of need. This apart, four panchayats do not have any banking touch point.

The number of BCs has also decreased by 18,638 over the last

quarter after Yes Bank reconciled around 50 per cent of its BCs due to a 'reporting error'. People in most of the villages struggle to get financial services due to a lack of banking, ATM and internet facilities.

Odisha has 13 bank branches and 16 ATMs per one lakh population against the national average of 18 and 22. While 80 per cent of the population resides in rural areas, most of the banking institutions are urban-centric. The state is among the bottom 10 in terms of financial inclusion. Despite



regular reviews and demands from the state government, banking institutions are yet to come up with strategies to cover all unbanked panchayats. The panchayats covered

with alternative banking outlets instead of brick-and-mortar branches are deprived of real banking services since the account holders alleged they are at the mercy of banking correspondents, CSPs

or the persons in charge of the outlets. "I have not received my old-age pension for the last three months as the bank person, who comes to our panchayat says my fingerprint does not

match. Since I am unable to go to the bank branch to get it done, I have been deprived of my pension," rued Mahendra Behera of Basudevapur area.

The Finance department had identified 270 panchayats in consultation with other stakeholders and the State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC). Despite making allotments of panchayat locations to banks for the opening of brick-and-mortar branches by March 31, only six branches have been opened so far.

Principal Secretary, of Finance Department Vishal Kumar Dev said the state government has taken up the matter with the Department of Financial Services (DFS) at the centre several times to come up with a strategy for the opening of brick-and-mortar branches in all panchayats. "The state has also made space available at unbanked panchayats free of cost for five years and RBI has mandated the opening of one-man branches to encourage banks to open branches. But the response from the banks has been lukewarm," he added.

Patnaik Gets New Role

Bhubaneswar: Eying for 2024 Lok Sabha and Assembly Polls, the Congress party has given crucial responsibilities to recently joined bureaucrat turned politician Bijay Patnaik. Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge has appointed Shri Patnaik as the Campaign Committee Chairman of Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) with immediate effect.

The party has also appointed Shri Patnaik as member of a newly-formed 27-member Political Affairs Committee. The panel has Congress General Secretary Odisha In-Charge A Chella Kumar and Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee President Sarat Pattanayak, Congress



Legislature Party (CLP) leader Narasingha Mishra among other senior leaders, are part of the panel. Senior leaders of the party have been given place in this Political Affairs

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The appointment of Shri Patnaik, a former Odisha Chief Secretary who had joined Congress in February this year, is significant as it comes ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha and State Assembly elections.

The Congress party, which slipped to third position in Odisha, eying to utilise Shri Patnaik's administrative experience to bolster its organization as it struggles to bounce back amid eroding electoral fortunes ever since the BJD was formed in 1997.

From Odisha's main ruling party till 1999, it remained the principal opposition for around two decades till 2019 when the BJP pushed it to a distant third position.

Drone courses to enhance youths' employability in Odisha

BHUBANESWAR: Odisha government is mulling introducing more drone and other new-age technology courses in skill institutions of the state to enhance the employability of youths in the emerging sector, said authorities of the Skill Development and Technical Education (SDTE) department on Saturday.

Addressing the concluding day of Odisha Skill Conclave 2023, SDTE minister Pritiranjan Gharai said, "The state government is taking initiatives to impart skill training to our youth in new age technologies as per the requirement. Accordingly, initiatives are being taken to explore opportunities in drone and other such sectors and seek guidance from experts in the fields concerned." Technical Education director Reghu G said at present only two to three courses in drone technology have been introduced in certain technical institutes including ITIs. However, given the vast scope of use of drone



technology in the field of agriculture, mining, energy etc, the state government will seek the help of experts to introduce more courses related to drones to create more employment opportunities for youths. He said as part of the initiative, a short-term course named 'fault testing using drone technology' has been launched for those being skilled to work in the field of power transmission. Smith Shah, president of Drone Foundation of India, which entered into an MoU with the SDTE department during the three-day conclave, said a five to seven days course for drone pilots can help youths with

basic qualifications earn a wage of ₹30,000 per month. He said the course will enable youths to work with the government in areas of aerospace testing and others. Experts also suggested the establishment of a drone technology park as well as drone hubs in different parts of the state along with training more youths to become drone pilots. They suggested the state government ensure competency-based learning is imbibed in the curriculum to enable technical institutions to produce skilled manpower. This apart, the involvement of sector skill council

experts in the framing of skill curriculum for students was suggested. SDTE secretary Usha Padhee said experts from various sectors including energy, education, infrastructure, oil & gas and technology came together to showcase the avenues for employment in the skill sector in the state during the conclave. The first-of-its-kind conclave witnessed the participation of over 2,000 students, 360 teachers, 60 role models, 25 students from Singapore and 100 high-level dignitaries including speakers across sectors. At least 24 MoUs were exchanged between the state government and different agencies.

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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 Chunduru, MD & CEO, NSDL said, "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is a special initiative launched by

Avantika's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations with famous singer Sugandha Mishra

Kolkata: The Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of Avantika was held at GD Birla Sabhagar, Kolkata on Sunday. Program began with lighting of lamp by dignitaries. Chief Guest Sri Jawhar Sircar, Member of Parliament, explained in detail the emergence and development of currency and accounting. Girdhari Lal Jalan, President of Diamond Jubilee, welcomed and briefed about Avantika organization. Thereafter, CA Nirmal Bothra, Chairman of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations



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'.

addressed. Diamond Jubilee souvenir was also unveiled, in which CA Rajesh Kumar Kankaria and CA Hari Ram Agarwal

represented souvenir committee. This was followed by an entertaining performance by renowned Bollywood artist Sugandha Mishra and troupe, which was appreciated by all. On this occasion Narayan Jain, National Deputy President, AIFTP, CA

Madhav Prasad Sureka, Vice President, CA Lalit Shroff, Treasurer, CA Sajjan Sultania, CA Pradeep Agarwal, Sri Paras Kochar, CA Anoop Sanghai, CA SK Rustagi, Subhash Agarwal, Ram Deo Kakra, Jug Raj Bhadani, CA Ramavatar Joshi, CA

Sandeep Sawaria, CA Rajesh Chowdhary, CA Kamal Sharda, BL Dugar and others were active in making the program successful. Secretary CA Sanjay Jhajharia offered hearty vote of thanks to the Singer as well as members and guests present.

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 BOB co-branded contactless 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."

Punjab Kings out-muscle Mumbai in Wankhede run-fest

New Delhi: Punjab Kings beat the Mumbai Indians in a high-scoring encounter at the Wankhede, edging past them by 13 runs, and pulling themselves up to the fifth position on the points table. Earlier, the Mumbai Indians won the toss and opted to bowl, with the hope that having a target in mind would be ideal on a high-scoring surface like the Wankhede.

The first three overs of the Punjab innings, after being asked to bat by Mumbai, were sedate. The white ball was getting its few seconds of swing in the sun, as Arjun Tendulkar and Jason Behrendorff, and Cameron Green caused a few problems in the powerplay, including the wicket of Matthew Short, picked up by Cameron Green. 20-1 after 3 overs was the ideal start for Mumbai Indians. However, the

over after that, Prabhsimran teed off, crashing 2 successive sixes off Behrendorff, in a 16-run over to announce the intent of Sam Curran's Punjab Kings. The last three overs of the powerplay cost Mumbai 38 runs, yielding a total of 58 runs within the field restrictions, at just under 10rpo. This was all set to be a sixathon.

...Alas, it was a false alarm. After Arjun Tendulkar snaffled Prabhsimran with a searing yorker, the scoring rate slowed down alarmingly, with wickets falling regularly. Despite a 101-meter six from Livingstone, Chawla picked up his wicket and that of Atharva Taide in the same over, to set Punjab back. It seemed to be Mumbai's game through and through, with Hrithik Shokeen and Cameron Green bowling some



quiet overs to Harpreet Bhatia and Sam Curran, who were edgy and seemed in no hurry to score, and just 60 runs had come off 9 overs after the powerplay. ...and then, it happened. Arjun Tendulkar, the last-over hero of the last match, lauded for his nerves of steel and his inch-perfect yorkers, completely lost the plot.

In an 8-ball over that read 6, WD, 4,1,4,6, NB4, 4, he conceded 31 runs, including a wide and a beamer that struck Harpreet Singh on the arm. And from 118-4 after 15 overs, Punjab were 149-4 after 16, and now had the momentum to launch an unadulterated assault at the death. The next four overs cost 14, 25, 10 and

17, as the final five overs of the Punjab innings yielded 96 runs, with Sam Curran (55 off 26) and Harpreet Singh (41 off 28) accounting for a majority of it, before Jitesh Sharma joined the party with a 7-ball 25. The brutal assault in the final five overs meant Punjab ended up with a massive total of 214-8. Mumbai Indians knew

they had to go big and they had to do it early. Ishan Kishan fell prey to the new swinging ball, as Arshdeep picked up a wicket off his first (legal) delivery. However, the arrival of Cam Green to the middle meant an onslaught was in order, and an onslaught it was: Rohit Sharma and Green kept turning over the strike and took toll on the bad balls, dispatching them for boundaries at will. It was a flat wicket, and every error by the bowlers was being severely punished. The two ended the powerplay with the score at 54-1 at a run-rate of 9rpo, but still short of the required rate, and after a few overs of attempting to cut loose, Rohit Sharma departed for a quick 27-ball 44, but Mumbai were reeling at 84-2 in the 10th over. They needed inspiration, and they needed it fast.

...and the inspiration came in the form of the b a c k - i n - f o r m Suryakumar Yadav, who was back at his innovative, quirky best. Cam Green and Suryakumar Yadav launched an all-out assault, hammering 75 runs in 30 balls, at 15 runs per over, and at long last, they were caught up with the run-rate, and in with a realistic chance of chasing down a towering total. Green and Yadav brought up their fifties, the latter off 23 balls, his fastest. And just as they were threatening to run away with it, Green fell to Nathan Ellis (not before smashing him for a four and a six). However, SKY's wicket brought the Wankhede to a standstill, leaving two newcomers, Tim David and Tilak Varma at the crease to chase down 33 off 14.

With 31 needed off 12, Tim David and Tilak Varma ran hard to pick up 15 runs off the penultimate over, leaving 16 runs to be scored off the final over to be bowled by Arshdeep -- not particularly unlikely given the Wankhede's reputation. However, some clever bowling from Arshdeep, who used changes in pace and yorkers perfectly, put up an exhibition of death bowling to knock over Varma and Nehal Wadhwa, sealing Mumbai's fate and pushing them up to the fifth position on the points table.

Brief Scores: Punjab Kings 214-8 in 20 overs (Sam Curran 55, Harpreet Singh 41, Piyush Chawla 2-15) beat Mumbai Indians 201-6 in 20 overs (Cameron Green 67, Suryakumar Yadav 57, Arshdeep Singh 4-29) by 13 runs

BCB to summon Rumana for her comments on team management

Dhaka: Bangladesh Cricket Board will summon former national skipper Rumana Ahmed to give her verbal warning following her swipe at the team management after being left out from the squad for the tour of Sri Lanka.

Rumana hit back hard at the team management as she claimed that she was 'dropped' rather than being rested, that was conveyed by Monjurul Islam, BCB's team selector, following her exclusion.

"We will call her (Rumana) after Eid for explanation and as this is the first time she did something like this, we will give her verbal warning," BCB Women's wing chairman Shafiqul Alam Chowdhury Nadel told Cricbuzz on Saturday (April 22).

"I have gone through her statement and it won't get unnoticed. We need to do



something with it to leave an example for others as we don't expect a senior cricketer to talk in this manner," he said. Rumana was dropped from the national squad for the first time since her international debut back in November 2011 against Ireland at the BKSP. Rumana, who played a crucial role in

Bangladesh women's maiden Asia Cup win in Malaysia in 2018, added that she felt the seniors were not welcomed in the dressing room.

"Look, this is going on for long time (seniors are not welcomed) as the vibe is...now the time is for juniors. And it is a natural thing in Bangladesh and it is

nothing new," she said. "I think in our country, we are lacking when it comes to respecting seniors and you will see in other countries seniors are treated for their experience and there is not much talk about their fitness." A senior board official said that this was an emotional outburst while adding that

senior players also need to understand they need to pave ways for others at some point of their career.

"I am not saying her international career is over neither am I denying her contribution for us but at the same time we have to understand that we need to develop our next generation. And as a result seniors will have to pave ways at some point or the other," said the official closely related with women's wing of BCB. "I don't think it is true that seniors are not given respect in the dressing room and one must understand the head coach or any other member of the team management will certainly not drop a performer because it would only leave an impact on the result, which eventually is the yardstick to judge the performance of the backroom staff," he concluded.

Abbas, Abbott power Hampshire to massive win



New Delhi: Half centuries by Adam Lyth (69*) and Shai Hope (53*) helped Yorkshire to 138 for 3 at the end of third day's play, leaving the visitors needing only 63 more runs to win on the final day against Sussex.

Chris Dent (66) and James Bracey (51) stroked fifties as Gloucestershire extended their lead to 246. After bundling out Worcestershire for 157 in the first innings, courtesy Ajeet Dale's six-fer, the

visitors piled on 172 for 3 by stumps on Day 3.

Zak Crawley smashed a 183-ball 170 to power Kent to 342 for 7. However, Simon Harmer's four strikes ensured that the hosts continued to remain on the backfoot, still trailing by 109 runs against Essex.

Ben Raine struck thrice to reduce Glamorgan to 153 for 5 after Durham had declared their first innings on 471 for 9 on

another rain-hit day at Sophia Gardens in Cardiff.

Mohammad Abbas bagged four wickets while Kyle Abbott plucked three as Northamptonshire folded up for 63 in their second innings after being asked to follow on, and handed Hampshire victory by an innings and 270 runs. Earlier in the day, James Fuller returned figures of 6 for 37 to bowl out the hosts for 149 in the first innings.

World No 1 Novak Djokovic Loses To Serb Countryman For First Time In 11 Years

New Delhi: Novak Djokovic lost to a fellow Serb for the first time in 11 years in the quarterfinals of the Srpska Open. Dusan Lajovic won 6-4 7-6 (6) to down a world No. 1-ranked player for the first time on Friday. "It is the biggest win of my career," Lajovic said on court. "The emotions are very mixed because I'm playing here in front of the home town and I'm also playing against Nole, who is a good friend and he's a hero of our country. "Beating

him, it's something that I didn't even think is going to be possible, but it happened."

Djokovic converted only one of 16 break chances, and missed three set points in the tiebreaker. His previous loss to a fellow Serb was in 2012 to Janko Tipsarevic in Madrid. "Dusan is a fantastic person, great guy," Djokovic said.

"Someone I've known for a very long time, since he started playing professional tennis. So many times on the Davis



Cup team together, trained together. I'm happy for him, to be honest. He

deserved to win today." Following his third loss of the year, Djokovic moves

on to the Madrid Open next week. Defending champion

Carlos Alcaraz overcame windy conditions to advance to the quarterfinals of the Barcelona Open with a 6-3, 7-5 victory over fellow Spaniard Roberto Bautista Agut. Stefanos Tsitsipas also reached the last eight in Barcelona, defeating Denis Shapovalov 6-3, 6-2, while Casper Ruud lost to 15th-seeded Francisco Cerndolo 7-6 (5), 6-3. Alcaraz was broken once in the first set and twice in the second but still managed to close out the match at the Rafa Nadal

center court, winning the final 11 points and ending it with an ace.

"I'm happy to have advanced, it was a complicated match against a tough opponent and with difficult wind conditions," the top-seeded Alcaraz said. "You have to adapt and find solutions in situations like this. It was very difficult to play at my best level today, and I'm sure it was for Roberto as well. All you can do is keep working out there as best as you can." It was the

second consecutive straight-set win for the 19-year-old Alcaraz, who is trying to become the first repeat champion in Barcelona since Nadal won three consecutive titles from 2016-18. Alcaraz's next opponent will be another Spaniard, 10th-seeded Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, who defeated Emil Ruusuvuori 6-4, 7-5. Alcaraz is 9-1 against Spaniards, with his only loss coming to Nadal in last year's Indian Wells semifinals.