

PRESIDENT OF INDIA REVIEWS PASSING OUT PARADE OF 145TH COURSE OF NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY

New Delhi(KCN): The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu reviewed the Passing Out Parade of 145th Course of National Defence Academy at Khadakwasla today (November 30, 2023). She also laid the foundation stone for a building of the upcoming 5th Battalion.

Speaking on the occasion, the President said that the NDA is a cradle of leadership which has given birth to great warriors. This Academy has a special place among the best training institutes of the



country and is recognized as a strong pillar for the armed forces and the country. She expressed confidence that the training and life values received from NDA always help cadets move ahead in life. She

advised cadets to move forward by learning and adopting new technologies to face the challenges of the future. She expressed confidence that they will face every challenge with courage and bravery while carrying forward

the values of the Armed Services. The President was happy to witness the participation of women cadets as a marching contingent in the passing out parade of NDA for the first time. She said that this day is historic in

the true sense. She expressed confidence that all the women cadets will take the country and NDA to new heights in future. The President said that protection of India's borders and internal security are essential for peace, stability and prosperity. We follow the tradition of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', but, she stressed, our forces are fully capable and ready to face any external or internal situation that tries to damage the spirit of unity and integrity of the country.

BJP Edge In Rajasthan, Close Fight In Madhya Pradesh, Telangana: Exit Polls



New Delhi(KCN): Exit polls are predicting two strikes out of three in the heartland states for the BJP and one for the Congress. While Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel gets to retain his job, his counterpart in Rajasthan, Ashok Gehlot, might just lose his, they indicate. There also seems a high possibility that Madhya Pradesh could go to the BJP again.



The biggest upset, though, could be reserved for Telangana, where K Chandrasekhar Rao's Bharat Rashtra Samithi has been in power since the inception of the state in 2014. Five exit polls seem to be in no doubt that the BRS will be replaced by the Congress in this election. A fourth is also giving the Congress an edge. For Mizoram, three out of

six exit polls feel a hung house could be in the cards. Only two predict the BJP-MNF's ruling alliance have a slim chance of victory. Only one predict a sweep for the new party Zoram People's Movement (ZPM). Nine exit polls on Chhattisgarh, by and large, predict a second term for the Congress, which has been banking on Bhupesh Baghel's report card for the last five years. The number of seats allotted to the party has been within the margin of early 40s to mid-50s. The majority mark in the 90-seat state is 46.

Odia workers rescued from Silkyara tunnel on way to Odisha



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Five Odia labourers, who along with 36 others, were trapped in the Silkyara tunnel in Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi district for 17 days, have been discharged from AIIMS-Rishikesh, where they were admitted following their rescue. As per sources, after their discharge from AIIMS, these Odia labourers have been taken to Dehradun from where they will travel to New Delhi. And from New

Delhi, they will fly to Odisha on a 9.30 AM flight on Friday.

When contacted over his mobile phone, one of the rescued labourers, Dhiren Nayak said, "The workers from Odisha have been discharged from the hospital and we are now heading towards Dehradun. Our flight from New Delhi to Odisha is at 9.30 am tomorrow." Similarly, another Odia labourer Bisweswar Nayak said, "We were

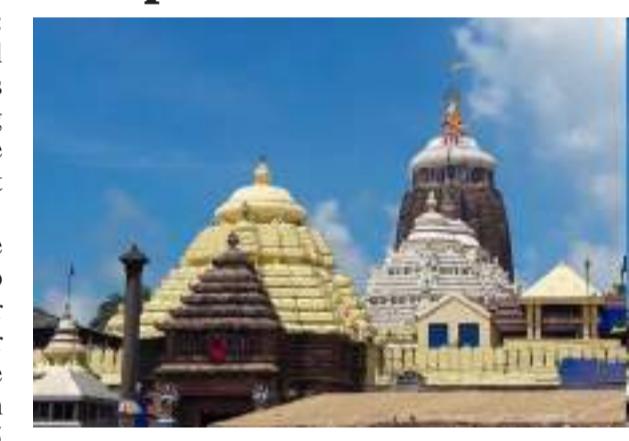
discharged from the hospital at 3.40pm. We all are fit and fine." Notably, the 41 labourers working in the tunnel were on the night shift. They had entered the tunnel on November 11. They were supposed to come out on November 12 morning. But three subsequent landslides left them trapped inside the tunnel.

Though a rescue operation was immediately launched it encountered many challenges. They, inside the tunnel, their family members back in their houses, and the entire nation was praying for their safe rescue. Eventually, the prayers paid off and the labourers were taken out of the tunnel on Tuesday, November 28.

Odisha: Utkal University Gets NAAC A+ Grade

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Utkal University in Odisha capital here has been awarded A+ grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) of the University Grants Commission (UGC) recently. A NAAC team had visited Utkal University from September 26 to 28 this year. The varsity has been awarded a final grade point of 3.26 by the NAAC team, sources said. The university has received a grade point of 3.57 in curricular aspects; 3.33 in teaching-learning and evaluation; 3.15 in research, innovations and extension; 3.65 in infrastructure and learning resources; 3.11 in student support and progression; 2.62 in governance, leadership and management and 3.37 in institutional values and best practices. Notably, Utkal University had been awarded A grade by the NAAC with a final grade point of 3.16 a few months ago. The varsity had secured A+ grade during an assessment by the NAAC in 2016. Many people including educationists, intellectuals and former students of the varsity had expressed concern over the drop in NAAC grade to Utkal University. The Higher Education department had then planned to file an appeal before the NAAC seeking a fresh assessment of the varsity. It is worth mentioning here that Ravenshaw University in Odisha's Cuttack city has recently been awarded A++ grade with a final point of 3.58 by the NAAC.

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has completed laser scanning of Jagannath temple Ratna Bhandar at Odisha's Puri town. A 16-member team of the ASI took two days to complete the laser scanning of the outer portion of the temple treasury. The team captured photos of 45 points on the outer wall of Ratna Bhandar and the process is on for documentation of those pictures, sources said. "We have completed the laser scanning of outer wall of the Jagannath temple Ratna Bhandar and informed this to shrine authorities. If required, we will seek permission from the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) to



conduct laser scanning of the inner portion of Ratna Bhandar," said an ASI Superintendent DB Gadanayak. The experts will examine the photos taken during the laser scanning to detect any crack on Ratna Bhandar wall. A blueprint will be prepared for renovation of the structure, he added. SJTA Chief Administrator Ranjan Kumar Das said shrine authorities are waiting for the findings of the laser scanning to know the exact structural status of the temple treasury. "We will examine the findings and take appropriate steps in this regard. Now, we cannot say anything regarding the structural status of Ratna Bhandar," he added.

Air Pollution Accounts For Over 2 Million Deaths Annually In India: Study

New Delhi(KCN): Outdoor air pollution from all sources accounts for 2.18 million deaths per year in India, second only to China, according to a modelling study published in The BMJ. The research found that air pollution from using fossil fuels in industry, power generation, and transportation accounts for 5.1 million extra deaths a year worldwide.

This equates to 61 per cent of a total estimated 8.3 million deaths worldwide due to ambient (outdoor) air pollution from all sources in 2019, which could potentially be avoided by replacing fossil fuels with clean, renewable energy, the researchers said.

These new estimates of fossil fuel-related deaths are larger than most previously reported values suggesting that phasing out fossil fuels might have a greater impact on

attributable mortality than previously thought, they said. The team, including researchers from Max Planck Institute for Chemistry, Germany, used a new model to estimate all cause and cause-specific deaths due to fossil fuel-related air pollution and to assess potential health benefits from policies that replace fossil fuels with clean, renewable energy sources.

They assessed excess deaths - the number of deaths above that expected during a given time period - using data from the Global Burden of Disease 2019 study, NASA satellite-based fine particulate matter and population data, and atmospheric chemistry, aerosol, and relative risk modeling for 2019, in four scenarios.

The first scenario assumes that all fossil fuel-related emission sources are phased out. The second and third scenarios assume that 25



per cent and 50 per cent of exposure reductions towards the fossil phase-out are realized. The fourth scenario removes all human-induced (anthropogenic) sources of air pollution, leaving only natural sources such as desert dust and natural wildfires. The results show that in 2019, 8.3 million deaths worldwide were attributable to fine particles (PM2.5) and ozone (O3) in ambient air, of which 61 per cent (5.1 million) were linked to fossil fuels. This corresponds to 82 per cent of the maximum number of air pollution deaths that could be averted by controlling all anthropogenic emissions, according to the researchers. Attributable deaths to all sources of ambient air pollution were highest across South and East Asia, particularly in China with 2.44 million per year, followed by India with 2.18 million

per year, they said. The researchers found that most (52 per cent) of deaths were related to common conditions such as ischemic heart disease (30 per cent), stroke (16 per cent), chronic obstructive lung disease (16 per cent) and diabetes (6 per cent). About 20 per cent were undefined but are likely to be partly linked to high blood pressure and neurodegenerative disorders such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease, they said.

Delhi's Air Quality Sees Slight Improvement After Light Showers Dr. Shuchin Bajaj, Consultant Internal Medicine, Ujala Cygnus Group of Hospitals, New Delhi noted that air pollution in India has emerged as a critical public health concern, contributing significantly to premature deaths. "The pervasive levels of pollutants, such as particulate matter (PM), nitrogen dioxide, and sulfur dioxide, pose severe respiratory and cardiovascular risks to the population. High concentrations of PM2.5, tiny particles that can penetrate deep into the lungs, have been linked to respiratory diseases, heart ailments, and other health complications," Bajaj, who was not involved in the study, told PTI. "Prolonged exposure to these pollutants is associated with increased mortality rates, particularly among vulnerable groups such as children and the elderly," he added.

progress towards phasing out fossil fuels. The health benefits should be high on the agenda," they said.

Dr. Girdhar Gyani, Founder Director, Association of Healthcare Providers (AHP) noted that toxic pollutants in the air pose severe health risks along with premature deaths.

"Therefore, we strongly recommend caution among the common population to use protective measures like wearing masks and choosing public transport, which can significantly reduce personal exposure to toxins," Gyani, who was not involved in the study, told news agency PTI.

"Collaborative efforts from both governmental bodies and citizens are necessary to mitigate the adverse health effects caused by this environmental crisis," he added.

Odisha tribal land transfer row: Odisha BJP to launch state-wide strike

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Demanding the complete withdrawal of the Odisha government's decision to allow the scheduled tribe people (ST) to transfer their land to non-tribals in scheduled areas, the state unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is going to launch a state-wide strike in all tribal-dominated blocks from tomorrow.

Addressing a press conference, BJP spokesperson Manoj Mohapatra informed this on Thursday.

"We are going to launch a strike from tomorrow in all tribal-dominated blocks and we will continue this till the government doesn't withdraw its cabinet decision," said Mohapatra.

No comments have



been received from the ruling BJD in this regard.

On November 14, the Odisha Cabinet decided to amend The Odisha Scheduled Areas Transfer of Immovable Property (by STs) Regulation, 1956. In the cabinet meeting, it was decided that ST persons can gift,

exchange for public purposes, or obtain a loan by mortgaging a plot of land in a public financial institution for a g r i c u l t u r e , construction of a residential house, higher studies of children, self-employment, business or establishment of small-scale industries

or transfer it in favour of a person not belonging to ST community for these purposes.

However, the government's decision had put it in the crosshairs of the Opposition BJP and the Congress who demanded immediate withdrawal of the

decision. The Opposition parties have warned to stage protests across the State in the coming days if the Cabinet decision regarding the transfer of tribal lands is not withdrawn.

Following this, the government kept the decision on the back burner.

Later, bowing to the severe protest from the Opposition parties, the government on November 24 decided to send the amendment of the Odisha Scheduled Areas Transfer of Immoveable Property Regulation, 1956 to the Tribal Advisory Council for review. After making some necessary changes, the council will submit the same.

Stranded Odia labourers return from Central Africa after BJP National VP Jay Panda's intervention

Bhubaneswar, (KCN):

Following the intervention of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) National Vice President, Baijayant 'Jay' Panda, labourers stranded in Gabon in Central Africa are safely returning to their homes.

Of the 21 labourers from

several parts of India stranded in Gabon in Central Africa, five labourers returned to India in the first phase. Moreover, five more labourers are returning to Odisha's Kendrapara today.

The office of the BJP National Vice President on Thursday informed this in a press release. In the first phase, five labourers returned to India on November 26. In the second phase, five

labourers are returning to Odisha's Kendrapara today. The rest 11 labourers will return in phases, stated the press release.

Notably, as many as 21 labourers including 14

from Odisha, four from Bihar and one each from Rajasthan, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh had gone to Gabon through an agent, with the hope of earning a livelihood. While the agent promised them a job with a monthly salary of Rs 50,000, they had given him Rs 1 lakh each.

After reaching there, they were allegedly forced to live a wretched life. The company authorities subjected them to physical and mental torture and forced them to work for over 12 hours every day. In a video message, they had informed about their plights to their respective family members.

The worried family members had turned to Baijayant Panda through BJP's Kendrapara district vice president, Krushnachandra Panda and requested him to take steps to bring them back to India.

In turn, the BJP's National Vice President contacted the Indian Ambassador, briefed him about the Indian labourers' predicament and requested assistance and support to bring the labourers back to India safely.

MLAs, Different Organisations Meet 5T Chairman Shri Pandian at Naveen Niwas



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Anugul MLA Sri Rajani Kanta Singh, Dhenkanal MLA Sri Sudhir Kumar Samal and about 10 organisations today met 5T, Nabin Odisha Chairman Shri VK Pandian at Naveen Niwas and wished him for the new Responsibility. They congratulated him

and appreciated his spirit and efforts in the transformation of Odisha. Thanking the organisation members, the 5T Chairman said that Odisha, under the leadership of Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik, is going through a transformation drive. Our only objective is to fulfill the dreams of the

Chief Minister, he said. The Organisations which met the chairman are Periodical Editors & Publisher's Association, Shri Niranjan Mishra & Shri Khirod Kumar Jena, Odisha Without Border, Minority Development Parishad, Jayadeb A/C, Lokaseva Foundation, Odisha Kendupatra Karmachari Sangha, All

28CR For AkhandaLamani

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): The State Government has approved Rs 28.04 crore Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) Scheme for re-development of Baba AkhandaLamani Temple in Bhadrak district.

Department of Revenue and Disaster Management has recently accorded in-principle approval to the R&R Scheme proposed by the Bhadrak District Administration.

Following the approval of R&R Scheme, the Works Department has a c c o r d e d A d m i n i s t r a t i v e Approval for direct purchase of private land, trust board land and deity land measuring 1.695 acres and rehabilitation & resettlement assistance to 98 families for redevelopment of Baba AkhandaLamani Temple Complex.

Department of Works has set certain conditions to purchase



the required land. The PWD has asked the concerned officials to give due diligence while purchasing lands from SC and ST owners while 12 per cent per annum additional market value will be given only from the date of negotiation to the

date of purchase only on original bench-mark value of land. The average sale price of the Kisam of the case land as situated in the nearest village or nearest vicinity, the Department said.

As per the R&R Scheme, out of 98 plots,

54 plots are owned by private individuals while 20 plots belong to Trust Board and remaining 24 plots are in the name of the deity. While compensation of Rs 26.29 crore will be provided to the affected families, Rs 1.02 crore to be provided as assistance for self-relocation, and Rs 48.99 lakh to be given as maintenance allowance.

Similarly, Rs 2.04 lakh to be provided as assistance for temporary shed and Rs 4,08,268 earmarked for transportation. In total the R&R amount stood at Rs 1,75,56,112.

As part of its 5T initiative, the State Government is redeveloping the famous Shiva Shrine in Bhadrak with a total estimated cost of Rs 42 crore. Last month the Bhumi Pujan for the Holy work was conducted in presence of local public representatives.



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Sam Bahadur Screening: From Ananya Panday To Aditya Roy Kapur - Stars Turn Up For Vicky Kaushal's War Drama

Ahead of Sam Bahadur's much-awaited release, the makers of Vicky Kaushal-starrer organized a star-studded screening. Despite a big clash with Ranbir Kapoor-starrer, the buzz is strong around 'Sam Bahadur' where Vicky promises to be at his finest. Acknowledging the same, bollywood stars - Rekha, Ananya Panday, Aditya Roy Kapur, Karan Johar, amid others - arrived in style for the screening of 'Sam Bahadur'. 'Dream Girl 2' actress Ananya Panday attended the premiere and looked gorgeous. The actress wore a midi-dress in the shades of

maroon and black and paired it with black pumps and minimal makeup. Her rumoured boyfriend, Aditya Roy Kapur, was spotted at the star-studded event in casual wear. He styled his basic white T-shirt and denim look with a checkered shirt and sneakers.

Veteran actress Rekha, often making heads turn with her suave arrived at the event looking immaculately stunning.

She opted to wear a black saree with a golden border.

She complemented her look with her hair tied in a bun and flaunted red lips.

Directed by Meghna



Gulzar, the film stars Vicky Kaushal, Sanya Malhotra and Fatima Sana Shaikh in the lead roles. In the film, Vicky will be seen portraying the role of India's war hero and first Field

Marshal Sam Manekshaw. Recently, the trailer was launched and was lauded by many. The 2-minute-40-second trailer showcased Vicky (as Sam Manekshaw) in a

fierce avatar holding his own against several high-profile leaders, including Indira Gandhi, the then-prime minister. At the end of the trailer, Vicky delivers a powerful

dialogue and says, "Aaj ke baad koi bhi officer ya jawan.. mere written order ke bina apni post se peeche nahi hatega.. aur main wo order kabhi nahi dunga."

Sam Bahadur is based on the life of India's first Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw. His career in the army spanned over four decades and five wars. He was the first Indian Army officer to be promoted to the rank of Field Marshal and he led the victory in the 1971 Indo-Pak war, which led to the creation of Bangladesh. The film is all set to hit the theatres on December 1.

Salaar Director Prashanth Praises Prabhas As 'Pan-India Star With Heart Of Gold'

Among the most well-known directors and screenwriters in the Indian film industry is Prashanth Neel. Fans who have adored Prabhas in his priceless action

Salaar, an action/thriller movie starring pan India star, Prabhas is going to be a massive movie that has been creating a buzz on social media platforms. The film's

rival gang. Vowing revenge, Salaar sets out to destroy the rival gang and bring their leader to justice.

The film's teaser received a positive

show you the aggression. I was sold on this aspect and have explored this quality in Salaar too. His personality perfectly suits for Salaar. He is a giant, who is very gentle."

This only serves to highlight how Prabhas has managed to keep his grounded demeanour in spite of his enormous success! People are clamouring for their favourite hero to return to the big screen as he prepares for his impending release!

Salaar is scheduled to be released on December 22, 2023.

On the work front, apart from Salaar, Prabhas will also be seen in the highly awaited film, Kalki 2898 AD. The film boasts an ensemble cast of some of the biggest names in Indian cinema, including Prabhas, Amitabh Bachchan, Kamal Haasan, Deepika Padukone, and Disha Patani. Each actor brings their unique talents and charisma to their roles, ensuring that the film will be a feast for the eyes and ears.



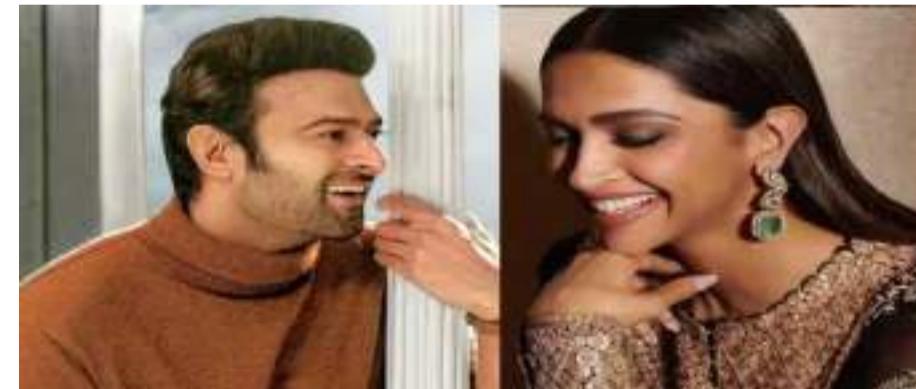
films will undoubtedly be in for a treat when they see him enter the action genre. Having contributed to projects such as 'KGF 1' and 'KGF 2', he has won the hearts of many people. Fans are now anxiously awaiting the highly anticipated Salaar, which will feature the dynamic duo of Prashanth Neel and Prabhas!

story is set in the fictional town of Salaar and follows the titular character, who is a powerful and ruthless gangster. The film is said to be a stylish and action-packed thriller that will feature Prabhas in a never-seen-before avatar. Salaar's life is turned upside down when his best friend is killed by a

reception from fans and critics alike. The teaser showcased Prabhas's intense performance and Prashanth Neel's stylish direction.

Recently, director Prashanth Neel was seen, talking about this massive superstar. He quoted, "Prabhas sir can show innocence like nobody else. But at the same time, he can also

Prabhas, Deepika Padukone's Project K To Create History, To Be First Indian Film To Debut At San Diego Comic-Con



There's good news for Bollywood lovers who have been waiting for a long to get an update on Amitabh Bachchan, Deepika Padukone, Kamal Haasan and Prabhas-starrer 'Project K'. According to Variety, The hugely-anticipated Indian big-budget sci-fi film will unveil exclusive footage in the presence of talent at the San Diego Comic-Con (SDCC). Kicking off the SDCC celebration, Vyjayanti Movies will offer fans a look at the film as part of an opening night party on July 19. On July 20, the film's

team will host a panel titled "This is Project K: First Glimpse of India's Mytho-Sci-fi Epic" with Deepika, Prabhas and Haasan during which the film's full title, teaser trailer and release date will be revealed, Variety reported. Interestingly, the stars will also feature in a performance on SDCC's largest stage. "This exclusive event will transport guests into India's most ambitious cinematic universe yet with their captivating storytelling, futuristic setting, and 'Spice Punk' aesthetic inspired by the film," the producers said

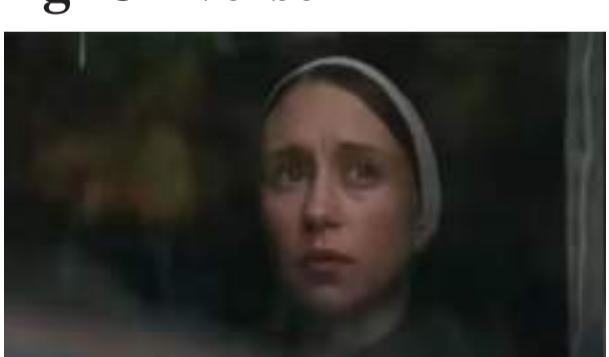
in a statement.

Director Ashwin also expressed excitement. He said, "We are thrilled to present 'Project K's' debut at San Diego Comic-Con. India's storytelling tradition has ancient roots, with its epics serving as the origins for many civilizations worldwide. A world as big as this needs a platform as big to introduce it to the people. Comic-Con felt like the perfect place, where the honesty and enthusiasm needed for 'Project K' will be found."

The Nun 2 Trailer Teases Returns Of 'The Conjuring' Universe

The makers of 'The Nun' are all set to come up with the film's sequel. On Thursday, they unveiled the film's trailer and it has definitely left fans excited. The sequel, which is headlined by Taissa Farmiga, is set to be out on September 8. As per Variety, the film begins in 1956 after a priest is viciously murdered in France. According to the film's official logline, 'The Nun 2' follows Sister Irene (Farmiga) as she once again comes face to face with the demonic Valak. Farmiga returns alongside Bonnie Aarons and Jonas Bloquet who will reprise their roles as Valak and Maurice "Frenchie," respectively. "The Nun 2" will introduce new additions to the "Conjuring" universe, including Katelyn Rose Downey as Sophie, Anna Popplewell as Marcella and Storm Reid as an

unknown new character. The USD 2 billion franchise began in 2013, with the original "The Conjuring" film, starring Patrick Wilson and Taissa Farmiga's older sister, Vera Farmiga. The original film was inspired by paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren's nonfiction book, "The Amityville Horror." "The Conjuring's" first spinoff, "The Nun" in 2018. Since "The Nun," the "Conjuring" universe has released "The Curse of La Llorona," "Annabelle Comes Home" and "The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It." Directed by "The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It's" Michael Chaves, "The Nun 2" was written by "M 3 G A N" screenwriter Akela Cooper and "Fear the Walking Dead" screenwriters Ian Goldberg and Richard Naing.



Towards a Brighter Tomorrow: India's G20 Presidency and the Dawn of a New Multilateralism



Today marks 365 days since India assumed the G20 Presidency. It is a moment to reflect, recommit, and rejuvenate the spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, 'One Earth, One Family, One Future.'

As we undertook this responsibility last year, the global landscape grappled with multifaceted challenges: recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, looming climate threats, financial instability, and debt distress in developing nations, all amid declining multilateralism. In the midst of conflicts and competition, development cooperation suffered, impeding progress.

Assuming the G20 Chair, India sought to offer the world an alternative to status quo, a shift from a GDP-centric to human-centric progress. India aimed to remind the world of

what unites us, rather than what divides us. Finally, the global conversation had to evolve - the interests of the few had to give way to the aspirations of the many. This required a fundamental reform of multilateralism as we knew it.

Inclusive, ambitious, action-oriented, and decisive - these four words defined our approach as G20 president, and the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration (NDLD), unanimously adopted by all G20 members, is testimony to our commitment to deliver on these principles.

Inclusivity has been at the heart of our presidency. The inclusion of the African Union (AU) as a permanent member of the G20 integrated 55 African nations into the forum, expanding it to encompass 80% of the global population.

This proactive stance has fostered a more comprehensive dialogue on global challenges and opportunities.

The first-of-its-kind 'Voice of the Global South Summit,' convened by India in two editions, heralded a new dawn of multilateralism. India

A key area driving this

mainstreamed the Global South's concerns in international discourse and has ushered in an era where developing countries take their rightful place in shaping the global narrative.

Inclusivity also infused India's domestic approach to G20, making it a People's Presidency that befits that world's largest democracy. Through "Jan Bhagidari" (people's participation) events, G20 reached 1.4 billion citizens, involving all states and Union Territories (UTs) as partners. And on substantive elements, India ensured that

Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI). Here, India was decisive in its recommendations, having witnessed the revolutionary impact

The Declaration's 'Green Development Pact' addresses the challenges of choosing between combating hunger and protecting the planet, by outlining



of digital innovations like Aadhaar, UPI, and Digilocker first-hand. Through G20, we successfully completed the Digital Public Infrastructure Repository, a significant stride in global technological collaboration. This repository, featuring over 50 DPIs from 16 countries, will help the Global South build, adopt, and scale DPI to unlock the power of inclusive growth.

For our One Earth, we introduced ambitious and inclusive aims to

create urgent, lasting, and equitable change, a comprehensive roadmap where employment and ecosystems are complementary, consumption is climate conscious, and production is planet-friendly. In tandem, the G20 Declaration calls for an ambitious tripling of global renewable energy capacity by 2030. Coupled with the establishment of the Global Biofuels Alliance and a concerted push for Green Hydrogen, the G20's ambitions to build a cleaner, greener world is

undeniable. This has always been India's ethos, and through Lifestyles for Sustainable Development (LiFE), the world can benefit from our age-old

Determined Contributions (NDCs) by 2030.

Given the monumental resources required, G20 emphasised the importance of better, larger, and more effective Multilateral Development Banks.

During our G20 Presidency, India led deliberations on geopolitical issues and their impact on economic growth and development. Terrorism and the senseless killing of civilians is unacceptable, and we must address it with a policy of zero-tolerance. We must embody humanitarianism over hostility and reiterate that this is not an era of war.

I am delighted that during our Presidency India achieved the extraordinary: it revitalised multilateralism, amplified the voice of the Global South, championed development, and fought for the empowerment of women, everywhere. As we hand over the G20 Presidency to Brazil, we do so with the conviction that our collective steps for people, planet, peace, and prosperity, will resonate for years to come.

Prime Minister, India

Pollution affects Beauty



than those living in rural areas.

Airborne pollutants on human skin can contribute to skin aging, atopic dermatitis, skin discoloration, eczema, psoriasis, and acne and can be absorbed through the skin into the body, causing a wide range of diseases. While pollution takes a toll on the environment and health but it also affects natural beauty very adversely. Pollution breaks down collagen and oxidizes the lipid layer in the skin, which impairs skin barrier function.

Highly toxic air containing smoke, soot, acid, and other pollutants severely affects the skin by draining away skin moisture which leads to allergies and pigmentation spots on the forehead and cheeks on dry and rough skin. The toxic haze hanging in the sky cause uneven skin tone, accelerated ageing, wrinkles, and black spot on the face. For many living in big cities like in Metropolitan cities it is completely unavoidable so it is matter of reducing exposure, repairing the damage and protecting

it as much as possible. Among the other organs of the body, the skin is also one of the first to bear the brunt of air pollutants, which not only attack the skin's surface but also lead to an accumulation of toxins. In fact, they are potent skin irritants. There are both long and short-term effects of pollutants. Chemical pollutants cause oxidation damage and this can lead to the manifestation of premature ageing signs on the skin, like wrinkles, loss of elasticity, dark patches, spots, etc. Chemical pollutants also disrupt the normal balance of the skin and scalp, leading to problems like dryness, sensitivity, rashes, acne, irritation or allergic reactions, dandruff, and related conditions. They also make the skin and hair dull, lacking vitality.

All of us who live and work in urban areas need protective beauty care, whether we are housewives or working women. Of course, for working women, the job may involve traveling long distances to work. The skin is thus more exposed to the pollutants in the air. Cleansing of the skin

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assumes more importance in order to get rid of the impurities and pollutants that are deposited on the skin. If you have dry skin, use a cleansing cream or gel. Deep clean the skin at night, neutralize it with antioxidants and create a barrier with sunscreen. Include antioxidants in your diet and skincare regime. Citrus fruits contain Vitamin C, E, and limonene which lower the risk of cancer and protect your skin from damage. Avoid cleansers containing Sodium lauryl sulphate and sodium laureth sulphates or denatured alcohols as they dry out the skin and can damage our skin barrier over time.

Use skincare rich in antioxidants. Pamper your skin with sheet masks or hydrating overnight masks to repair the damage.

For oily skin, cleansing milk or face wash may be used. For oily skin, also use a facial scrub after cleansing. Look out for products with ingredients like sandalwood, eucalyptus, mint, neem, tulsi, aloe vera, etc., when you buy

water after 15 minutes.

Anti-pollution cosmetics help to provide protection and reduce the damage caused by environmental effects. These are basically "cover creams" that form a barrier between the skin and pollutants. Aloe vera, for example, is also a powerful moisturizer and an antioxidant. So are ingredients like apricot kernel oil, carrot seed, wheatgerm oil, etc. the skin needs to be protected. If the skin is prone to eruptive conditions like acne, pimples, or rash, it should be protected with specialized creams that not only protect but also reduce oiliness and deal with the problem.

After cleansing, wipe the skin with a rose-based skin tonic or rose water, to complete the cleansing process and refresh the skin. Soak cotton wool in chilled rose water and tone the skin with it, patting briskly. It also improves blood circulation to the skin's surface and adds a glow. Green tea also makes a good skin toner. If there is a rash or eruptions, add a little rose water to the sandalwood paste and apply it to the face. Wash off with plain

hair. Rinse well with water.

Or, give the hair hot oil therapy. Heat pure coconut oil and apply it to the hair. Then dip a towel in hot water, squeeze out the water and wrap the hot towel around the head, like a turban. Keep it on for 5 minutes. Repeat the hot towel wrap 3 or 4 times.

This helps the hair and scalp absorb the oil better. Leave the oil on overnight and wash your hair the next day. The impurities and pollutants can also affect the eyes, causing burning or redness. The eyes should be washed with plain water several times. Soak cotton wool pads in chilled rose water and use them over the eyes as eye pads. Lie down and relax for fifteen minutes. This really helps to remove fatigue and brightens the eyes.

If one is also exposed to cold weather, poor diet, a lack of sleep, or simply stress, as many of us are. In the presence of any of these factors along with pollution, the quality of the skin can become further diminished.

To brighten the skin and even skin tone, I recommend products containing Vitamin C to be used in conjunction with richer creams. Deeply moisturizing creams can truly help repair and hydrate the skin.

Use an air purifier with a humidifier at home and the workplace to lessen the effects of pollution. Humidifiers make the air breathable and maintain the room's humidity.

Eat your greens, Vitamin C rich foods, jaggery and drink loads of fluids rich in antioxidants. Antioxidants can neutralize the effects of pollutants. Lemon, orange, amla, green vegetables, grapefruit, tomatoes and potatoes are some examples of Vitamin C rich foods. My advice is while rely on healthy eating, drinking water, and regular exercise to keep your skin healthy. Making the right choices about our skincare regimen is an equally or even more important part of a successful beauty routine.

It's a rough deal for your skin, but there are plenty of ways to care for it in the face of pollution.

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The Vice President and Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar in a group photograph with the participants of the 49th Advanced Professional Programme in Public Administration (APPA) at Upa-Rashtrapati Nivas, in New Delhi

"What Is 57 Now Will Be...": Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel On Exit Polls Prediction

Raipur(KCN): Hours after the exit poll projections gave Congress an edge over the BJP in Chhattisgarh, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said his party was on course to secure a 'huge majority'.

He added that while most surveys are predicting the Congress tally at 57, the number will swell to 75 by the time the results are declared on December 3, the counting day.

Speaking to reporters after 5-7 exit poll projections put Congress in the lead, Mr Baghel said the numbers quoted in these polls will stabilise in the next couple of days.

"Are the numbers consistent in the seven exit polls? After two days, the numbers quoted in these exit-poll projections will stabilise and settle. Regardless of the exit-poll projections, we are confident of forming the government in Chhattisgarh with a handsome majority," Mr Baghel told reporters on Thursday.

Weighing in on one of the projections, Mr Baghel said, "What is 57 now will be 75 in the days leading up to counting



day."

The poll conducted by India Today's Chanakya predicted that Congress would get 57-66 seats in Chhattisgarh while the BJP would bag 33-42 seats, with 0-3 seats going to others. On whether the BJP could launch an 'Operation Lotus' if the projected numbers for the state hold, the Chhattisgarh CM said, "They won't be able to do so."

"We have a majority, we believe in our hard work and have faith in the people," Mr Baghel added.

While three polls predicted a clear victory of Congress, others said that the party was in the winning range. The Congress fought the election with Chief Minister Bhupesh

Baghel at the helm. According to ABP C-Voter predictions, Congress is poised to win 41-53 seats in the state which has a 90-member assembly. The exit poll said BJP is poised to get 36-48 seats and others 0-4 seats.

The India Today-Axis My India poll predicted Congress getting 40-50 seats, BJP 36-46 seats and others getting 1-5 seats. The Republic TV exit poll gave Congress 44-52 seats, BJP 34-42 seats and 0-2 polls for others. India TV-CNX poll predicted 46-56 seats for Congress, 30-40 seats for BJP and 3-5 for others. The numbers for Congress and BJP in the Jan Ki Baat exit poll were 42-53 and 34-45 respectively and it predicted 0-3 seats for

others.

The P-Marq poll said

Congress is poised to win 46-54 seats with 44.6 per cent vote, BJP 35-42 seats with 42.9 per cent

vote and others will get 0-2 seats with 12.5 per cent votes.

Chhattisgarh went to the polls in two phases on November 7 and 17 and the counting of votes, along with that in the other four states, will take place on December 3. In 2018, the Congress won 68 seats in Chhattisgarh and the BJP won 15 seats. Janata Congress Chhattisgarh (J) won five seats, while the Bahujan Samaj Party won two seats.

Ajit Pawar Aide Rules Out Reunion With Sharad Pawar's Faction

Karjat(KCN): Praful Patel, working president of the Ajit Pawar-led NCP, on Thursday said it was a misconception that the two rival factions of the party would soon come together.

Speaking at a news conference at the Nationalist Congress Party's two-day conclave here, he also claimed that the majority of public representatives, functionaries and workers of the party supported Ajit Pawar's decision to join hands with the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance.

"There should be no confusion...because some people in the (Sharad Pawar-led) NCP mislead people into believing that we are again coming together. I want to state it very specifically that we are working in the NCP under Ajit Pawar's leadership for Maharashtra's benefit," Mr Patel said.

On the meetings between Ajit Pawar and his uncle Sharad Pawar, he said they do not meet often. The Pawar family had come together earlier this month for their annual Diwali get-together (where Ajit and Sharad Pawar were present), Mr Patel said.

Ajit Pawar joined the Shiv Sena-BJP government in Maharashtra in July this year, splitting the party founded by his uncle.



"Your Prayers Reached To God": Uttarakhand Chief Minister On Tunnel Rescue



Nainital (KCN):

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Thursday said that the people in India and across the world

were praying to the god for the success in the rescue operation in Uttarkashi's Silkyara tunnel where 41 workers got trapped adding that the rescuers received God's blessings to carry out the successful operation.

Chief Minister Dhami laid the foundation stone of various development schemes in Haldwani and participated in other organized programs.

Addressing a public event, Chief Minister Dhami said, "People of

the state, the entire country and across the world were praying to the god. Their prayers worked. Your prayers reached to the god and then it blessed the rescuers to carry out a

successful operation. In 17 days, the tunnel was opened. It was a very difficult time."

Earlier today, workers who were rescued from the Silkyara Tunnel have been discharged from the hospital today and are leaving for their home states.

Officials from various states have reached here to facilitate their return to their home states.

All 41 trapped workers were brought out safely from the under-construction Silkyara tunnel in Uttarkashi on Tuesday, bringing to an end an ordeal that spanned over two weeks.

Meanwhile, Jharkhand Nodal Officer Bhuvnesh informed that workers of Jharkhand will be first taken to Delhi and they will stay at Jharkhand Bhawan in the national capital before proceeding

further to their native state.

"We are taking all of them through an aeroplane. There are 15 workers. First, we will go to Delhi and then to Ranchi. We all have our stay in Jharkhand Bhawan. All the workers are doing well.

AIIMS authorities have handed over the workers to us," he said. The workers who were rescued from the Silkyara tunnel were brought to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Rishikesh, for further medical examination on Wednesday.

On November 12, a section of the tunnel between 205 and 260 metres from the Silkyara side collapsed. Workers who were beyond the 260-metre mark were trapped, with their exit blocked.

India Walked The Talk When It Comes To Climate Action: PM Modi

New Delhi(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday called for supporting developing countries with adequate climate financing and technology transfer to enable them to deal with climate change. As he heads to Dubai to attend the World Climate Action Summit, PM Modi said India has walked the talk when it comes to climate action while highlighting the importance India attached to the issue during its G20 presidency.

"During our G20

presidency, climate was high on our priority. The New Delhi Leaders' Declaration includes numerous concrete steps on climate action and sustainable development. I look forward to the COP28 taking forward the consensus on these issues," PM Modi said in his departure statement.

PM Modi will attend the World Climate Action Summit on Friday during the United Nations' Conference of the Parties on climate, known as COP28. Several world leaders

are set to attend the climate action summit to discuss ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and effectively combat climate change.

The World Climate Action Summit is the high-level segment of the COP28. The prime minister is scheduled to participate in three other high-level side events as well. The COP28 is taking place from November 30 to December 12 under the presidency of the UAE.

In his statement, the prime minister said the COP28 will provide an opportunity to review progress made under the Paris Agreement, and chart a path for future course on climate action.

"At the Voice of Global South Summit convened by India, the Global South spoke for the need for climate action based on the principles of equity, climate justice, and common but differentiated responsibilities, as well as a greater focus on adaptation,"

PM Modi said. "It is important that efforts of the developing world be supported with adequate climate financing and technology transfer. They must have access to equitable carbon and development space to achieve sustainable development," he said.

The prime minister noted that India has walked the talk when it comes to climate action.

"Our achievements in different sectors like renewable

energy, energy efficiency, afforestation, energy conservation, Mission LiFE are testament to the commitment of our people towards mother earth," he said.

The prime minister said he was looking forward to joining special events including on climate finance and green credit initiative.

"In keeping with our civilizational ethos, India has always laid emphasis on climate action even as we pursue social and economic development," PM Modi said.



Mantra For Zero Fatality

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena has harped on 'Zero Fatality' approach as the State is observing Zero Fatality Week from 1 December. A preparatory meeting in connection with observance of Zero Fatality Week from 1-7 December 2023 has been held at Lok Seva Bhawan today under Chief Secretary Shri Jena's Chairmanship. Chief Secretary also focused that as coming December to February are picnic months, we should prepare for zero fatality and also pollution free picnic as there is possibility of pollution of environment due to use of large quantity of polyethylene bags at different picnic spots of the State. Chief Secretary Sri Jena advised all Collectors to achieve better than the



previous time, get all government offices and employees involved and to work out activity plan. He also said to involve School students, NGOs, Civil societies, SHGs in this campaign. BDOs to conduct meeting at GPs & Panchayat Samiti level to get participation of PRI members. SHG members those who have got scooters under 'Mission Shakti Scooter Yojana' and are learners to be sensitized to have less prone to accidents. Road safety Engineering plan, Behavioural changes and Enforcement should be top priority in observance of Zero Fatality week, he urged. Development Commissioner, Anu Garg, DGP, Sunil Kumar Bansal, Principal Secretary, Commerce and Transport, Usha Padhee, Principal

Secretary, RD & I & PR, Sanjay Kumar Singh, Transport Commissioner, Amitabh Thakur and other officials were present. Principal Secretary Shrimati Padhee presented details about road accident scenario in Odisha.

There was 8,939 Road accidents, 4,178 fatalities and 7,898 injured occurred during the year 2023 from January to September. There is 2.84 % increase

in accidents in 2023 (Jan to Sept) and 4.89 % increase in fatalities (Jan to Sept) as compared to 2022 of the same period where as there was 11,663 i.e. 6.19% increase in road accident in 2022 as compared to 2021 and 7.5 % increasing fatalities in 2022 as compared to the year 2021.

The vision of Zero Fatality Week is to reduce further the rate of increase in road accident and fatalities. The State

Government is committed to address this issue and with aim to Zero Fatality during 1-7 December, 2023, the Govt. in C & T Department has given instruction to all Districts to prepare action plan for each district in response to SOP given to all RTOs.

As per information, in the Zero Fatality Week observed in last April-2023, there was 33 % decrease in accidents and 14.6 % decrease in

fatalities during the same period in 2022. Boudh, Rayagada, Sonepur, Bhadrak, Malkangiri, Nayagarh and Sambalpur districts are top performing districts that observed 100% reduction in fatalities during that period.

Development Commissioner Shrimati Garg said that all Stakeholders to visit Trauma care centres in nearby hospitals so that we can ensure our preparedness and save life month for solutions to problems like removal of potholes, repair of barriers, improvement of roads, and identification of black spot prone to accident etc. All stakeholder departments have been sensitized their roles in details.

Awareness plan prepared on publicity of Citizen Sentinel App to report violations, Road safety awareness through driving training schools and DTIs, Broadcast road safety awareness messages through various network services, mobile vans to spread road safety measures, awareness programs in schools and colleges during morning assembly, involvement of private stakeholders like truck, bus, dumper owner associations to raise awareness about road safety was discussed. Best performing organisations to be acknowledged and awarded.

Gurujee On Guru Tatwa

Cuttack(KCN): The jubilant celebration of Shree Guru Bhagabat Dibyo Utsav in Bhubaneswar on Kartik Purnima marked the 22nd birthday of this divine scripture, authored by Gurujee Chandra Bhanu Satpathy.

Originating 21 years ago on a full moon night, the initial four lines have blossomed into a monumental work spanning 34 thousand lines across eight volumes, exploring the profound facets of the Guru - disciple relationship.

The international acclaim of Guru Bhagabat is exemplified by the declaration of July 13th as Shree Guru Bhagabat Day in three US cities.

At the event, Gurujee Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy, the Chief Guest, shared that this magnum opus has been published in seventeen languages, serving as an encyclopedia on Guru Tatwa transcending specificity and guiding individuals on the nuances of the Guru-sishya bond.

Additional Chief Secretary Revenue, Disaster Management & Forest & Environment & Climate Change, Satyabrata Sahu graced

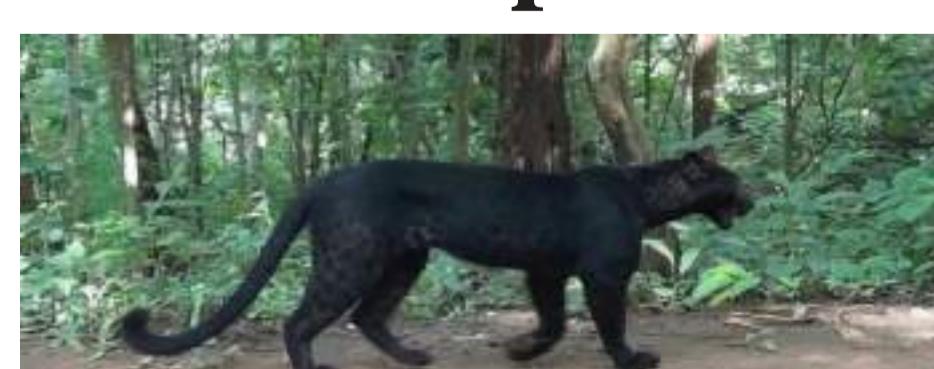


the occasion. Shri Sahu is an ardent devotee of Sai Baba and Gurujee. Emphasizing the role of artificial intelligence in today's world, Gurujee expressed that, a Guru provides guidance, fostering disciple strength to contribute meaningfully to society. Like Guru, Guru Bhagabat has the power to lead and guide devotees, he said. The festivities included cultural and devotional performances, such as the mesmerizing Odishi dance by Saswat Joshi, a pala on Shree Guru Bhagabat and Bhakti Bhava by Abhiram Satpathy, and the inauguration of Shree Guru Bhagabat Hindi

Gayatri Part Two prepared by Sai Ka Angan. Rajiv Joshi senior IAS officer shared his insights on Shri Guru Bhagabat since its inception and about this new Hindi edition. Deepa Padhy, an Ex Professor of Philosophy analyzed the global glory of Shri Guru Bhagabat and its utilities for common citizen. Shri Guru Bhagabat special edition of Sai Nirmalya, a leading monthly spiritual magazine was released on this occasion by Gurujee Dr Satpathy. The event featured the cutting of a massive Chena Poda, a traditional Odisha sweet cake, by

Gurujee, accompanied by the chanting of Shree Guru Bhagabat by Tungi members. Attendees, including devotees from Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, and New Delhi, witnessed the unveiling of an audio-visual presentation on Shree Guru Bhagabat, adding an enriching dimension to this grand occasion. Ace Moderator, Deba Prasad Dash moderated the event. Earlier the Guru Bhagabat carts converged at the venue in a majestic procession, journeying from various corners of the state.

Black Leopard In Odisha



Bhubaneswar(KCN): In a major piece of good news for the wildlife lovers, An extremely rare black leopard was spotted in Odisha forests during ongoing Tiger Census in the State. This was informed by

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) Wildlife, Susanta Nanda in his X (Twitter) handle. He has shared two beautiful pictures of the Leopard, which was spotted in a forest in Central Odisha.

"On going camera trap tiger census in Odisha is throwing up some exciting & unexpected presence of wild fauna in our State," Shri Nanda posted in X. However, he has not mentioned the location for the safety

and security of the rare category of leopard.

This extraordinary discovery has highlighted the significance of protecting the unique habitats and species found in the area.

Earlier, black tigers or pseudo-melanistic tigers were sighted in Similipal National Park in Mayurbhanj district. With a distinctive dark stripe pattern on a light background of white or golden - the black tigers are rare and have only been camera-trapped in Similipal till date.



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Dalmia Bharat Foundation Signs MoA with BSL to Enable Social Transformation in Bokaro

Bokaro, Jharkhand : Dalmia Bharat Foundation (DBF), the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) arm of Dalmia Bharat Group has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoA) with Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) to drive its community-centric initiatives in Jharkhand by upskilling 600 youth, annually. The aim of the MoA is to establish a skill training centre to impart short term, placement-based courses to local youth in the surrounding villages through DBF's DIKSHa (Dalmia Institute of Knowledge and Skill Harnessing) centre. The MoA was signed by

Shri Chaudhary Ratnesh Kumar Sudhanshu, Dy. General Manager (CSR & SAIL-Uday), SAIL-Bokaro Steel Plant and Shri Vishal Bhardwaj, Group Head - CSR, Dalmia Bharat Group and Chief Executive Officer, Dalmia Bharat Foundation. "Since our inception in 2009, we've witnessed our role gradually transform from being a resource provider to a key enabler for positive change in society. While we've created a legacy of development and change for the better, we continue to strive to ensure that we meet newer economic and environmental needs and close wider societal gaps as much as possible,"

said Mr. Vishal Bhardwaj, Group Head - CSR, Dalmia Bharat Group and CEO, DBF. "Through our leadership and dedication towards achieving social transformation, we will continue to work towards our vision of creating opportunities for people across the nation so that they can reach their full potential and give back to the community. We look forward to our partnership with BSL and also call upon our industry peers to join us as we make significant and sustainable differences and ensure social, economic, and environmental progress.

The skill development center at Bokaro Steel City, in association with

DBF, will help strengthen the social ecosystem in Jharkhand. While BSL will provide the necessary infrastructure support, DBF has been entrusted with managing day to day activities of the center including faculty and placement support.

"BSL and DBF share a common vision and value system for bringing about a transformative change in society by leveraging its demographic dividend through empowering the local youth through training that makes them market-ready," said Mr. Chaudhary Ratnesh Kumar Sudhanshu, Dy. GM (CSR & SAIL-Uday), SAIL-Bokaro Steel Plant. "It is our firm belief that this combined expertise and experience

will ensure that the youth being educated at the DIKSHa facility will receive quality and need-based training for the purpose of gainful employment across industries."

To ensure viable and sustainable income generation, training will be imparted in trades for self-employment and trades such as Assistant Electrician, Solar PV Installer, General Duty Assistant (GDA) and Customer Relationship Management, to begin with. Subsequently, more courses will be added as per demand and future prospects. The center shall largely focus on the development of the youth residing in BSL's peripheral villages.

Flipkart's Shopsy Summer Store steers tremendous growth for sellers in Odisha

Bhubaneswar: As the summer starts rolling in, Shopsy - Flipkart's social commerce platform, recently launched the Summer Store, a unique curation to address customers' nuanced seasonal needs by offering a wide range of products across categories under one umbrella. As a testimony to this endeavor, sellers in Cuttack recorded nearly a 9X growth in sales and sellers in Puri recorded nearly a 16X growth in sales bolstered by the summer store initiative. Sellers in Sundergarh have garnered a tremendous 34X growth in their sales over the past month. The summer store recorded increased traction from women buyers which indicates a positive women reseller growth

in Cuttack. Amongst several categories, Hygiene and Wellness, Fashion, Kitchenware and Home Decor emerged as top priorities for customers with demand for products such as deodorants, sunglasses, body washes, essential oils, sarees, table covers, bedsheets and kitchen tools topping the charts. Shopsy Summer Store is a one-stop-shop for products ranging from electronics, personal care, baby care, food and beverages, apparel, swimwear and kitchenware including air conditioners, deodorants, baby sunscreen, aerated drinks, cotton clothes for men and women, swimsuits and juicer mixer grinders. Of this, deodorants have taken up

the major share of the demand pie clocking over 50% growth, followed by sunglasses which grew by close to 22%. Kitchen tools also contributed to a 6X growth over the past month in Cuttack. This was followed by categories such as kurta sets, cotton sarees, deodorants and body washes that witnessed a 3X jump over the past month in Puri. Shopsy aims to continue its endeavor to offer a wide range of quality and engaging products for customers at affordable prices, while being a value-based and reliable platform. By providing a simplified social media interface, Shopsy is able to overcome user apprehension of trust and authenticity while shopping online.

LVPEI Receives 'Project of the Year Award' from PMI South Asia for Rural ROP Care Initiative

Bhubaneswar: L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) has received the Project Management Institute South Asia (PMI South Asia) award in the NGO category for its outstanding project in rural Odisha, aimed at managing Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP), a vision-threatening eye condition in preterm babies. The award-winning project, titled 'Screening and Treatment of ROP in Pre-term Babies in 8 Odisha Districts,' has been funded by the Cognizant Foundation. It was implemented by LVPEI's MithuTulsiChandra campus in Bhubaneswar in collaboration with National Health Mission and Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram. Dr Tapas Ranjan Padhi, the project



lead, along with other team members, accepted the award on behalf of LVPEI. Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) is an emerging 21st-century epidemic and the leading cause of irreversible vision loss in preterm born

babies and/or babies born with a birth weight less than 2.0 kgs, especially babies who were managed in incubators. The efforts by Ministries of Health over the last two decades to reduce neonatal mortality

have improved the survival of preterm babies. About 30% of the children in NICUs/SCNUs are expected to be affected by ROP and close to 18% of them can go completely blind if they don't receive timely retinal treatment within 30 days of birth. Approximately 1000 premature babies are susceptible to go blind every year in Odisha due to ROP. Increased awareness, early detection and appropriate treatment and follow-up are essential for preventing ROP blindness.

LVPEI campus at Bhubaneswar is the only centre in Odisha offering a protocol-based comprehensive ROP care including neonatal retinal imaging, laser, intravitreal injections, mini neonatal intensive care facility, advanced paediatric retinal microsurgeries, low vision, and amblyopia services under one roof.

efficiencies, energy cost, better product mix and higher volume. JK Lakshmi Cement's EBITDA before Other Income moved up to Rs. 1497.64 crore in Jan-Mar.22 with an increase of 13% over Rs. 1321.99 crore in the corresponding quarter. After providing for interest, depreciation & Exceptional Item, PBT stood at Rs. 197.93 crore in Jan-Mar.22 as against Rs. 186.53 crore in Jan-Mar.21. After Providing for Taxes and Other Comprehensive Income, JK Lakshmi Cement's Profit was up at Rs. 161.26 crore in Jan-Mar.22 against Rs. 138.27 crore logged in the corresponding quarter. During the twelve months April 21 - March 22 Company's Sales increased by 15% to Rs. 5040.78 crore (Rs. 4384.71 crore) and EBITDA was up at Rs. 868.52 crore (Rs. 864.22 crore). JK Lakshmi Cement's profit at PAT level during this period moved up by 14% to touch all time high at Rs. 417.56 crore against profit of Rs. 366.24 crore in the same period last year.

Ambuja Cements and ACC's ChangeTheStory campaign wins Bronze at the ABBY Awards

Mumbai: The first sustainability campaign 'Change The Story' of Ambuja Cements and ACC, has won a Bronze Award at the recent ABBY Awards 2022, under the Green Award category. This category is awarded to outstanding communication that features planet conservation, sustainability etc. The

"Change The Story" campaign aimed to create awareness about sustainability and showcase technology-backed solutions that offer effective and measurable outcomes in this regard. The #ChangeTheStory campaign highlights a non-invasive bubble barrier technology, which will remove around 2,400 tonnes of

plastic waste from Agra's Mantola canal, thereby preventing its entry into the Yamuna river. The crux of the campaign lies in reaching out to a wide audience across India and globally—and communicating the campaign's features. The campaign won the honour at the ABBY Awards—often touted as the Oscars of Indian advertising—was

designed in collaboration with Alok Nanda and Company and serves as another reminder of the crucial role sustainability plays at Ambuja Cements and ACC.

#ChangeTheStory

was rolled out across multiple platforms, including print and digital, reaching out to an approximate 32 million people. One of its lead video films conveyed the

message, through the lens of a scientist, that it's time to change the story by taking out the plastic and freeing our rivers of their polluted past. The campaign further leveraged the power of music and created a rap song across owned platforms featuring the campaign mnemonic "Bubble Sharma". This was followed by a bouquet of informative posts and

videos on social media. ACC and Ambuja Cements collaborated with micro and nano influencers to drive engagement around the bubble barrier technology.

The two companies were the first to launch an augmented reality-based game in India, which created an immersive experience for users by illustrating the state of marine plastic pollution

and the basic functioning of the Bubble Barrier technology. This game convinces the user to play their role in driving change by encouraging players to "bubble pop" their way to cleaner oceans and safer habitats for marine organisms.

Mr. Neeraj Akhoury, CEO India Holcim and Managing Director & CEO of Ambuja Cements Ltd., said that the

Western Digital introduces high performance WD Blue™ SN580 NVMe™ SSD for creative professionals in India



Bhubaneswar : In today's world, demand for visual brilliance and digital content creation is skyrocketing. This is paving the way for more advanced technologies that support the production and consumption of rich content. For consumers, students, and professionals, fast, reliable tools are a must-have to keep their imaginations flowing. Building upon its award-winning SSD portfolio, Western Digital released the WD Blue™ SN580 NVMe™ solid state drive (SSD). The new, NVMe PCIe® Gen 4.0 internal flash drive is purpose-built for the creative enthusiast community

Jaganathan Chelliah, Senior Director-Marketing, India, Middle East and TIA, Western Digital, said, "Today content creators work with resource-intensive applications and large multimedia files such as 4K videos, and they often encounter challenges such as lengthy loading times. Western Digital addresses such concerns with its latest offering—the WD Blue SN580 NVMe SSD. It is designed to boost productivity and enable creative professionals to create more, without the inconvenience of prolonged file transfers or slow program loading."

JioPhone Next 'Exchange to Upgrade' Offer

Bhubaneswar: Reliance Retail has launched a limited period Exchange to Upgrade offer for JioPhone Next. As per the offer, customers can exchange a functional 4G featurephone or smartphone for a brand new JioPhone Next for just Rs. 4,499.

The JioPhone Next 'Exchange to Upgrade' offer allows many more Indians to embrace a truly smart Digital Life. With this offer existing 4G feature phone and smartphone users will no longer be held back by their device constraints and be able to enjoy the true 4G Jio Digital Life to the fullest. Current users of 4G feature phones will now be able

to migrate much more easily to the large screen digital experience on the world's most affordable 4G smartphone.

Similarly, the current 4G low-end smartphone users too can affordably upgrade to a seamless and enhanced digital life offer by JioPhone Next which runs on Pragati OS—the optimised version of Android that supports a rich suite of applications and usage without compromising on the user experience.

The offer is available through Reliance Retail's extensive network of JioMart Digital, Reliance Digital and other outlets in the remotest corners of the country, making it geographically and economically accessible to many more Indians.

It is worth mentioning here that JioPhone Next, designed jointly by Jio and Google, is the world's most affordable 4G smartphone that comes with a 5.45" HD screen with Corning Gorilla Glass 3 and anti-fingerprint coating, 2GB RAM, 32 GB in-built storage(expandable up to 512GB), 13MP back camera, 8MP front selfie camera, 3500 mAh battery, and a range of other advanced features which include voice fast capabilities, read aloud, translate now, easy and smart camera, automatic feature update, easy media share, OTG support etc.

JK Lakshmi Cement Posted Net Profit up at Rs 161.26 Cr. in Jan-Mar.22

Bhubaneswar: JK Lakshmi Cement Ltd., one of the leading cement companies of India, recorded a turnover of Rs. 1497.64 crore in Jan-Mar.22 with an increase of 13% over Rs. 1321.99 crore in the corresponding quarter. After providing for Jan-Mar.21. Despite unabated increase in Petcoke and Diesel prices which are hovering at all time high, JK Lakshmi Cement could achieve healthy profitability by continuous improvement in operational

efficiencies, energy cost, better product mix and higher volume. JK Lakshmi Cement's EBITDA before Other Income moved up to Rs. 276.23 crore in Jan-Mar.22 from Rs. 267.88 crore in Jan-Mar.21. After providing for interest, depreciation & Exceptional Item, PBT stood at Rs. 197.93 crore in Jan-Mar.22 as against Rs. 186.53 crore in Jan-Mar.21. After Providing for Taxes and Other Comprehensive Income, JK Lakshmi Cement's Profit was up at Rs. 161.26 crore in Jan-Mar.22 against Rs. 138.27 crore logged in the corresponding quarter. During the twelve months April 21 - March 22 Company's Sales increased by 15% to Rs. 5040.78 crore (Rs. 4384.71 crore) and EBITDA was up at Rs. 868.52 crore (Rs. 864.22 crore). JK Lakshmi Cement's profit at PAT level during this period moved up by 14% to touch all time high at Rs. 417.56 crore against profit of Rs. 366.24 crore in the same period last year.

KL Rahul to lead India in ODIs; Suryakumar in T20Is

New Delhi: KL Rahul and Suryakumar Yadav will be leading India's limited overs squads in South Africa, the BCCI confirmed on Thursday (November 30). Veterans Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli haven't been picked in both the ODI and T20I squads with the board confirming that the duo had requested a break from the white-ball leg of the tour. The selectors have made multiple changes to the ODI squad for the three-match series with the likes of Shubman Gill, Ishan Kishan and Suryakumar Yadav also rested. Ruturaj Gaikwad, Sai Sudharshan, Rajat

Patidar, Tilak Varma, Rinku Singh and Sanju Samson have all made the cut. In the bowling department, Arshdeep Singh, Mukesh Kumar, Yuzvendra Chahal and Deepak Chahar have been included with the likes of Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj and Mohammed Shami rested. The three premier pacers are all present in the Test squad though in which Rahul and Ishan are the designated wicketkeepers. KS Bharat has been named as captain of the India A squads though, and shadowing the team on their South Africa tour.

Yadav and Mohammad Siraj along with Deepak Chahar find a place as well.

With Shreyas Iyer regaining full fitness and Ruturaj Gaikwad holding onto a spot, the selectors have left out Ajinkya Rahane from the Test squad and Cheteshwar Pujara wasn't considered as well. The board also confirmed that Shami is undergoing medical treatment and his availability for the Tests will be subject to fitness. In the T20I set up, Ravindra Jadeja makes a return and is also named vice-captain for the series. Gill, who was rested from the ongoing series against Australia, has been included and the likes of Kuldeep

The tour kicks off on December 10 with the T20I series before the teams face off in three ODIs. India will then face the hosts in a Boxing Day Test match, starting on

December 26 before concluding the tour with the second and final Test, beginning on January 3.

India's squad for 3 T20Is: Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shubman Gill, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Tilak Varma, Suryakumar Yadav (C), Rinku Singh, Shreyas Iyer, Ishan Kishan (wk), Jitesh Sharma (wk), Ravindra Jadeja (VC), Washington Sundar, Ravi Bishnoi, Kuldeep Yadav, Arshdeep Singh, Mohd. Siraj, Mukesh Kumar, Deepak Chahar India's squad for 2 Tests: Rohit Sharma (C), Shubman Gill, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, Deepak Chahar

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BCCI Wants Rohit Sharma To Lead Team India In T20 World Cup 2024, Says Report



New Delhi: There is a lot going on in Indian cricket right now. Since the loss to Australia in the World Cup final, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has taken some bold decisions. The Roger Binny-led BCCI has decided to give extension to the support staff including head coach Rahul Dravid. Despite the loss in final, BCCI wants Dravid to continue in the role. As expected, the India coach would have liked to have the same support staff as well and he has been given that.

After retaining Dravid as the coach, BCCI wants Rohit back a T20I captain as well. A Press Trust of India report states that BCCI secretary Jay Shah will soon meet Ajit Agarkar-led panel in Delhi to discuss the squads for the

tour of South Africa and the roadmap to the T20 World Cup 2024. It is being reported that with Hardik Pandya out of the South Africa T20Is, either Suryakumar Yadav or Rohit will lead the team against Proteas Men. After seeing Rohit lead so well in the Asia Cup and World Cup, BCCI are in favour of him. "Yes, there remains a question what happens when Hardik comes back but in BCCI, they feel that if Rohit agrees to lead in T20Is, he will

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question what happens when Hardik comes back but in BCCI, they feel that if Rohit agrees to lead in T20Is, he will lead in the T20 World Cup. In case Rohit doesn't agree then Surya continues as captain for T20Is in South Africa," a BCCI source privy to the development told PTI on the condition of anonymity.

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on the board in the first six overs and Harris raced to a 26-ball half-century in the very next over. Nat Sciver-Brunt then gave her side some respite by getting rid of Harris for 54 and a struggling Georgia Redmayne fell for 11 off 15 to give Scorchers an opening. Heat had 59 runs

going and found valuable contributions from the likes of Amelia Kerr, Mignon du Preez and Laura Harris. The biggest contribution at the death came from Charli Knott who plundered the bowling attack in the final two overs to hammer an unbeaten 32 off just 14 deliveries that guided

Heat to 198. Even though Lauren Winfield-Hill found the boundary thrice in the first eight balls of the chase. Scorchers lost two wickets in two overs and were stuttering at 22/2, a contrasting start to the one Heat made. Nat Sciver made 36 but found very little support at the other end as Heat kept chipping away. Voll, who had already dismissed Chloe Piparo, bagged the big wicket of Sophie Devine before adding two more wickets to her tally as the chase fizzled out pretty soon. Brief scores: Brisbane Heat Women 197/5 in 20 overs (Grace Harris 54, Charli Knott 32*) beat Perth Scorchers Women 130/8 in 20 overs (Nat Sciver-Brunt 36; Georgia Voll 4/19) by 67 runs

Tushar Deshpande helps Mumbai secure fourth win on the bounce



New Delhi: Tushar Deshpande took his season tally to 13 wickets as he picked four in a game where Mumbai bowled out Puducherry for just 67 and chased it down comfortably. He finished with figures of 4/11 in 5 overs while Shams Mulani bagged 3/19. In the other low-scorer in the group, Dharmendra Singh Jadeja picked 5 for 16 against Odisha. Though Odisha were bundled out for 99, they made Saurashtra work for their win, which came with only four wickets to spare. Kerala's fast-bowling pair of Akhil Sathar (3/27) and Akhil Scaria (3/11) made their team's modest total of 231 seem massive for Tripura, as they lost by 119 runs. In Alur, failure to combat left-arm spin was the undoing of Sikkim as Railways duo Akash Pandey and

Raj Choudhary picked six wickets between them and conceded just 43 runs in 19 overs. Group B Vidarbha captain Atharva Taide hit 10 fours and a six in a 46-ball knock of 70 as he helped chase down 111 against Jharkhand in just the 14th over. In Jaipur, Siddharth Mhatre (87 off 74) and Nikhil Naik (71* off 82) added 136 runs for the fifth wicket to revive Maharashtra's chase against Meghalaya.

Shashank Singh put an incredible all-round effort - following up his scintillating 113-ball 152 with figures of 5 for 20 in 5 overs, in Chhattisgarh's 88-run win over Manipur. In chase of Hyderabad's 210, Services recovered from 29/3 in 10.1 overs to secure a six-wicket win. Services captain Rajat Paliwal (77 off 101) and

Vineet Dhankhar (78 off 76) led the way.

Group C Devdutt Padikkal's incredible run of form continued as he smashed a 57-ball 93, with 9 fours and 5 sixes, against Bihar. He and Nikin Jose (69 off 73) nullified

Sakibul Gani's first-innings 100 as Karnataka secured their fourth successive win. Himanshu Rana (136 off 132) and Rahul Tewatia (80 off 42) piled on the runs and Harshal Patel (5 for 24) then derailed Mizoram's chase in

Haryana's massive win. Jammu & Kashmir captain Shubham Khajuria slammed a century and his bowlers followed up with a fine performance to help them beat Delhi. While Rasikh Salam

picked four, Abid Mushtaq got three to earn a big 75-run victory. In a high-scoring game in Ahmedabad, Chhattisgarh had all of their top four batter hits fifties to reach 305 for 8. Uttarakhand responded similarly,

with four of their top-five getting such scores to snare the big target.

Group D

In a game where bowlers dominated for large parts, Abhijeet Tomar's 124 off 115 proved to be the difference in Rajasthan's 38-run victory over Andhra. Rishi Dhawan and Mayank Dagar picked four wickets apiece as Himachal Pradesh bowled out Assam for 121. In reply, Sumeet Verma smashed 6 fours and 4 sixes on his way to an unbeaten 51 off just 20 balls which secured the eight-wicket win.

Urvi Patel followed his 41-ball 100 with an 83-ball 86 while Kshitij Patel hit an unbeaten 83 as Gujarat chased down UP's 233/8 in the 38th over.

Group E

Sanvir Singh (74 off 91) and Ramandeep Singh (80 off 50)

revived a wobbly start with the bat for Punjab before the bowlers chipped in, in unison to power their 67-run win over Goa in Mumbai.

Tamil Nadu recovered from 52 for 6, through Dinesh Karthik's 51-ball 68 and Shahrukh Khan's 31 off 39 to post 162. Then the trio of T Natarajan, Varun Chakravarthy and R Sai Kishore ran through Baroda's line-up to bundle them out for 124 in the 24th over.

Madhya Pradesh's Kumar Kartikeya picked four wickets but Abhimanyu Easwaran hit 73 to push Bengal to 254/8. As it turned out, it was far more than what they needed on the day as MP folded for 61. Left-arm spinner Shahbaz Ahmed finished with exceptional figures of 3.4-1-7-4 and Akash Deep got 6-0-8-3.