

President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu Presenting the National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for the year 2021 & 2022

New Delhi: The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, presented the National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for the year 2021 and 2022 in New Delhi today (December 3, 2022) on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Addressing the gathering, the President said that according to an estimate of the United Nations, more than one billion people in the world are persons with disabilities. It means almost every 8th person in the world has a disability in some form or the other. More than two percent of India's population are persons with disabilities. Therefore, it becomes the responsibility of all

of us to ensure that the persons with disabilities can lead a dignified life independently. It is also our duty to ensure that they get a good education, stay safe in their homes and society, have the freedom to choose their career and have equal employment opportunities.

The President said that in Indian culture and tradition, disability has never been considered as a hindrance in acquiring knowledge and achieving excellence. Often, it has been seen that Divyangjan are gifted with divine-gifts. There are innumerable examples in which our Divyang brothers and sisters have achieved impressive feats in many fields on the strength of their indomitable courage, talent and



determination. Given enough opportunities and the right environment, they can excel in every field.

The President said that education is the key to the empowerment of every individual, including persons with disabilities. She stressed for the maximum use of technology in order to remove language related barriers in education and

to make education more accessible to children with disabilities. She said that the National Education Policy 2020 also underlines the importance of enabling arrangements for providing equal opportunities for quality education to children with disabilities. She was happy to note that the conversion of NCERT text books for classes I to

VI into Indian Sign Language for hearing-impaired children has been done. She said that it is an important initiative to include hearing-impaired students in the mainstream education process.

The President said that the government is taking several steps for the empowerment of Divyangjan. She said

that, according to her, inculcating self-confidence in Divyangjan is very important to empower them. People with disabilities have talents and abilities just like normal people, and sometimes more than them. To make them self-reliant, it is only necessary to instil in them self-confidence. She urged all sections of

the society to motivate the Divyangjan to become self-reliant and move ahead in life. She said that when our Divyang brothers and sisters would make their effective contribution by joining the mainstream, then our country would move forward on the path of development at a faster pace.

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment gives away the National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities every year to Individuals, Institutions, Organizations, State/District etc for their outstanding achievements and work done towards empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

President of India to Visit Andhra Pradesh From December 4 to 5

New Delhi: The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, will visit Andhra Pradesh from December 4 to 5, 2022. On December 4, 2022, the President will attend a civic reception to be hosted in her honour by the Government of Andhra Pradesh at Vijayawada. On the same evening, she will witness the operational demonstration by the Indian Navy at Visakhapatnam on the occasion of Navy Day and virtually inaugurate/lay the foundation stone for projects of Ministries of Defence; Road Transport and Highways; and Tribal Affairs.

On December 5, 2022, the President will visit Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalaya, Tirupati where she will interact with students, faculty members, women achievers etc.

Annual Sports of Maharishi Public School held



Baripada(KCN): 19th annual sports of maharishi public school, Baghra road, Baripada held with a sporting atmosphere. school managing committee president pradeep kumar Nayak inaugurated the event by showing flag. At the outset of the event students performed gurupujan and opening song with dance. More than five hundred students participated in the event out of which 141 students got selected for prizes and certificates. The event was conducted by sports teachers Mona das under the supervision of principal incharge kajolkanti Mahapatra. Treasure of Maharishi public school Mr Ashok Kumar kar thanked all parents, Teachers and staff for their cooperation and support.

National Seminar On Sanskrit Language held



Chandikhole(KCN): A national seminar on Sanskrit language was organised by the Department of Sanskrit, Baba Bhairabananda Autonomous College, Chandikhole on 30th November 2022 in Navamalati contentenes hall. The resource person was prof. Judhistir sahu, H. O. D, Revenasha University, Cuttack. Dr. Manoj kumar Das, principal, B . B . A u t o Mahavidyalaya, had attended the seminar and given a brife idea about the classical status of the language. The Mahapatra delivered the welcome speech. Dr. Syamasundar Behera, faculty member had given a concrete idea about the purpose of the seminar topic. Thank you note was extended by Giranjali Sethy. This was the first seminar of the department for the seminar 2022-23.

Sarna Tribal Religion Code Bill be made through Legislation

Ranchi(KCN): The local and planning policy for the youth of Jharkhandi society and 77% reservation policy for OBC society, the BJP government at the center should take positive concrete initiative in the direction of enacting a law by passing both the Houses in the winter session to be held in the month of December, otherwise in Jharkhand The economic blockade would be done and a quirkEven the mineral will not be allowed to go out of the state, the responsibility of

which will be on the BJP government at the centerThe above things were said today by Vijay Shankar Nayak, Central Convener of Jharkhand Bachao Morcha and Central Vice President of Adivasi Moolvasi Janadhikar Manch and former candidate of Hatia assembly constituency. He further said that these three bills directly and indirectly affect the life of the tribal native community of Jharkhand. In such a situation, the BJP government at the Center should

seriously consider the direction of enacting laws by getting these three bills passed by both the Houses, Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha, so that the existence and identity of the tribal indigenous society of Jharkhand can be protected. Mr. Nayak also said that all the three bills have been passed unanimously in the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly by voice votes and sent to the Center to take initiative in the direction of making laws. Further necessary in the

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direction of giving respectAction should be taken in this direction, if the BJP government at the center ignores or neglects these three bills, then the BJP government at the center will have to bear serious consequences and the tribal native society of Jharkhand will protest against this neglect in a phased manner in a comprehensive manner. Under which economic blockade will be done in Jharkhand and mineral coal, bauxite, iron ore, manganese and other

minerals will not be allowed to go out of Jharkhand. Mr. Nayak said in clear words that these three bills are a matter of life and death for the tribal native community of Jharkhand, ignoring it will not be tolerated under any circumstances, therefore the BJP government at the center should pass both the bills in the first week of this session itself. Bringing it into the Houses, seriously voice itIt needs to be passed otherwise in

the coming 2024 parliamentary elections BJP's supada in Jharkhand will be cleared and no power in the world can stop BJP's account being closed in Jharkhand in Loksabha elections. Mr. Nayak has also appealed to the Leader of the Opposition of the Congress to play a historic role by contributing positively and creatively in getting these three bills passed from both the Houses and respect the sentiments of the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly and Jharkhand tribal community.

Mining Sector Attracts Investment

Bhubaneswar(KCN): On Day Two of 'Make in Odisha Conclave 2022', one of the largest investment summits in India, Sectoral Session on "Mining in Odisha – A Paradigm Shift" was conducted where industry leaders from mining sector from across the country participated in the presence of Deo Ranjan Kumar Singh, Principal Secretary, Steel & Mines.

In his address to the delegates, Principal Secretary, Steel & Mines, said, that the State Government is formulating a Logistics



Policy for raw material evacuation by prioritizing slurry pipe lines, rail network and also water ways which will substantially reduce the road transportation in the mineral rich districts of Odisha.

He also said that the mining sector has perception problem,

however, in the last couple of years the perception has changed positively as the sector has been contributing immensely to the economy.

Mr.Singh further added that everyone in the mining industry must work to change the perception of the industry

further by taking care of the planet and the people living in the periphery thereby winning the hearts of the local people.

He said that the state-owned OMC has been doing massive CSR works in its mining areas to improve the socio-economic lives of the people residing in the

periphery of the mines.

Mr.Singh further said that 80% of the minerals produced by OMC shall be given to long term linkage players as per the Long Term Linkage policy of OMC to ensure that the small and medium industry players are benefited. On the session, Mr.Singh unveiled the white paper "Compendium on Mining & Metals sector in Odisha" which contains data points on deposits, state's exploration plan, policy initiatives and downstream plans for steel, stainless steel & aluminum.

Odisha ASO Exams-2022: High Court stays final mark list publication

Cuttack(KCN): In a major decision in connection with the ASO recruitment exams-2022 conducted by the Odisha Public Service Commission (OPSC), the Orissa High Court today stayed the publication of final mark list of the candidates. The final list publication has been stayed till the ending of hearing in the case. However, the High Court has allowed the commission to continue with the computer proficiency test. The court said the OPSC



cannot publish results without its permission. The next hearing in the matter will be held on December 20. Several candidates had moved the High Court petitioning that various norms were violated in the ASO recruitment exams. "The OPSC has set minimum qualifying mark for written test, this year. There was no such

norm for recruitment exams conducted by it in 2018 and 2019. They had published the merit list combining marks secured in all subjects. As per Rule 16 of Recruitment Rule, a candidate only needs to score minimum 40% in computer skill test. We argued that the OPSC has no power to set minimum qualifying mark for written test. Admitting the petition, the court issued the interim stay on publication of final merit list," said lawyer Manoj Mishra who appeared for the petitioners.



Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik at the Valedictory Session of Make in Odisha Conclave-2022 at Janata Maidan



Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik at the Transformation of School Education Session of Make in Odisha Conclave-2022 at Janata Maidan

State Mulls Circular Economy Policy

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The State Government will come up with a policy to facilitate a circular economy with the value addition to waste generated in the State. This was informed by Director Environment and Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board (SPCB), Dr. K. Murugesan during a session on Circular Economy at Make in Odisha (MIO) Conclave.

"Owing to Odisha's vast industrial and manufacturing landscape, our State has huge potential for utilization of waste as secondary raw materials through a Symbiotic association, leading to an ecosystem of Waste-to-Wealth," he said. Dr. Murugesan said over 90 million tonnes of utilizable waste are produced

by various industries (steel plants, coal-based power plants, fertilizer plants, etc.) in the State, which could be used by a range of industries like power generation, cement, fertilizer, construction materials, etc. These wastes are generated across the State, giving enormous opportunities for investors. For example, while Sambalpur is the highest producer of industrial waste, Khordha is the largest producer of urban waste in Odisha, he said.

During a survey of investors, he said, most investors identified fly ash, gypsum, red mud, plastic waste, slag, etc. as waste having the maximum potential for utilization in the State. Further, the Director



Environment said 81% of respondents of the survey stated that their firm is aware of circular economy, while 65% of those who responded stated that their firms are interested in investing in circularity in Odisha, while 25% of respondents stated they have already invested in Circular Economy practices in the State.

Investors have been investing in capacity creation, technology procurement, innovation, etc. to facilitate their transition to circularity, he added. Most investors feel that policies facilitating utilization of waste is important towards catalysing efforts on Circular Economy in Odisha, incentivizing MSMEs, easing

transport of waste, etc. shall be useful in creation of the necessary policy ecosystem. To create the necessary enabling policy environment for the Circular Economy, a five-year action plan will be developed by the Government to implement and achieve this strategic vision for the State, he pointed out.

Dr Murugesan further informed that a centralised platform anchored by the SPCB, will be developed, as an effective monitoring system. The platform will record and provide data on waste generation by industries and ULBs, availability of secondary raw materials to the market, potential of

industries to use secondary raw material, usage of policy instruments by industries (ex. MSME), etc., thus enabling the targeted industrial symbiosis in Odisha.

The platform would also act as a single source for all necessary information on Circular Economy in Odisha, he stated. It is important that the transition to Circular Economy in Odisha is assisted by an anchor which could sustainably facilitate strengthening of the collaborative circularity efforts in the State. Therefore, he said, a Centre of Excellence will be facilitated by the Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, to act as an apex institution for knowledge collation and transfer, enable R&D for localised solutions, capacity

building of stakeholders, assist in developing business models for MSMEs, hand holding investors to participate in the circularity waste to wealth market, etc. The PPCB Member Secretary stated that Odisha's commitment on facilitating the necessary enablers and drivers for transitioning from linear to a circular model of growth provides enormous opportunities for industries to expand their circularity footprint in Odisha and make the State a destination for circularity aligned investments. He urged all stakeholders to provide necessary input to the SPCB on bringing out an adequate policy environment on Circular Economy in Odisha.

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Nick Jonas wishes his 'love' Priyanka Chopra on wedding anniversary; says 'and just like that it's been 4 years'

Nick Jonas won major hubby points with his mushy anniversary post for his 'love' Priyanka Chopra. On the occasion of his wedding anniversary, the hunk took to his social media handle to reminisce about the four years he has spent in love with his actress wife. Posting two photos from their wedding ceremonies, Nick captioned the post saying, "And just like that it's been 4 years. happy anniversary my love."

While one photo was from PC and Nick's wedding according to Christian customs, the other was from their second wedding according to Hindu customs at the Umaid Bhawan Palace in Rajasthan. Shortly after the actor shared the post, fans and friends took to the comments section to congratulate them and wish them happiness. Priyanka, reciprocated the love in her post that read, "Find yourself a guy that reminds you everyday that you're loved. Happy anniversary babe." This is Priyanka and Nick's first wedding anniversary as a mom and dad to baby Malti Marie. The couple welcomed the baby girl in January 2022. On the professional front, Priyanka will next be seen in 'Citadel', she also has 'Love Again', and is gearing up for her Bollywood return with 'Jee Le Zaraa', alongside Katrina Kaif and Alia Bhatt.

Hrithik Roshan shares a warm hug with Saba Azad's ex-boyfriend Imaad Shah

Before dating Hrithik Roshan, actress Saba Azad was in a relationship with Naseeruddin Shah's son Imaad. While the duo have parted ways, they have remained cordial and also perform their gigs. Saba and Imaad have an electro-funk band called Madboy/Mink. Saba's current boyfriend Hrithik also happens to share a great bond with her ex. Earlier this evening, the three of them were spotted in town.

Hrithik looked uber cool in a T-shirt donning a clean-shaven look. Saba on the other hand kept it comfy in an olive green T shirt teamed with a pair

Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara turns 11: How Reema Kagti-Zoya Akhtar opened up urban audiences to layered stories



Throwing together a road trip, romcom, family dynamics and bromance in a single picture doesn't sound like an easy feat but Zoya Akhtar and Reema Kagti, managed to beautifully blend it together in 'Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara', which today completes 11 years. The feel-good film directed by Zoya Akhtar and penned by Zoya and Reema Kagti, on the surface was all about three friends on the verge of making commitments but was so much more! The entertainer shed light on modern-day relationships, both romantic and familial and had huge appeal with urban audiences, who related to the characters and plots. First the equation between Abhay Deol and



of denim jeans. The duo were candidly captured by the paparazzi. Hrithik and Saba were also seen sharing a warm hug with Imaad.

Hrithik and Saba have been painting the town red with their public appearances, along with their adorable display of affection for

each other on social media. Back when they were spotted for the first time, Hrithik and Saba were seen holding hands as they left the venue. Reportedly, the 'Super 30' actor and Saba met through a common friend who is into Indie music. Another report stated that the rumoured couple

holidayed in Goa for a bit. ETimes was the first to dial Saba Azad and bring you the news that she had not denied dating Hrithik. We were also the first to get you details of Saba's previous relationship with Imaad Shah.

Saba and Imaad dated for seven years before they broke up in 2020. Earlier in a conversation with ETimes, Imaad had opened up about their relationship when they moved in together. "It's true. Saba and I have moved in. That's how we

got to work together. We ran into each other while working on a play. With all the rehearsing stuff, we did end up spending a lot of time together. One day I heard her singing randomly with friends, it was a nice jam session. Her voice stood out from everything in the room. It was so striking. Saba has an amazingly soulful and versatile voice," he added. On the work front, Hrithik will next feature in 'Fighter' with Deepika Padukone, helmed by Siddharth Anand. He will also feature in 'Vikram Vedha' with Saif Ali Khan. He was last seen in 'War' co-starring Tiger Shroff.

I've never doubted my capabilities: Mahira Sharma

began her career as a model and made her television debut in 2016 with Y.A.R.O Ka Tashan. Post that, she was also seen in TV shows like Naagin 3 and Kundali Bhagya

Now, the actress is all set to make her Punjabi film debut. She says, "I am very happy to have bagged Lehmer Ginni. It is a wonderful opportunity and we'll be hooting in London admits that she, too, went through a low phase. She says, "It was difficult in the beginning of my career. I remember I was selected for a project and even shot a promo for it, but was replaced overnight. This happened to me multiple times in 2017. That was a bad phase for me, but I did not give up. I have never doubted myself and have always believed in my capabilities. My skills and hard work have got me where I am today." In the Bigg Boss house was much spoken about. While there are rumours that the two are dating, both have maintained that they're best friends. Mahira says, "Our friendship has only got better since we met. He is one of the nicest people I know and there isn't a single day when we don't meet. I am very selective about my friends and Paras is my best friend."



Poonam Pandey abuses Payal Rohatgi during an ugly fight

Lock Upp's latest episode witnessed one of the most ugly fights of the season where the entire house turned against her for her Islamophobic comments

against Zeeshan Khan. The fight which started after a news was played inside about the demand of ban on halal meat in Karnataka. A discussion between Payal Rohatgi

turned into an argument. However, this was not the reason behind the fight. The matter escalated when Payal's team members came to her asking for the coins they had

earned during the task. As none of her team members are talking to Payal or treating her in a good way she had returned the coins to the jailor.

When Nisha, Mandana and Zeeshan did not get any answer from Payal, they started taunting and abusing her. The matter escalated and Payal made a few Islamophobic comments against Zeeshan Khan and called him a terrorist. This did not go down with any of the housemates and they all charged against her. Zeeshan, who was the most affected hurled



many abuses and used cuss words against Payal and other housemates do did not spare her. Munawar, Nisha, Mandana, Zeeshan, Anjali, Poonam, Azma,

everyone called out her and some of them even abused her for her actions. The whole house demanded her ouster from the show. During all this, Poonam started abusing

Payal and calling her out for her statements against Zeeshan. Payal retaliated to Poonam and reminded her about the Brahmin comment she made a few days ago on the show for Nisha. The

two ladies got into a spat and Poonam started hurling abuses at Payal. She did not keep quiet and Payal told Poonam that she can do only two things either remove her top or abuse others. Payal said, "De de gandi gaaliyaan de... do he cheezein aati hai tujhe... yaa toh maa behan ki gaaliyan degi yaa phir kapde nikalegi." Poonam also did not stop and kept using cuss words against Payal and the latter continued saying, "Yaa toh nangi hoti hai yaa toh Maa behan ki gaaliyaan deti hai... yehi aata hai tujhe."

MP stands tall at centre of incredible India with history, nature, spirituality & adventures

Ritwik Mukherjee

Think of a place where history and heritage haunt you, culture and cuisine call you, adventures await you and spirituality soothes your soul and Madhya Pradesh, at the centre of 'Incredible India' would come to your mind immediately.

And now 'Film tourism' seems to be the new mantra when it comes to Madhya Pradesh Tourism. The Shivraj Singh Chouhan government has come up with a comprehensive and attractive film tourism policy to woo filmmakers from Bollywood, Tollywood, Mollywood and from outside India. MP possibly is the first state to come up with such concrete and comprehensive policy in this regard. Especially in the post Covid-19 era, the MP government is harping on such policy measures to hardsell various locations to movie makers cutting across countries.

"And it is not just handholding and offering various permissions and

clearances through a single window system, but what are new on offers include various financial sops, financial support (of paying back 30-40 per cent of total spent on movie making in MP) so on and so forth. At different levels and on different grounds we offer these financial incentives and subsidies- for choosing MP as shooting location, for promoting some location/s of MP as a destination (there is another round of incentive or subsidy),

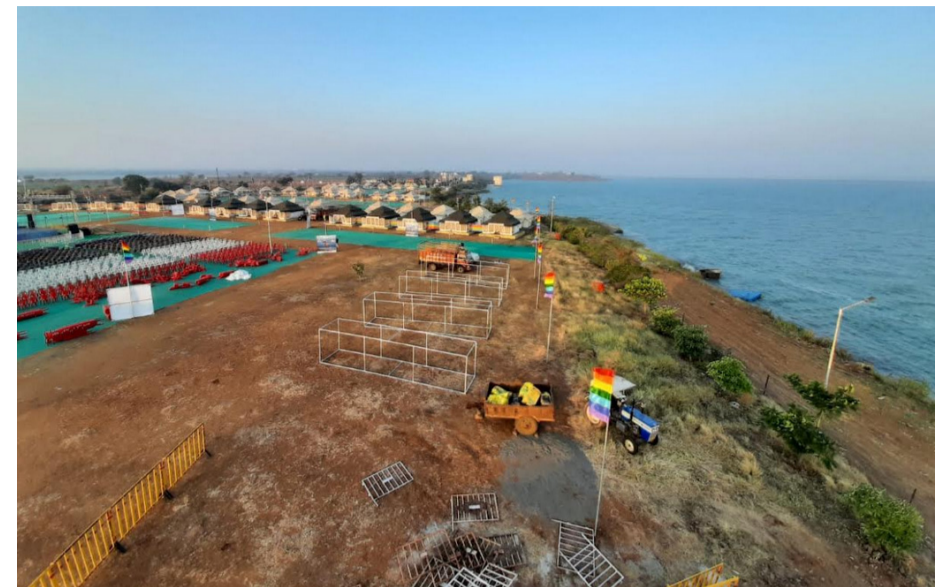
for roping in principal actors from the state, for roping in supporting actors from the state, for hiring crews and technicians, for weaving stories/script around something to do with MP and it goes on like this," said Sheo Shekhar Shukla, Principal Secretary Tourism and Culture Department and Managing Director, MP Tourism Board. And that's not all. If some department takes some fee for some clearance/approval,

the tourism department reimburses that.

It suits the state's purpose of promoting various parts of MP as tourism destinations. Movies play a very important role in the lives of Indians, especially the actors and actresses. Movie is a force that is capable of driving the decision of consumers and little wonder therefore that the MP government prefers being supportive

of movie makers to make MP an important shooting destination for the industry. The pristine forests, the rippling rivers and waterbodies, the scenic islands, the rich history and heritage of the forts and palaces, the culture and exotic cuisine and the hospitable people-all go to make it the heart of 'incredible India', anyways, said Shukla.

Along with film tourism, the MP government is also promoting village tourism, sustainable tourism and what is known as 'responsible tourism'. The central Indian state has lined up an ambitious plan of throwing open as many as 1000 home stays across various hinterland and rural areas. Nearly 60-70 home stays are already operational. The state government has identified 15 more sites and 25 more waterbodies for these purposes. District level committees and state level committee have



been formed to work on these. Moves are afoot to provide sustainable livelihood, develop entrepreneurship among the local people by way of upskilling, training, handholding, financial schemes. The state is also engaging architects and sending these entrepreneurs elsewhere, so that the upcoming home stays are globally benchmarked, said Shukla.

The much-hyped Jal Mahotsav at the Hanuwantiya island located on the backwaters of Indira Sagar Dam is a case in point of how the state government is coming up and

promoting newer destinations with modern facilities, adventure tourism and MICE facilities and at the same time adding a dash of ethnicity and local flavours, he said. Adventure activities such as scuba diving, night safari at Boriyamal Island, luxury Regal series boat, 40 feet high rope swing, zip cycle, paramotoring, parasailing, speed

boat, jet-ski, hot air ballooning, motor boat riding and much more are there to lure in tourists.

With green and clean tourism at the core of everything, the state is also coming up with the largest floating solar plant at the Sailani Island. The state is also working on solar and wind power (if possible and viable) at other locations as well, said Shukla.



Editor To Letter

Dear Editor,

Germany support is laudable

Germany has unveiled a offer to give 1 billion Euro(Rs 8440 crore) to India for energy transition systems across the country under a bilateral cooperation for green and sustainable development is definitely a welcome move. Actually in May this year German Chancellor Olaf Scholz blazoned a support of 10 billion Euro to India by 2030. The present backing of 1 billion Euro for the systems in India is part of that pledge. The German Ambassador to India, Philipp Ackermann promised that the two sides will agree on the backing for further than 20 development systems. The backing, including 10% subventions and 90% in the form of lines of credit with cheap interest rates of 2.75% per annum by a German bank, which will support India's sweats in the fields of renewable energy, sustainable civic development in smart metropolises and sustainable use of natural coffers. Accommodations between the Indian and German governments on environment oriented development policy is a matter of appreciation. All the new ventures will help cut green house gas emissions and to help acclimatize to climate change in the country is laudable.

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Spreading disability awareness

VinodChandrashekhar Dixit



3rd December is observed as The International day of Persons with Disabilities. The day aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. Additionally, it also aims to raise awareness of the situations of persons with disabilities in all aspects of political, social, economic and cultural life. Disability is one of the most important issues in the contemporary society. In 2006, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

(CRPD) was also adopted. It aims at working towards creating equal opportunities for persons with disabilities through the implementation of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development. Disabled people are people who have mental or physical limitation so they depend on someone to support them in doing their daily life needs and jobs. Although disabled people are a minority and they are normally ignored, they are still a part of the society. Disability is somehow an obstacle in every disabled person's life. It is considered as a physical or mental condition that limits a person's movements, senses or activities. Modern societies have recognized the problems faced by

these individuals and passed laws that ease their interactions. It is not common to find such immense willpower in the general population. Therefore, disability leads to a tough life owing to its emotional demands on its subjects. Each type of disability needs different kind of support and assistance. But the most important thing is the positive attitude and self-confidence. If a disabled person has these two qualities, no disability can stop him from achieving success in life.

According to WHO "More than 1 billion people experience disability, and this figure is predicted to rise, due in part to population ageing and an increase in the

prevalence of non-communicable diseases." Having a disability should not mean being excluded. More than a billion people worldwide have some form of disability, many children. Whether affected by the disease, landmines, or other injuries, children with disabilities in developing countries often find themselves isolated, alone, and with little hope. The statistics show that the proportion of disabled people in the world rose from 10 percent in the seventies of the last century to 15 percent so far. The number of handicapped exceeds a billion people all over the world, occupied about 15 percent of the world's population. Nevertheless, today,

the problem of people with disabilities and their discrimination persists because many biases and prejudices are resilient. In this regard, education is particularly vulnerable to the problem of the integration of students with disabilities into the learning process. Disability is the complex notion that involves limited opportunities and special needs of people but it does not mean the inferiority of individuals compared to those, who do not have disability. It does not matter whether the individuals is handsome or talented, like Tom Cruise. At the end of the day, he will always be a disabled man. This attitude obscures one's accomplishments and may even discourage some people from

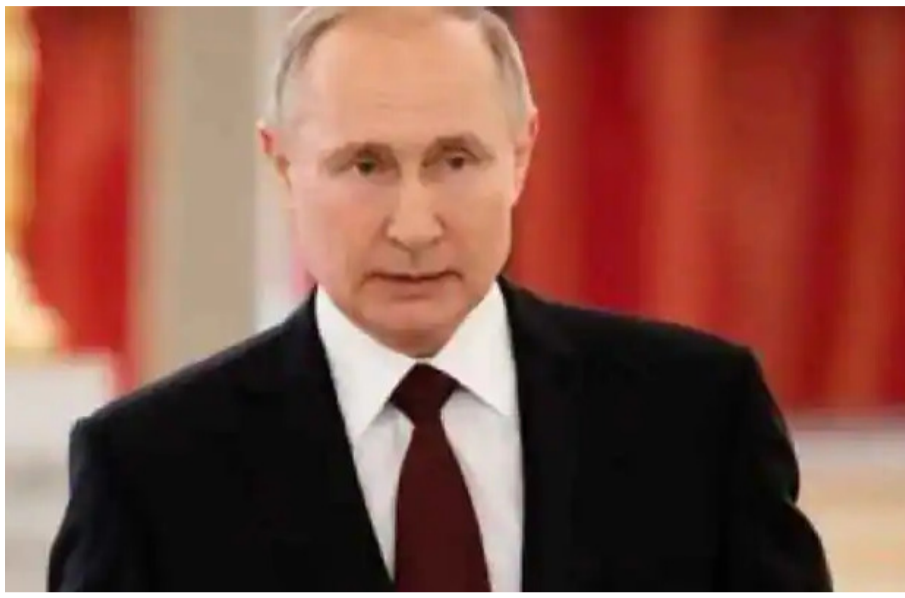
accomplishing anything. It is a shame that people do not care about the capabilities of the disabled persons. For a long time, the disabled people have been labelled as "deviant" or "other."

It is to be remembered that a man can achieve whatever he wishes to. If he wills, he sets aside all physical, psychological and mental disabilities provided with strong reason, commitment and resolve. Disability can never be an obstacle to success if one stands against it. Let's ensure divyangjans are able to access health care, education, employment opportunities and participate fully in the society.

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Vladimir Putin falls down stairs at residence, soils himself amid cancer battle

New Delhi: Vladimir Putin has fallen down the stairs at his official residence and soiled himself while continuing to suffer from cancer, a Telegram channel that claims links to his bodyguards has suggested, Daily Mail reported. The 70-year-old Russian leader, whose health has visibly deteriorated since he launched his war in Ukraine, suffered the fall on Wednesday (November 30) evening when he slipped coming downstairs at his Moscow home, General SVR channel claimed. Putin landed on his coccyx, fell down five steps, then rolled onto his side and slid down two more. The sharp impact



caused him to 'involuntarily defecate' due to 'cancer of the gastrointestinal tract,' according to the channel. General SVR has posted updates about Putin's health since the start of the war, though it has provided no evidence to support its claims or proof that it does indeed have

connections within his guards, Daily Mail reported. In the latest post, the channel wrote. "Putin stumbled and fell to his back, after which he fell on his side and slid down a couple of steps. Also read: Russia-Ukraine war: Emmanuel Macron, Joe Biden meet in US, take common approach to talk to

Vladimir Putin "The incident took place in front of the President's bodyguards, who reacted quickly and rushed to Putin's aid. Three security officers helped the President get to the nearest sofa and called the doctors who were on duty at the residence." The channel said that medics "arrived within

a few minutes, but could not immediately examine the President." This was due to him suffering "oncology of the gastrointestinal tract, as a result of which he already experiences serious problems with digestion" - and the fall caused an "involuntary defecation". "Before the examination, the doctors escorted the President to the bathroom and helped to clean up." The report said: "After a complete examination, a bruise of the coccyx and soft tissues was diagnosed," Daily Mail reported. "Nothing critical was diagnosed and the bruising was treated with painkillers. An investigation is to be carried out into what provoked the 'fall,'" it said.

First German warship in almost two decades enters South China Sea

Berlin: A German warship sailed into the South China Sea on Wednesday for the first time in almost 20 years, a move that sees Berlin joining other Western nations in expanding its military presence in the region amid growing alarm over China's territorial ambitions.



China claims almost the entire South China Sea as its own, despite an international tribunal ruling that Beijing has no legal basis for these claims, and has built military outposts on artificial islands in the waters that contain gas fields and rich fishing.

The German navy vessel has begun the transit through the South China Sea on its way to Singapore that is expected to take several days, a spokesperson for the defence ministry in Berlin said on Wednesday.

The frigate Bayern is the first German warship to cross the South China Sea since 2002, waters that 40% of Europe's

foreign trade flows through.

The U.S. Navy, in a show of force against the Chinese territorial claims, regularly conducts so-called "freedom of navigation" operations in which their vessels pass close by some of the contested islands. China in turn objects to the U.S. missions, saying they do not help promote peace or stability.

Washington has put countering China at the heart of its national security policy and seeks to rally partners against what it says are Beijing's increasingly coercive economic and foreign policies.

Officials in Berlin have said the German

navy will stick to common trade routes. The frigate is not expected to sail through the Taiwan Strait either, another regular U.S. activity condemned by Beijing.

Nevertheless, the former German government made it clear the mission serves to stress the fact Germany does not accept China's territorial claims. Germany is walking a tightrope between its security and economic interests as China has become Berlin's most important trading partner. German exports there have helped mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Europe's biggest economy.

US Capitol riot: DC government sues Proud Boys, Oath Keepers

New York: District of Columbia Attorney General Karl Racine on Tuesday announced a civil lawsuit against two extremist groups over their role in the January 6 attack on the US Capitol Hill.

The Proud Boys and the Oath Keepers, along with more than 30 individuals who are associated with the groups, have been accused of "conspiring to terrorise the District of Columbia," according to Racine.

"I'm suing the Proud Boys and the Oath Keepers, the first civil lawsuit by a government entity against the Jan. 6 insurrectionists. They caused extensive damage to the District (of Columbia, DC), our democracy and particularly the brave men and women of our Metropolitan Police Department," Racine

said on Twitter.

Trump and his allies have been accused of inciting the rioters in a speech shortly before the violence broke out. Last week, a federal court of appeals ruled against Trump, who had tried to keep White House documents relating to the January 6 Capitol breach secret.

The three-judge panel rejected Trump's claim that the documents were protected by executive privilege, saying they were in fact vital for an investigation into what led hundreds of people to attack the Capitol.

Several individual members of the Oath Keepers were accused of conspiring to block the congressional certification of Biden's victory. At least one of them so far has pleaded guilty in a conspiracy case and agreed to

cooperate with prosecutors.

The Proud Boys are categorised as a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center and a number of other civil rights organisations.

The group was established in 2016 by Canadian-British right-wing activist and Vice Media co-founder Gavin McInnes. He has since distanced himself from the group.

The Canadian group classifies the Proud Boys as a terrorist group. The all-male organisation, which describes itself as a haven for "Western chauvinists," holds a history of street violence against left-wing groups and activists.

The Oath Keepers is a right-wing organisation formed in 2009 by army veteran Stuart Rhodes, shortly after the election of Barack Obama.



The Minister of State for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences (I/C), Prime Minister's Office, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh in group photograph with Directors of different leading frontier Biotechnology Institutes of India at an extended comprehensive review meeting at National Institute of Immunology, in New Delhi

On a single Kentucky street, the tornado killed 7 children

Kentucky: The little red wagon was strewn upside down on a heap of rubble — a pile of boards and bricks, a mangled blue bicycle, a baby doll.

Behind it, there was little more than a hole in the ground where a house had stood. Across the street, the tidy homes on this cul-de-sac were reduced to mounds of lumber. Clothes hung from the branches of snapped trees.

When a tornado touched down in Bowling Green, Kentucky, in the middle of the night, its violence was centered on this friendly subdivision, where everyone waved at one another and giggling children spent afternoons tooling around on bicycles on the sidewalks.

Fourteen people died in a few blocks, 11 of them on a single street, Moss Creek Avenue. Entire families were lost, among them seven children, two of them infants.

Neighbours who survived are so stricken with grief they struggle to speak of it. All around them, amid the ruins, is evidence of the kids they used to watch climb off the school bus.

Melinda Allen-Ray has barely slept since early Saturday, when tornado alerts started screaming and she carried her grandchildren into the bathroom as winds whipped her house apart.

After just minutes of destruction, there was silence. She went outside and heard her



neighbours' screams.

"I heard them — it traumatised me. I think about that each night when I go to sleep, when I do sleep," she said. In her dreams she hears the screaming and wakes up. She wept all weekend.

For some, this fresh destruction triggers thoughts of the dark days they fled in their homelands, where they hid from bombs and lost

whole families.

"We come from war; this reminds us, it touches the memory of that, where we've been and how we came here," said Ganimete Ademi, a 46-year-old grandmother who fled Kosovo in 1999 during the war, in which she lost her uncle and a nephew. Now she looks around her own neighbourhood. "I turn my memory back to 22

years ago," she said.

One of the families that lost many members was from Bosnia. Two brothers lived in homes next door to each other with their families, Ademi said.

They were happy and gregarious, holding summertime parties in the yard. From the two brothers' households, one woman died, along with two children and two infants, police said.

Their surviving relatives said it's too difficult to speak of it. Another family here lost six members: three adults, a 16-year-old girl, a 4-year-old boy and another child. Around the corner, a 77-year-old grandmother was killed. Two others from the neighborhood died of their injuries at the hospital. "That's hard to think about — you go to bed, and your entire family is gone the next day," said Ronnie Ward, with the Bowling Green Police Department.

Kentucky authorities said the sheer level of destruction was hindering their ability to tally the damage from Friday night's storms. (AP)

They usually tell people to get in a

bathtub and cover up with a mattress, he said, but that probably would've made little difference here: Some homes were destroyed so completely the tornado ripped all they way through the floor, exposing the earth below. Now, they comb through what remains, turning over every strip of dry wall and each twisted car to make sure there aren't more victims underneath. It can be horrific work, Ward said, but they try to steady themselves enough because they know it must be done. "So you go about that task of trying to get this work done, and then you come across a wagon," he said, standing near the Radio Flyer bent and broken on a pile. "And you

think, that's associated with a child somewhere. And did that child live? Those thoughts, they overtake you, they overwhelm you." What these children left consumes them. There's a Barbie doll missing a leg. A reindeer stuffed animal. A scooter, a toy horse, a hula hoop. There's a pink Disney princess backpack. A car from Paw Patrol, and bedding printed with the faces of its goofy animal first responders. The people who've had to see it are reckoning with how close they and their own children came. As the tornado tore through the subdivision, it decimated some houses and damaged others, yet left some just next door unscathed. "It's almost hard to look at, because how did it miss that house but it got this house?" Ward said.

Make in Odisha Conclave-2022 generates Rs 10.5 lakh crore investment intents

Bhubaneswar: The Make in Odisha Conclave-2022 has generated investment intents of Rs 10.5 lakh crore with potential for 10.5 lakh direct and indirect employment, said Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on the

Chief Minister thanked the FICCI team for their support for the successful organization of the Make in Odisha Conclave-2022. "I would like to give special thanks to our country partners, Japan, Norway and Germany. I hope that we further

implemented, these projects have the potential to create 3,55,615 jobs, said a senior official of the Industry department. The power and renewable & green energy sector in Odisha has received investment intents worth Rs 2,38,455 crore while the



fourth day of the investors' summit here today. "It's heartening to see the huge response we have received especially in the post-Covid scenario. Let us all work hard to implement these investments on the ground and take Odisha to a new era of growth. I would like to assure all our investors that we will walk the extra mile for them. We will walk the talk. It will be a win-win situation," said the Chief Minister. The

strengthen our relationships and create more opportunities for mutual trade, commerce, and people-to-people contact. I thank each one of you for your immense contribution. Let the juggernaut move on," he said. The state has received as many as 145 investment proposals worth Rs 5,49,764 crore in minerals, metals, and metal ancillary and downstream sector at the Make in Odisha Conclave-2022. If

logistics & infrastructure sector got proposals worth Rs 1,19,197 crore. The investment intents in the logistic sector can create 1,89,039 employment opportunities in Odisha, said the official. The agriculture and food processing sector has attracted investment proposals worth Rs 7,249 crore having the potential to create 1,44,655 jobs in the state, he added.

Dilip Rath, Chairman, IRMA awarded PhD in management by Sardar Patel University

Bhubaneswar : Shri Dilip Rath, Chairman, Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA) has been awarded a PhD degree in Management by the Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyannagar, Gujarat, for his thesis "Livelihood through Dairy Development by Inclusive Producer Institutions and Enabling Policy Environment in Select Regions of India". The thesis reflects his immense experience in handling livelihood issues of rural dairy farmers to ensure they get a fair share of consumer price. Shri Rath's research focuses on importance of dairying as source of rural livelihood and need of fair and transparent institutional structures for milk producers. His experience with dairy development in the country over many decades indicates that progress is achieved if producers get an assured market. It not only enhances income of dairy farmers, but also

induces milk production and marketable surplus even in less developed areas. His research also highlights the active involvement of government through appropriate schemes and policies, which created an enabling environment thereby providing the much-needed impetus to dairy development initiatives for sustainable livelihood. The thesis emphasises about the advent of Milk Producer Companies under the Companies Act, which has largely addressed the issues and constraints faced by the traditional dairy cooperatives and proved to be effective vehicle for promoting dairying. The Govt may pay attention and consider adopting the recommendations made by Shri Rath to safeguard interest of dairy farmers in backward areas having potential for milk production. Absence of better livelihood opportunity is the major reason behind this socio-

economic backwardness and dairying remains the only hope. Shri Rath did his graduation in Economics with Honours and completed his Masters in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University. Later he went on to do MSc in Economics from London School of Economics. He joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1979 and served in different capacities under the State Governments of West Bengal, Odisha and the Central Government. He was previously Chairman, National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), Mother Dairy Fruit & Vegetable Pvt Ltd., Indian Immunologicals Ltd., NDDB Dairy Services, IDMC Ltd. and Pristine Biologicals (NZ) Ltd. He was responsible for monitoring of the milk situation in the country in the context of inflation of essential commodities. He was closely involved in project conceptualisation and formulation of the

8th KiiT Int School Literary Festival Kicks Off In Presence of Actor Nandita Das, Authors Jeeva Raghunath & Ravinder Singh



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): The 8th National Children's Literary Festival 2022 of KiiT International School kicked off here on Saturday in the presence of actor and director Nandita Das, well-known author and storyteller Jeeva Raghunath and author Ravinder Singh.

Award-winning novelist Ruskin Bond, who has conceptualized the literary festival, would join the event virtually during the course of the event. President of KIIT and KISS Saswati Bal was present on the occasion. Raghunath made a

colourful and vibrant beginning to the festival by sharing a story artfully and imitating different sounds, which was well appreciated by students who joined her during her brief storytelling session. Kolkata-born author Ravinder Singh, who was raised in Odisha

and joined as a software engineer at a firm in Bhubaneswar before moving on, shared his ecstasy at coming back to his home town and participating in the festival. "When I happen to write a novel, I am proud of the fact that

my stories are based out of Bhubaneswar. Odisha has been my karmabhoomi for so long. Every time I come to the city, I witness the changes around me and enjoy the street food," he said.

On the other hand, Nandita wished the festival all the best. The festival will conclude on Sunday. KiiT International School Chairperson Dr. Mona Lisa Bal said the festival was conceived by Ruskin Bond who will join the festival through virtual mode as he was not keeping well. "We are placing a lot of importance on reading which is an essence of life," she said. The Director of the School Dr. Sanjay Suar proposed a vote of thanks and placed special thanks to K9 Kloud which is powering the event.

Stray dog beaten to death after it bites over 30 people in Odisha's Balasore

Balasore: In a shocking incident, a stray dog was beaten to death by angry locals after it bit over 30 persons in Sunhat area of Balasore district here today. Among the seriously wounded dog-bite victims are Rahmad Khan, Sheikh Amanul, Kamrul Bibi, Sheikh Kadar, Gopal Chandra Sethi, Sheikh Idris and Benudhar Chand. All the 30 persons have



been admitted to the district headquarters hospital and are currently undergoing treatment. Sources said late on

Friday night around 11 pm, the dog started biting people across wards 1, 4 and 11. The biting spree continued in the morning on

Saturday when it attacked passersby. Locals claim the canine even entered the homes of people and bit them. As over 30 persons were hurt from the dog bite, residents of the area got furious and reportedly beat the dog to death. Meanwhile, as per latest reports, those victims who suffered minor injuries returned home after preliminary treatment.



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

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

With 1000 cars monthly refurbishment capacity, the centre will employ 100+ employees once fully operational. As a result of having best-in-class inhouse refurbishment centers, Cardekho ensures that all vehicles sold on its platform are of the

highest quality.

CarDekho offers a 7 days 'No Questions Asked' money-back guarantee on all cars where customers can test-own the car and return it if not satisfied. Also included are 6 months of warranty, and complementary Pan-India roadside assistance (RSA) for all car buyers. A free insurance package and RC transfer are also included with the car.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FURO Sports Shoes welcomes Shahid Kapoor as its Brand Ambassador

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

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

BOB Financial crosses the 1 Million Credit Cards mark

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

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

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

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

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

India's Biggest and Most Popular Poker Tournament, India Poker Championship, ends on a high

New Delhi: The recently concluded India Poker Championship (IPC), India's biggest and most popular poker tournament, presented by Spartan Poker, witnessed some thrilling battles between India's best mega pool of players, the 4 winners that emerged were Siddhanth Kripalani - Main Event winner, Alok Birewar - 100K High Roller Winner, Mahesh Shyamsundar - 25K Kick-Off Winner, and Vivek Singh - 15K Mystery Bounty Winner.

"Every year the India Poker Championship brings in amazing poker players from around the country and this year it was quite competitive. This year's Main Event has exceeded expectations across the board. I would like to congratulate all the winners on their win, truly well deserved. We were excited to host one of the biggest poker

tournaments in the country and look forward to the next tournaments," said Mr. Amin Rozani, CEO of Spartan Poker Group.

Mumbai boy Siddhanth Kripalani bagged a Phygital trophy and a cash prize of INR 39.72 lakhs along with the coveted India Poker Champion 2022 title. Kripalani defeated India's first WSOP bracelet winner Aditya Sushant in the heads-up session and grabbed ₹39,72,700 prize money post the deal, which happens to be his biggest live cash. Resuming the final table with a massive chip lead, Kripalani continued to dominate and won the prestigious trophy.

In the heads-up clash, Ahmedabad-based Alok Birewar shipped the coveted 100K High Roller beating poker pro Arsh Grover. Birewar grabbed his career-best cash of ₹40.71 Lakh and bagged the Phygital trophy as well. Birewar

put up an impressive show to climb up the ladder and win the IPC 100K High Roller title. Birewar is a well-known player from the Indian poker circuit, who also plays at the international level. Bengaluru-based Chartered Accountant Mahesh Shyamsundar clinched the IPC 25K Kick-Off title. After a four-way deal, he took home a lucrative first place prize of ₹8,15,579.

Chennai-based Vivek Singh is the 15K Mystery Bounty Winner. The poker pro created history by winning the inaugural 15K Mystery Bounty event at the IPC Megastacks May 2022. The India Poker Championship introduced India's first-ever Phygital trophies that were awarded to the winners of all four events. All winners owned a piece of the physical IPC trophies paired with a digital NFT twin.

Flipkart clocks over 200 Million Fashion products in the Spring-Summer of 2022

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

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

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

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

opportunities for lakhs of sellers and brand partners."

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

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

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

IIT Delhi Student Wins Coveted TCS CodeVita Season 10

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ambuja Cool Walls is a sustainable product made with an innovative heat-barrier technology that is far superior to any other products available in the market. The 'heat barrier technology' of this product helps to maintain inside temperature of any house lesser by 5°Celsius as compared to external temperature. These innovative heat barrier

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

Ambuja Cool Walls is an innovative solution to the problem faced by traditional construction with non-sustainable products. The challenge posed by traditional construction today are efflorescence on walls, termite attack, water absorption and highly prone to earthquakes. Ambuja Cool Walls along with unique jointing mortar makes the wall stronger and eliminates the problem faced by traditional construction practices. This helps the consumers in cost saving on electricity due to thermal insulation, low frequency of repeat painting because of no efflorescence, lesser repeat maintenance and lower construction cost. Additional benefits include noise reduction,

high fire resistance etc. Also it enables speedy construction and reduces project completion time by ~30%.

Ambuja Cool Walls is a sustainable product as it consumes large volume of fly ash in its manufacturing. The walls does not require curing during construction and thus saves 5000 liters of water for a 1000-square feet house. Mr. Neeraj Akhoury, CEO India Holcim and MD & CEO of Ambuja Cements Ltd., said, "Ambuja Cements has always pursued innovation to provide customers with eco-friendly solutions for a better and a greener future. It's our endeavor to provide world class solutions to customers in India. Ambuja Cool Walls is a testimony to our commitment to provide sustainable, high strength and durable solutions to our customers".

Shakti Pumps case: Sebi levied Rs 22 lakh fine on 8 entities for flouting insider trading norms

New Delhi: Capital markets regulator Sebi has levied fines totalling Rs 22 lakh on eight entities for violating insider trading norms in the matter of Shakti Pumps (India) Ltd. The regulator imposed fines in the range of Rs 1 lakh to Rs 9 lakh. The order came after Sebi carried out an investigation in the matter of insider trading by certain entities in the scrip of Shakti Pumps (India) Ltd (SPIL). The regulator found that Goutam Patidar, Sanjay Patidar and Mukesh Patidar being designated employees traded in the scrip of SPIL without seeking pre-clearances from the company and further entered in contra trades within six months



and made unlawful gains of Rs 9.19 lakh. Goutam, Sanjay and Mukesh who were designated employees of SPIL are expected to comply with the statutory requirements, however, they failed to exercise reasonable care diligence while trading in the shares of the firm. In addition, SPIL did not disgorge the unlawful gains made by these designated employee, thereby

violated Code of conduct prescribed under PIT (Prohibition of Insider Trading) rules, Sebi said in the order passed on Thursday. The probe also revealed that Goutam, Sanjay, Mukesh, Ravi Kelotra, Sunil Kumar Tewari, Kulbhushan Singh Rajput and Piyush Patidar had transacted in the securities of SPIL (on both BSE and NSE together) exceeded Rs 10 lakh in September 2017 to April 2019.

World Cup trials take centerstage as India take on Bangladesh

New Delhi: A series winning streak that lasted for five series for India was snapped in New Zealand when a Shikhar Dhawan-led team sans several of their star players went down 1-0 against the Kiwis. With the likes of Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul back in the team, India possesses a near full-strength batting order going up against Bangladesh and they will be keen to hit the straps straightaway, building up for the 50-over World Cup next year. The hosts, meanwhile, have enjoyed playing in this format, having won double what they lost in the ongoing World Cup Super League, and have already earned a direct berth in the World Cup to be played in India. Although they are



without a couple of their big players like Tamim Iqbal and Taskin Ahmed, Bangladesh have enough firepower to upstage India, just like they did in their previous meeting at home back in 2015. With rest and rotation amidst a busy calendar high on their agenda in the last couple of years, and the focus mainly on

the T20 World Cups in 2021 and 2022, India haven't had their best combination on the field most of the time. Since January 2021, India have played 27 ODIs, of which Kohli has only been part of 11, Rahul 10 while Rohit has just played 9 matches. Dhawan, on the other hand, has been part of 25 of those matches.

In the bowling department, the likes of Jasprit Bumrah (5), Bhuvneshwar Kumar (7) and Mohammed Shami (3) have played even less, while Shardul Thakur (16) has played the most games among bowlers. It's not a full-strength bowling department that will be available for India in Bangladesh, with the

first three not available for the series. The focus will be on Thakur, Deepak Chahar, Mohammad Siraj and Umran Malik as India look to fill up the back-ups for the big event next year. For Bangladesh, who have largely gone in with their tried and tested lineup for the 24 ODIs they have played since 2021, this series provides another opportunity to sustain their growing stature in the 50-over format. Since 2021, Bangladesh have featured in eight series and have lost only two times, with their biggest successes being the series victories in South Africa and West Indies earlier this year. But they will also remember their loss to Zimbabwe in their last series and will be eager to bounce back.

Too early to think about the World Cup, says Rohit Sharma

New Delhi: After their tour of New Zealand which tailgated the T20 World Cup in Australia, India are back in the familiar climes of the subcontinent. And not without reason has Shikhar Dhawan called their upcoming series against Bangladesh "a more practical journey towards the (2023) World Cup". The 50-over World Cup will be held in India, on pitches perhaps not too dissimilar to the ones we will come across this series in Bangladesh. And moreover, a lot of old faces are back together after a long while. India captain Rohit Sharma, though, has said that it's too early to start thinking of the World Cup, which is scheduled across India in October-November next year. Mind you, that doesn't

mean that the planning for India hasn't begun. Rohit said he and coach Rahul Dravid have a "fair idea" about their plans for the World Cup, but right now the focus is on winning the series in Bangladesh. "I mean, see, every time we play a game, it's a preparation for something that is going to come in the future. But the World Cup is still 8-9 months from now. We cannot think so far ahead." Rohit said ahead of the first ODI in Dhaka. "But yeah, we will keep an eye on what we need to do as a team, where we can improve, and how it comes along for us. I think it's very, very important for us not to start thinking about so many things about the World Cup; this is the combination, that is the combination, we need to play this guy, that guy.

"I and the coach have a fair idea about what we want to do and we will narrow it down once we get closer to the World Cup. But I think we just want to play cricket, play good cricket until the World Cup comes up. But first, winning the series is what we are looking at. We are looking at one game at a time and seeing how we can play well in that game. And then think about the second and third. So, thinking too far ahead sometimes doesn't help." World Cup preparation aside, India already have an added motivation to win the series. Last time when they were here, back in 2015, they went down to a Mustafizur Rahman-inspired side. "I think it has been an exciting rivalry for all these years.

Litton banks on senior trio's presence during captaincy audition

Dhaka: Litton Kumar Das, Bangladesh's newly appointed ODI skipper, is looking to pick up the brains from the senior trio of Shakib Al Hasan, Mushfiqur Rahim and Mahmudullah as he prepares to lead the hosts in the upcoming three-match series against India. BCB was forced to appoint Litton as their 15th ODI skipper after Tamim Iqbal was ruled out due to a groin injury ahead of the series while Shakib declined to take the responsibility when he was offered to come forward and lead the side. Litton had earlier led the side in the shortest format as he captained Bangladesh in a T20 game after Mahmudullah was injured in New Zealand in 2021. "That was some sort of vacation (leading in the T20I against New Zealand) as I didn't know anything. I was named skipper suddenly but this time around I have heard



the way you have got the news," Litton told reporters at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium on Saturday. "I am thankful to BCB for giving me the opportunity to lead the side in such a big series. I am excited and will try to showcase my ability. Responsibility is also there when you play only as a player. But there will be an added responsibility to guide the side when you are the skipper. We have regular talks so far and nothing more than that. I will have opportunity to work with the team for 10 days. I hope to get good

feedback from the team," he said adding that he is expecting the senior trio to help him in the middle. "I am really happy that when I got the chance to lead the side I have got three experienced cricketers who are playing for 15 years. I will definitely want them to support me and I am assured that whenever I will need anything, the big brothers will come forward and help me out," he said. Litton said that they are expecting to give India a run for their money and feels that the fact that the tourists no longer consider them the

underdogs is a big deal. India and Bangladesh have so far played 36 ODIs with India winning 30 games. "We have been playing very competitive cricket against them in recent times. They don't think us as underdogs and that is a big thing," said the right-handed batsman. "Our target will be to play for the win. It is possible to fight against them. We have good balance in all three departments. India are also a strong side. But you have to admit that we are also a good side at our conditions," he said. "This is a format in where we play really well at home. Of course we will miss two players. But those who are here have good quality to perform. The spectators will be here for us. I don't know how the wicket will behave. But they don't know much about the wicket here either so this is a plus point for us."

Ponting resumes commentary stint after health scare



New Delhi: Former Australia captain Ricky Ponting resumed commentary work on the fourth morning of the first Australia-West Indies Test match in Perth less than a day from his on-job health scare. Ponting said he experienced "sharp pains in chest" that required him to go to hospital as a precaution. Ponting, who is doing commentary for

Channel Seven for the ongoing series, spoke candidly about the incident on Friday. "I probably scared a lot of people yesterday and had a scary moment for myself," Ponting told Channel Seven on Saturday morning (December 3). "I was sitting in the comms box halfway through the stint and got a couple of really short and sharp pains to my chest. I tried

to stretch it out and get rid of it, and probably didn't want to give too much away when I was on air," he added. Ponting appreciated the timely advice of close friend and former teammate Justin Langer and the channel's head of cricket Chris Jones who urged him to seek immediate help. "I had a couple of those incidents, got through the stint and went to walk to the back of the commentary box and got lightheaded and dizzy and grabbed the bench. I mentioned to JL on the way out, who was commentating with me, that I had had these pains in my chest and Chris Jones heard me and just reacted

straight away and got me out of there. Ten or 15 minutes later, I was in the hospital getting the best treatment that I possibly could. "I feel great this morning, I am all shiny and new this morning. "I think the bottom line is, the fact that I was willing to share it with JL and the fact that your mate looks after you, I think as people of our age, we are a little reluctant to share much or talk about our health and I think that is a good learning curve for me yesterday, especially with what has happened in the last 12-18 months to really close people around us. My little mate looked after me and got me down there and I'm back, shiny and new this morning."



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