

President of India Presents National Energy Conservation Awards of the National Energy Conservation Day Any Business Should not only have Economic Benefits but also have Environmental and Social Benefits : President Murmu

New Delhi(KCN): The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu presented the National Energy Conservation Awards 2023 and National Painting Competition on Energy Conservation prizes in New Delhi today (December 14, 2023) on the occasion of National Energy Conservation Day.

Addressing the gathering, the President said that the health and happiness of all of us lies in the conservation and good health of nature. If we make optimal utilization of the available resources, everyone's energy and other needs will be fulfilled without unnecessary pressure on

nature and Mother Earth. She stated that along with optimal utilization, all stakeholders will have to promote energy efficiency and innovation. Energy saving measures have to be used on a large scale. She highlighted that energy saving is energy production – this message is very useful. She urged all to make every possible effort to spread this message. The President said that in the 21st century, the world community will have to remain continuously active in enhancing energy efficiency and increasing the use of renewable energy. We have to increase the production of energy from wind,

solar and small and micro hydro projects. Apart from using more renewable energy, we also have to make efforts to produce more energy from less resources. She added

that we should move forward with the concept of a triple bottom line in our sustainability efforts. Any business should not only have economic benefits but also have

environmental and social benefits. The President said that India has always worked as a responsible country in the field of clean energy. But we have also been making

it clear from time to time that the dependence on fossil fuel is definitely decreasing but fossil fuel based energy is also essential in our country. India is promoting clean coal technologies so that

the processes of coal extraction and use become more efficient and environment friendly. It is the result of our commitment towards the environment that India has moved from 30th to 7th place in the ranking of Climate Change Performance Index in a period of ten years. The President said that efforts like 'Green Energy Open Access Rules, 2022' and Renewable purchase obligations will also play an important role in India's journey to achieve the target of Nationally Determined Contributions by the year 2030. She stated that in line with 'LiFE' i.e. Lifestyle for

Environment, India has now taken the initiative of "Green credit" which encourages environmental protection practices related to our traditions. She expressed confidence that these efforts will prove important in achieving our clean energy and environment goals. The National Energy Conservation Day is celebrated on December 14 every year, in order to spread the message on the importance of conserving energy and to showcase the achievements of the nation in energy efficiency and conservation.



14 Opposition MPs Suspended From Parliament For Disrupting House Proceedings



New Delhi(KCN): Fourteen Opposition MPs were suspended from the Lok Sabha and one from the Rajya Sabha today for disrupting House proceedings, a day after a major security breach in parliament last afternoon. The number of suspended MPs fell by one by evening as the government decided to withdraw the suspension of DMK MP SR Parthiban since he was not present in the House and said his name was included by mistake.

Mr Parthiban was named as one of the suspended MPs. Soon, sources in the

DMK claimed that the MP was not present in the House and that he was in Tamil Nadu. Of the suspended MPs, nine are from the Congress, two from the CPM, one from the CPI, and one from the DMK. Congress MPs Manickam Tagore, Md Javed, VK Shreekandan, Benny Behanan, DMK MP K Kanimozi, CPM MPs PR Natarajan and S Venkateshan, and CPI MP K Subbarayan are among the suspended. Meanwhile, Trinamool Congress MP Derek O'Brien was suspended

Koraput: Migrant Labourer Goes Missing While Returning Home

Koraput(KCN): A 24-year-old migrant worker from Koraput district reportedly went missing in Andhra Pradesh while returning to his home. The missing person has been identified as Bharat Miniaka, the only son of one Aanta Miniaka of Talakutenga village under Uperkutenga panchayat in Koraput district. As per reports, Bharat had gone to Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh for labour work three months ago. There, he joined a Prawn factory. But, due to heavy workload, he left that factory. Later, he went to Hyderabad with some of his friends and joined the Kaveri restaurant. A week ago, his father called him home, because he was suffering from illness. So, Bharat left Hyderabad to return home.

caused panic for a while. The two were soon caught and overpowered by MPs and parliament Watch and Ward staff. The other two, unable to get visitors' passes, were shouting slogans outside parliament, carrying the smoke bombs. All four have been charged under tough anti-terror law UAPA and various sections of the Indian Penal Code. Sagar Sharma from Lucknow and D Manoranjan from Mysuru, had smuggled in smoke bombs which they let off inside parliament, carrying the smoke bombs. All four have been charged under tough anti-terror law UAPA and various sections of the Indian Penal Code. Their accomplice Vishal Sharma and his wife, in whose house in Gurugram they stayed before reaching Parliament, have been detained. Lalit Jha, a key

conspirator and the alleged mastermind, is on the run. The police said Jha, unable to get a visitor's pass, had stayed outside and filmed the 'protest' by Neelam and Amol Shinde. This he uploaded online before showing a clean pair of heels. Investigators said he was last seen in Rajasthan's Neemrana. In court today, the police contended that the whole operation resembled a terror attack and questioned the motive. "Was the purpose of the incident only to express one's point or to carry out

Odisha CM Naveen Launches LAccMI Bus Yojana In Koraput

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Thursday launched the LAccMI Bus Scheme in Koraput district. As of now, 63 Laxmi buses will connect 234 panchayats of Koraput district.

The scheme, first started in Malkangiri district under the 5T initiative, facilitates bus service from panchayats to blocks in every district at a fare of just Rs 5. More than 1,000 Laxmi buses will run across the state and they will be operated by Mission Shakti members.

Addressing the people of the Koraput district, the Chief Minister said that the first phase of the Laxmi bus service started from Malkangiri and reached Koraput today. In the first phase, 63 lakh residents in 1,131 panchayats of Malkangiri,



Nabarangpur, Rayagada, Kalahandi, Gajapati, and Koraput districts got the benefits of the Laxmi bus service. The Chief Minister said that daily hassles for transit would be removed and people can now commute at low cost. On this occasion, the Chief Minister also said that the development of villages is in progress in Odisha. A new awakening has come in the panchayats through the 'Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha' programme. Digital infrastructure has evolved along with the spread of Jagannath

culture, he said adding that development has become a mass movement and panchayats today and the Laxmi bus scheme has become the heart of development programmes. The transformation of the village has paved the way for the transformation of Odisha. "Odisha belongs to all of us," he said. Stating that this development belongs to all of us, the Chief Minister expressed strong hope that the formation of New Odisha will be realised

with the cooperation of all. 5T and Nabin Odisha Chairman VK Pandian said that the buses of Laxmi Bus Yojana were bought with the money of the people of the state. So he requested everyone to treat it as their property and take proper care of the vehicles. He informed the people the Chief Minister has approved the proposal to provide land for a new bus stand in Koraput. Speaking on the occasion, Transport Minister Tukuni Sahu said that today, under the

Two Hardcore Maoists Surrender In Odisha's Kandhamal



Phulbani(KCN): Two active members of a KKBN Maoists group surrendered before the police in Kandhamal on Thursday. The surrendered Maoists have been identified as Ranjit Nayitam, an area committee member and Ranga Poyam, a party member of the Mahanadi area committee operating under the Kalahandi-Kandhamal-Boudh-Nayagarh division of

CPI. Both are natives of Chhattisgarh. According to the sources, the two Maoists were members of the 8th company of CPI since 2017 and were involved in various violent activities in Chhattisgarh and Odisha. They decided to leave the organization as they were frustrated by the continuous unethical activities such as the sexual exploitation of women cadres, extortion

CS Lauds NIC Role

Bhubaneswar(KCN): A three-day long e-Governance State Level Conference for District Information Science Officers and Assistant District Information Science Officers was inaugurated today at National Informatics Centre (NIC), Bhubaneswar.

Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena inaugurated the program and highlighted the important role of the District Information Science Officers in the successful implementation of e-Governance in the State.

In this context, the Chief Secretary said that NIC has achieved remarkable achievements in

various works. The NIC has done a great job at the district level.

The District Information Science Officers have been at the forefront of executing many works being carried out at the district level under the supervision of the District Collectors.

He expressed the hope that the information science officials would do more and more good work in the coming days by analyzing this success base as well as the methods of work of the past and encouraged the informers.

He further said that informatics have expertise in the field of technical knowledge. He stressed on the need to bring innovation in the work at all times and

complete the projects in the state in a time-bound manner. Shri Jena spoke high of the officers who are contributing in the IT sector that there is a bright future in the field of Information and Technology. He said that it is the core of institutions with dedication, experience and expertise.

R Santhnagopalan, Secretary, Department

of Labour and State Employees State Insurance highlighted the importance of new technology and artificial intelligence, blockchain, virtual reality etc. in providing

services to the citizens. Ashok Kumar Hota, Deputy Director General and State Information Science Officer, NIC spoke at length about the role of NIC in the

implementation of various schemes and projects being implemented in Odisha. He highlighted the commendable role of the District Informatics Officers in



Blood Donation Camp by Degree College



Cuttack,(KCN): Cuttack, Enthusiasm has been seen among the public and students regarding the Nua O / new Odisha program with funds approved by the state government within the premises of Cuttack Mahanadi Vihar Women's Degree College. On this occasion, a regular meeting was started

under the patronage of the college Principal Dr. Laxman Sahoo to make the students aware of the importance of blood donation. Mr. Ranjan Biswal, the local MLA attended and inaugurated the blood donation camp. Local Council Engineer Subrata Ghadei, College President Dr. Soudamini Roy and Development Committee President Mr. Ravindra Prasad Tripathi Major attended and gave a speech on the importance of blood donation. At the blood donation camp, Dr. Kumar Patra and Dr. Dilip Maharana were present on behalf of Central Red Cross and collected blood while they were assisted by Ranjan Kumar Das, Saroj Mohanty,

TPSODL Celebrated National Energy Conservation Day



Berhampur(KCN): TPSODL Southern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPSODL) celebrated National Energy Conservation Day through a series of initiatives aimed at raising awareness and engaging both employees and the community. Celebrations included diverse activities, such as competitions among employees and outreach efforts targeting the public and school

students. At Sundareswar High School in Sundarpur, Ganjam, TPSODL conducted the CLUB ENERJI program, designed to educate students about the importance of energy conservation and the shift towards renewable energy sources. During an interactive session, more than 100 students from different classes actively participated, engaging with TPSODL volunteers. Topics covered included electricity conservation, energy-saving tips, various energy sources, and the essential transition to renewable energy solutions. Following the engaging session, a drawing competition themed 'SAVE MOTHER EARTH' was organized, allowing students to showcase their artistic talents while promoting the message of responsible electricity usage.

As part of its ongoing commitment to energy conservation, the company has successfully conducted three major programs on December 8th, 13th, and 14th, with five more scheduled for December.

Moreover, within its employee community, TPSODL is organizing various competitions aligned with its energy-saving mission.

the implementation of e-office in Jagatsinghpur district from district level to panchayat level, computer registration for havishyalis in Puri, awareness among the general public about various projects of the government in Ballyatra, Cuttack. He informed that in the next three days, there will be various discussions on the projects of various departments like agriculture, transport, revenue etc.

On this occasion, NIC annual calendar of major projects in Odisha was unveiled. This program was organized by Ramkrishna Das, Deputy Director General and Jayanta Kumar Mishra, Deputy Director General, NIC.



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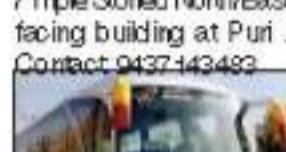
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Rana Daggubati, Surveen Chawla's 'Rana Naidu' Secures Spot In Netflix's Top 400 Viewership Report



Since launching its weekly Top 10 and Most Popular lists in 2021, Netflix has provided more information about what people are watching than any other streamer except YouTube. And now they believe it's time to go further.

Starting today Netflix will publish 'What We Watched: A Netflix Engagement Report' twice a year. This is a comprehensive report of what people watched on Netflix over six months, including:

In total, this report covers more than 18,000 titles — representing 99% of all viewing on Netflix — and nearly 100 billion hours viewed. Over 60% of Netflix titles released between January and June 2023 appeared on Netflix's weekly Top 10 lists. So, while this report is broader in scope, the trends reflected in it are very similar to those in the Top 10 lists, including:

1. The strength of returning favorites like Ginny & Georgia, Alice in Borderland, The Marked Heart, Outer Banks, You, Queen Charlotte: A Bridgerton Story, XO Kitty and film sequels Murder Mystery 2 and Extraction 2.

2. The popularity of new series like The Night Agent, The Diplomat, Beef, The Glory, Alpha Males, FUBAR and Fake Profile, which generate huge audiences and fandoms.

3. The size of the audience of Netflix films across every genre including The Mother, Luther: The Fallen Sun, You People, AKA, ¡Que viva México! and Hunger.

4. The enthusiasm for non-English stories, which generated 30% of all viewing.

The only Indian program that made it to the top 400 was the action crime drama Rana Naidu which

was released on March 10, 2023. It was streamed for 4,63,00,000 (forty-six million three hundred thousand) hours.

The staying power of titles on Netflix, which extends well beyond their premieres. All Quiet on the Western Front, for example, debuted in October 2022 and generated 80M hours viewed between January and June; and the demand for older, licensed titles, which generates tremendous value for Netflix members and for rights holders.

When Reading The Report, It's Important To Remember: Success on Netflix comes in all shapes and sizes and is not determined by hours viewed alone. Netflix

have enormously successful movies and TV shows with both lower and higher hours viewed. It's all about whether a movie or TV show thrilled its audience — and the size of that audience relative to the economics of the title; and to compare between titles it's best to use Netflix's weekly Top 10 and Most Popular lists, which consider run times and premiere dates.

This is a big step forward for Netflix and OTT industry. Netflix believes the viewing information in this report — combined with weekly Top 10 and Most Popular lists — will give creators and the industry deeper insights into the audiences, and what resonates with them.

Shah Rukh Khan Fans Embrace 'Lutt Putt Gaya' Dance Challenge In Public

Rajkumar Hirani's Dunki is all set to bring a plethora of emotions to the big screen with its release in the next week. While the makers have kept the audience's excitement on the edge with the songs and the trailer, Dunki's fervor is constantly rising at a fever pitch. While the whole nation is eagerly waiting for the film, Shah Rukh Khan fans are not leaving any chance to express their love for the superstar and this video of them grooving on Dunki Drop 2 Lutt Putt Gaya is proof of it.

In a video that is making rounds on social media,



SRK fan club, SRK Universe can be seen dancing on Dunki Drop 2 Lutt Putt Gaya while recreating the song on a plane with SRK's signature steps. Shah Rukh Khan fans were seen dancing to the song in Mumbai park. Set against the backdrop of a park with a dummy plane, the fans immersed themselves in the joyous mood, showcasing their ardent admiration for SRK.

Dunki features an ensemble cast, with colorful characters portrayed by exceptionally talented actors Boman Irani, Taapsee Pannu, Vicky Kaushal, Vikram Kochhar, and Anil Grover, along with Shah Rukh Khan. A JIO Studios, Red Chillies Entertainment, and Rajkumar Hirani Films presentation, produced by Rajkumar Hirani and Gauri Khan. Written by Abhijat Joshi, Rajkumar Hirani, and Kanika Dhillon, Dunki is slated to release on December 2023.

Satyaprem Ki Katha: Kartik Aaryan, Kiara Advani's Song 'Aaj Ke Baad' Wins Hearts, Crosses 30 Million Views



Bringing the tunes of pure love, Sajid Nadiadwala and Namah Pictures's 'Satyaprem Ki Katha's title song 'Aaj Ke Baad', started to take over the hearts of the masses in no time. After treating the audience with the romantic melody 'Naseeb Se', 'Aaj Ke Baad' undoubtedly is the most romantic soulful pure love song that has arrived after a long time. Having made its entry directly into the hearts, the song has crossed 30 million views in just 24 hours of its release.

Rejuvenating the feeling of pure love 'Aaj Ke Baad' is one of the songs that the audience heard in the teaser and from then they demanded its

release. As the song dropped, it started to spread its magic and collected 30 million

views in just 24 hours, becoming the most-viewed video worldwide across all platforms. The

song is also trending at the top of music charts and on YouTube in just 24 hours.

Having touched the hearts of millions with its melody, the song has profoundly proven itself to be worth as good as iconic romantic numbers like 'Kesariya' and 'Kabira'. Moreover, Kartik Aaryan and Kiara Advani's crackling chemistry in the song makes them stand in the league of iconic pairs of Bollywood like SRK-Kajol and Ranbir-Deepika.

'Satyaprem Ki Katha' also marks a massive collaboration between NGE and Namah Pictures. Interestingly, Sajid Nadiadwala and Sharen Mantri Kedia with Kishor Arora and director Sameer Vidwans won a National Award for their respective feature films. 'Satyaprem Ki Katha' will be released in theaters on June 29, 2023.

Saif Ali Khan Indulges Himself Into Intense Workout For Action-Thriller Devara



Saif Ali Khan, the versatile actor, is currently engrossed in the shooting of his highly anticipated project 'Devara'. The film features intense action sequences between Saif Ali Khan and the acclaimed Telugu actor NTR, which has necessitated a rigorous work regime and dedicated fitness schedule for Saif.

In 'Devara', an action-packed thriller directed by acclaimed filmmaker Koratala Siva, Saif Ali Khan plays the role of a fearless and determined protagonist. To portray this character authentically, Khan has

taken on a rigorous fitness routine in Hyderabad, pushing his limits to achieve the desired physical transformation. Guided by a team of expert trainers and nutritionists,

Khan's dedication and hard work have been commendable. Recognizing the importance of physicality in portraying a character convincingly, Saif Ali Khan has invested

significant time and effort into his training. His gym routine consists of a combination of weight training, cardio exercises, and functional training, carefully tailored to meet the demands of his role in

'Devara'. Khan's determination to excel in every aspect of his performance is a testament to his professionalism and passion for his craft. Every character brings unique challenges and requires a certain level of dedication. For 'Devara', he wanted to not only understand the emotional depth of the character but also physically embody his strength and resilience.

It has been an exhilarating journey, and excited to bring this character to life on the silver screen. With 'Devara', Saif Ali Khan continues to push his boundaries as an actor, delving into the action genre with the same finesse that he brings to his diverse repertoire of roles. His collaboration with NTR has generated tremendous excitement among fans and industry insiders, who eagerly await the release of the film.

'Devara' promises to be a thrilling cinematic experience, combining edge-of-your-seat action sequences with an engaging storyline. With Saif Ali Khan's unwavering commitment to his role, the audience can expect an immersive and authentic performance that will leave a lasting impact.

Struggle is what brings success



Struggle is small in this letter, but it is a part of life or understand that struggle is the name of life. Human or animal or bird, everyone's life is a struggle. If we define struggle in simple terms, then we are all surrounded by struggle and whatever success or learning we have is a result of struggle. Struggle defines, beautifies and engraves life and makes it so that the tongue never tires of praising it. Struggle gives us life experience, keeps us active and teaches us how to live. By accepting the struggle, we are not only able to move forward, but also to experience true life - happiness.

Struggle is the key to success. So struggle is the basic mantra of life, which every person

experiences. There are very few people in the world who miss out on experiencing this. Everyone in the society wants to be top in name, fame, money, respect or studies. However, struggle is incomplete without a goal. Struggling with ups and downs in life, let us know whether it is good or bad. Teaches us to be proactive, teaches us the value of time. By which we are strengthened. Which makes it easier to live and learn by devoting ourselves to our goals.

Every person in the world wants to achieve success. Hope for success. That person continues to work tirelessly to achieve success. Some people achieve success easily. Some people run after success, but they can't find it in time. Success is not achieved. Those who achieve success easily but struggle. But they succeed only after a little struggle. Because

In fact, it can be said that the struggle for life is

that person was looking for the success that he can get easily or his luck. You may not want anyone to struggle, but some people are on the path to success.

Those whose path is very difficult and even after working hard, they fail or give up before they succeed. Those who give up go back. That struggle remains futile. Because they don't learn anything from that struggle. They are so broken within themselves that they make the wrong move. Those who don't give up until they succeed learn the real magic of life. Because their struggle to achieve success teaches them a lot. Most importantly, it teaches them to heal afterwards. Getting up after stumbling and falling. The greatest virtue of struggle is that it helps a person to save his life. Teaches new methods.

A beautiful story line of lovers - fate brings them together if love is true. Never stop your steps in life because of the fear of struggle! Because only struggle today secures your tomorrow. The way you struggle, fate gives you the same results. It is true that many times in life

Dr. Laxman Sahoo

another name. Always remember one thing, once you are halfway to your destination, don't look back. Rather, let's go forward with full passion and faith for the remaining half of the distance of life. There is no point in going back to the middle. Because you have to cover the same distance while returning. Cross the distance and you can reach the goal! You all think that reading, writing and speaking is easy but doing it is very difficult. We all know that no one achieves success easily. History is its witness. Even today, people achieve great success because of their struggle.

Struggle is the law of nature. While we are talking about struggles, why not talk about the struggles faced while climbing Everest? We all know that climbing Everest is very difficult. But Junko Tabe, the first woman to climb Everest, says - It's nice to be recognized on different platforms in the world. But it's not good to feel good about it. It pales in comparison to the good feeling when I

first set foot on Everest, no one was there to appreciate it! Bone breaking-cold wind, ice, death sounds with every step, weak steps and breathing. Even after that, when I reached Everest, I felt that I was the happiest person in the world!

"Nature has made the process of struggle so difficult. Because without hard work we cannot be as strong as our hard work. If we get everything without hard work, we will feel helpless. Because we cannot learn or achieve anything in life without struggle. You know, those who inherit everything have to struggle to preserve that legacy. Some generations have also struggled to create that legacy. You will also agree that the fight you make today will protect your future generations.

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victory and defeat. Gives you experience and best of all it teaches you patience, tolerance, persistence. We all know that if you are determined to do something in life, you will win. If you give up, you will be defeated. If you want society to remember you as a role model, then you have to do it today and now. Building success is the foundation of struggle, but it does not seek rest.

If Lord Krishna had helped the Pandavas in the Mahabharata war, we would not have remembered the Pandavas today. That is probably why Shri Krishna advised the Pandavas to struggle in life without helping them. Srikrishna only showed them the path and by following that path the Pandavas themselves fought and won. Success in

life is achieved only by those who have learned to face struggles. Lord Krishna said in Gita - Life is a struggle

and every person has to face it.

Indeed, life comes once, not twice! Many people fly the banner of success in this life. Others are not even aware of their existence. You have to decide for yourself whether you will be a successful person or a part of the moving crowd. This life is yours and the destination is yours. It is also yours to decide and decide. The dreams will be yours, the happiness will be yours and the struggles will be yours, because this life is yours too. To fulfill your dreams, make a decision once and for all that you will earn success, fame, name, respect and existence through struggle.

If there is no struggle in life, then there is no progress in life. A life like that is never a life without experiencing the true taste of life.

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Family Environment

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The family social environment that is being seen these days makes it seem as if we are all living in an unconscious society. In this, brother does not love brother, children do not feel intimacy with their aged parents. In its place only selfishness is visible. People are not affected by the pain and suffering of others. It seems that people are becoming lifeless at the level of emotion and sensitivity. Perhaps this is the reason why brother's sorrow does not affect the brother either. people

entertain themselves. They seem to be making fun of those incidents or applying evil intelligence to them, considering them as a means of violence, without caring about how much pain it will cause to the next person. At some places it is also seen that old and infirm parents suffer from the sorrows of their old age and young sons and daughters-in-law remain happy in their happiness in the same city. In the entire animal world, only man has the power to express his feelings through his tears and tell his thoughts to someone with accuracy. Nature has not given this power just like that. It may have been given to humans, but if people cannot feel the pain at their core and cannot be

moved, then what is the meaning of it? With cooperation and help, society can run smoothly and has always done so. Be it birth or death, we need society many times, to support us in our sorrows and to share our joy in our happiness, because we feel it necessary to have someone close to us to handle the impulses of both the emotions. The situation is such that now there is only so much utility and sensitivity left in someone's suffering in our lives that we find our own interest in it. To find indifference or entertainment. Sometimes, feeling sad due to someone else's sorrow and happy due to someone else's happiness, oceans of emotions started flowing. All these

were the pillars of intimacy in the society. Many incidents in recent years have forced us to think like this. A new aspect of family disintegration is being seen in the society that people are easily leaving their settled home, family and small children in search of their happiness and self-interest. Although not everyone has done this, but its

acceptance is increasing and this is a matter of concern. Family is the institution on which the fabric of entire social life depends. Family gives a sense of stability to a person's personality, where the pressures of society work on him whether he wants it or not. We call this in simple language Loklaj. If this institution itself is in trouble then it is a worrying situation.

Neither the pressures of society work on a person separated from his family nor is there anyone to stop him from doing right or wrong. An autocratic life always easily leads to destruction, because in times of trouble there is no way to handle it. The family has a strong foundation and there is no one person to decide what is right and wrong. The fabric of family and society

is only one solution and protection for this. The sacred institution of family should not be broken under any circumstances. Deep faith in the family should be inculcated in the minds of children right from childhood. Respect for family values ??and relationships should be taught, so that every age group can have a secure life. They get economic security, good values Can. So that they can have proper development and the society can get civilized citizens. All this is possible only in the shadow of the family tree. This tree can remain safe only when we irrigate it with the water of love. We will infuse our hearts with compassion for all.

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10 SER EMPLOYEES TO GET: ATI VISHISHT RAIL SEVA PURASKAR, 2023

Kolkata, (KCN): 68th Railway Week Central Function will be held at New Delhi tomorrow. Railway employees, who have done exemplary work during 2022-23 have been selected for Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Puraskar, 2023. The award ceremony will be held at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Ten employees of South Eastern Railway (SER) have been selected for this prestigious award. Shri Anil Kumar Mishra, General Manager, SER congratulated the staff for their outstanding achievement and selection for the award. Shri Satyajit Mondal, a dedicated Sportsperson of SER has set an instance of self-worth by winning medals in

National and International Gymnastics Tournaments.

Shri Ronald W A Braggs, Chief Commercial Inspector, In-charge of Anti-fraud and Ticket Checking Section of SER, strategized, planned, coordinated and executed several initiatives which led to impactfull accomplishments through increased ticket checking earnings, prevention of fraudulent activities within railway network and prevention in the leakage of railway revenue.

Shri Samarendra Tapna, Chief Commercial Inspector is working as the In-Charge of the PPM (Passenger Profile Management) Cell SER. He has helped in increasing the PRS

revenue share of SER to a highest ever standard through his sincerity, dedication, innovativeness and meticulous analytical skills. Ms. Shalini, Technician Grade-II/Mechanical/C & W is working at Nimpura of Kharagpur Division for attention of wagons under sick repairs. She is a very dedicated and dependable Technician and assumed higher responsibilities to carry out various activities for timely outturn of wagons. Shri Manu Kumar, Head Constable/RPF is working at Ranchi. An on duty TTI tripped while boarding a train at Ranchi station. Shri Kumar rushed immediately to the spot

and saved the precious life of the TTI. Shri Anoop Lal Rajak, Assistant Sub Inspector/RPF is working at RPF Post/Tatanagar of Chakradharpur Division. A bona fide passenger slipped and fell down while boarding a running train at Tatanagar station. Shri Rajak rushed immediately to the spot and saved the precious life of the passenger. Shri Narhari Das, Loco Pilot, Rourkela of Chakradharpur Division averted a probable accident by applying emergency brake of an Express train. His prompt action saved the passengers. Shri Arvind Pradeep S,

Divisional Operations Manager is working in Adra Division. During his tenure, best RR dispatch was achieved from Bokaro steel plant in a financial year. Md Pyar Ali, Sr. Section Engineer/TM is working in Kharagpur Division. Important NI work of RVNL had been timely completed owing to his meticulous planning. Shri Surendra Kumar Singh, Assistant Signal & Telecommunication Engineer (Project) is working in Ranchi Division. He has shown exemplary leadership, meticulous planning and flawless execution in commissioning Electronic Interlocking at Naxal infested Latemda and Jhimpli stations of Ranchi division.

Bridging Cultures, Shaping Futures: Kashmiri Youth Exchange Program Unfolds in Kolkata

Kolkata (ABHIJIT SETH): In a significant initiative aimed at fostering understanding, promoting cultural exchange, and providing exposure, the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, is set to organize the Kashmiri Youth Exchange Programme from 17th to 22nd December 2023 in Kolkata, West Bengal. Sponsored by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, this program is designed for 120 Kashmiri youth in the age group of 18 to 22 years, accompanied by escorts from the districts of Anantnag, Kupwara, Baramulla, Budgam, Srinagar, and Pulwama in the Jammu and Kashmir State. The venue for this enriching experience is the Bharat Scouts and Guides facility in Gangarampura, Madhyamgram, Kolkata. The event will kick off with a vibrant inaugural function on 17th December 2023, graced by various dignitaries, including higher officials, social workers, and CRPF and BSF officials. Rajib Majumdar has been designated as the nodal

officer for this event, ensuring smooth coordination and execution. Dr. Rajat Subhra Naskar, Deputy Director at the Office of the District Youth Officer, is actively involved in steering the project towards success. The Kashmiri Youth Exchange Programme 2023-24 represents a thoughtful and inventive step towards providing exposure to the youth of Kashmir about the lifestyle, social fabric, and cultural norms of West Bengal. Beyond the boundaries of regional differences, the program aims to instill the importance of nation-building. It also focuses on skill development, communal harmony, an understanding of the Indian Constitution, democracy, and the rights and duties of citizens. The program is structured around various academic sessions that will equip the Kashmiri youth with knowledge on a wide range of topics. Interactive sessions with social workers, CRPF officials, and school students are incorporated into the schedule, providing a platform for cross-cultural dialogue and understanding. Field visits to diverse locations, coupled with the exploration of socio-

cultural, economic, and environmental situations, aim to broaden the perspectives of the participants. One of the highlights of the program is the inclusion of traditional cultural programs from both West Bengal and the visiting Kashmiri youth. This cultural exchange promises to be a celebration of diversity, fostering mutual respect and appreciation for the rich heritage of each region. The Kashmiri Youth Exchange Programme is not merely a week-long event but a stepping stone towards building bridges of understanding and unity among the youth of our nation. By providing a platform for cultural exchange, knowledge sharing, and interaction, this initiative strives to create a generation that is not just aware of its roots but is also open-minded, tolerant, and appreciative of the diversity that makes India unique. As the participants embark on this transformative journey, the echoes of their experiences will undoubtedly resonate in the hills of Kashmir and the plains of West Bengal, fostering a sense of unity in diversity that lies at the heart of our nation.

ICSI Launches State-of-the-Art Corporate Governance Centre in Kolkata

Kolkata (ABHIJIT SETH): In a significant stride towards promoting corporate governance, research, and training, the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) recently inaugurated its third Centre for Corporate Governance, Research, and Training (CCGRT) in New Town, Kolkata. The inauguration ceremony, graced by Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose, the Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal, marked a momentous occasion for the institute and the corporate sector. Spread across an expansive 1.5-acre area in the Smart Green City of Kolkata, the ICSI CCGRT boasts a state-

of-the-art Educational Block covering 27,494 sq. ft. and a Hostel Block spanning 21,708 sq. ft. The Educational Wing is equipped with modern facilities, including classrooms, a library, two Moot Courts, a Conference Room, and an Auditorium capable of accommodating 300 people. The Hostel Wing, with 24 rooms and a Yoga/Meditation Centre, provides a conducive environment for learning and personal growth. The center also features a Badminton Court, an open-air theater surrounded by lush lawns, and other amenities designed to



enhance the overall learning experience. During the inauguration ceremony, Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose, the Hon'ble Governor of

in guiding and supporting the Corporate Boards of India Inc. As a part of the event, the Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal awarded meritorious students and members of the Institute who successfully completed their Post Membership Qualification. This recognition highlighted the dedication and excellence demonstrated by individuals within the Company Secretary profession. CS Manish Gupta, the President of ICSI, expressed his gratitude for the acknowledgment and appreciation received during the

ceremony. He emphasized the increasing role of Company Secretaries in the nation's journey towards becoming one of the strongest economies globally. Gupta highlighted that the establishment of the CCGRT reflects the ICSI's commitment to fostering growth, development, and adherence to values, ethics, and morality. In addition to the inauguration, the ICSI organized the Convocation Ceremony for the members of the Eastern Region for the year 2023. The ceremony took place in the newly inaugurated CS Deepak Kumar

Eminent Mythological author interacted with students at The Heritage School, Kolkata

Kolkata, (KCN): Eminent Mythological author Devdutt Pattanaik visited The Heritage School, Kolkata, on 8th December and interacted with the students and teachers of the School. During the interactive session, Mr. Pattanaik shared some of his books written for the young children on Ramayana, Mahabharata and many more.

The students were excited to know some of the wonderful stories in the Indian Mythology based on the scriptures and the value system.

Mr. Devdutt Pattanaik was welcomed by the School Principal, Ms. Seema Sapru. He met with the Chairman of the Heritage Group of Institutions, Mr. H. K. Chaudhary.

"The session was really



exciting and we love to have more such sessions in future," said Ms. Seema Sapru. "We must inculcate the teachings of Ramayana and Mahabharata in our curriculum since our students must know the

ancient values and Mr. Pattanaik's books are written in such a lucid and simple way that it encourages the students to read and think," said Mr. Pradip Agarwal, CEO, Heritage Group of Institutions, Kolkata.

Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute of City Organises National Seminar and Workshop on Transforming Film Education in India



Kolkata, (KCN): Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute is organising a three-day national seminar and workshop titled 'Transforming Film Education', which had a gala start today. The seminar was inaugurated today by Ms. Neerja Sekhar, Additional Secretary, Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Shri Avichal Raj Kapur, Joint Secretary, University Grant Commission delivered his keynote address.

The Director of SRFTI, Filmmaker Himansu Sekhar Khatua while welcoming eminent film makers, educationists, and panelists said that the desired outcome of this seminar is to bring all film institutions to a platform to formulate cohesive filmmaking pedagogy. He called for taking challenges in today's film education collectively.

Ms. Sekhar, in her inaugural speech marked the seminar as important and seminal for surging forth the much needed discussion of the role that film schools can play in being game changers in

the global entertainment landscape. She put forth ways in which film schools can cover gaps in skills and called for managerial leadership for students of film schools. She put in perspective the need to adapt film pedagogy to be in tune with the requirements of the fast changing entertainment industry.

It was followed by an insightful presentation by Dr. Kapur, an eminent educationist too and a key figure in implementing the National Education Policy 2020 in the country. He spoke in detail about the turning points in creating

awareness and now implementing the NEP. He shared the pivotal role UGC has played in bringing changes within the education policy aimed at producing globally competent but yet locally relevant graduates.

The day one of the three-day seminar concluded with a panel discussion on the Future of Filmmaking: An Industry perspective. Panelists C K Muraleedharan, Rakesh Ranjan, Sankalp Meshram, Amit Sen, Dr. Abhishek Kumar presented a road map that film schools can adopt and introspect aimed at creating an ecosystem of learning which are at

India, Whistling Woods International, K. R. Narayan National Institute of Visual Science and Arts Kerala, Roopkala Kendro, Dada Lakhmi Chand State University of Performing and Visual Arts, Biju Pattanaik Film & Amp Television Institute of Odisha, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, KIIT University, National Institute of Design, Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design & Amp Technology & AJK Mass Communication and Research Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia.

Experts such as Shri C.K. Murali Dharan and Chairman of the expert committee, Michael Manuel Joseph, Rakesh Ranjan, Pankaj Saxena, Amit Sen, Anupama Bose, Shankalp Meshram, Dhiraj Meshram, Utkarsha Kotian, Jijoy PR, Leenus L.K., Ganeswar Mohapatra, Susanta Bahinipati, Rakesh Das, Biswaranjan Behuria, Partha Vyas, Hitesh Chaurasia, Vipin Vijay, Dean, Dr. Sushrut Sharma, Registrar and all faculties and staff members of SRFTI were present on the occasion.

Khaitan Auditorium at the ICSI CCGRT Facility, providing a fitting venue for celebrating the achievements of the Institute's members in the region.

The launch of the ICSI CCGRT in Kolkata signifies a significant step towards strengthening corporate governance practices, promoting research and training, and nurturing the next generation of corporate leaders. As the institute continues to evolve, it reinforces its commitment to excellence, ethics, and the holistic development of its stakeholders in the ever-changing landscape of the corporate world.

State Hosts Odisha4Silicon

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Providing another impetus to the State's ambition of becoming a semiconductor hub, the State Government today hosted Odisha4Silicon-2023, a pioneering initiative to build a robust semiconductor ecosystem in the State. The event saw the gathering of numerous national and global stakeholders from the semiconductor and ESDM ecosystem.

Addressing the event through Video Message, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik accentuated that Odisha4Silicon-2023 will enable to create a vibrant semiconductor

ecosystem, driving innovation, economic growth, and generate employment opportunities for the people and help in achieving inclusive growth of the State. Electronics and IT Minister Tusharkanti Behera shared his valuable insights on the evolution of Odisha's tech ecosystem and the opportunities present in the semiconductor domain.

He reiterated State's strong commitment to positioning Odisha as a prime destination for investors, entrepreneurs, and innovators in both the IT and



semiconductor sectors. Among others, Chief Secretary Pradeep Jena, IT Principal Secretary Manoj Mishra and Principal Secretary, Skill Development and Technical Education

Department, Usha Padhee spoke on this occasion. During the event, three Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) were signed, paving the way for new

capacity building programs and in the promotion of the State's semiconductor ecosystem through organization of events and conceptualization of knowledge material. The MoU with global semiconductor giant Synopsys will involve collaboration in areas such as the O-Chip program, talent transformation, workforce development, readiness assessment of the state in semiconductor and VLSI domains, and internship and placement assistance to students of Odisha's engineering institutions.

The third MoU was signed with the Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC) to promote Electronics and IT/ITeS exports from the country. ESC will be provided with built up space to set up a dedicated office for Odisha. The event witnessed launching of pan-India Design Challenge under O-Chip being organized by Electropreneur Park, Bhubaneswar.

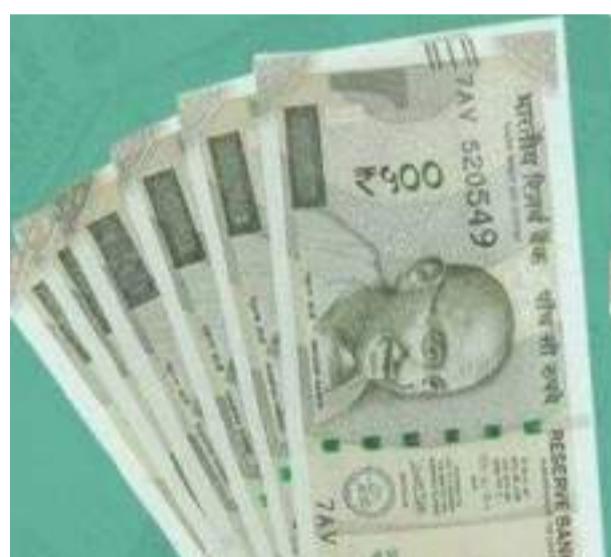
Besides, there are other several initiatives like launching of IESA Odisha Chapter, Campus Connect Program which aimed at fostering innovation, skill development, and industry-academia collaborations in the State. Odisha has notified its Semiconductor Manufacturing and Fabless Policy 2023 which is offering the most competitive and comprehensive bouquet of incentives to investors. Odisha's Policy stands apart from other policies by covering both fab and fabless units along with incentives for raw materials and supply chain units.

Credit Flow Touch 90K CR

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The state's credit disbursement swelled to around Rs 90,000 crore at the end of September this fiscal, which is more than 56 per cent of the target. This year, a total loan target of Rs 1,60,000 crore of Credit flow has been envisaged in annual Credit Plan (ACP) has been set.

According to information received in the recently held state-level bankers' committee meeting, the amount of loan disbursement in the state has increased in the current financial year as compared to the previous financial year.

At the end of September this financial year, various banks in the state have disbursed loans worth Rs 89,873.44 crore, which is 56.07 percent of the ACP. This is more than 19 per cent compared to the corresponding period of the last financial year. Axis Bank is at the forefront of lending. The



bank has provided 75.36 per cent of the target, followed by ICICI Bank with 72.52 per cent. Similarly, HDFC performed 63.81 per cent, Odisha Gramin Bank 63.56 per cent, while State Bank of India, one of the leading public sector banks in the state, disbursed loans of Rs 27,619.05 crore, which is 30.73 per cent of the target. Fourteen districts of the state are at the forefront of getting loans. In these

districts, more loans have been provided than the target. Bargarh is at the forefront of this.

The district has given 78.11 per cent loans, followed by Sundargarh (73.10 per cent), Cuttack (69.63 per cent) and Kalahandi (66.26 per cent). Similarly, 36.07 per cent loan has been given in Balasore, 36.40 per cent in Jajpur, 40.30 per cent in Kendrapara and 44.36 per cent in Rayagada. However, in Khordha

partnerships and collaborations in the semiconductor sector. As per the MoU with IESA, the association will facilitate Government of Odisha in development of

According to financial experts, Credit Deposit Ratio (CDR) has also increased due to the increase in the amount of credit disbursed in the state.

It stood at 81.75 per cent at the end of September this fiscal. Earlier, this amount was at a low level.

Earlier, banks used to collect large amounts of deposits from the state while lending was not commensurate of the level of deposit collection. However, due to regular monitoring by the senior officials of the state government to increase the lending from various sectors, the banks have shown inclination in this regard, due to which the credit mark in the state is close to Rs 90,000 crore as on 30 September, 2023.

SHM Turns Times Icon



Bhubaneswar(KCN): School of Hotel Management (SHM), faculty of hospitality and tourism management of Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (SOA), was chosen as the state's ICONIC Hospitality Management Institute for 2023 at the Times Hospitality

Icons event held here on Tuesday. Prof. Susant Ranjan Chaini, Dean of SHM, received the honour on behalf of SHM from actor Shamita Shetty for being a responsible and upwardly mobile hospitality institute.

Prof. Chaini, along with Sudarshan Pattnaik, International Sand Artist, Samir Hans, Vice-President, Restaurant Association of Odisha and Priyanath Behera, Vice-President, Swosti Group of Hotels, provided his insights about the hospitality sector of Odisha and the role of institutes like SHM in grooming future hospitality managers.

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Talks On Over Rules To Seize Electronic Devices: Centre To Supreme Court

New Delhi (KCN): Several rounds of talks have been held in order to formulate guidelines for seizure of electronic devices like mobile phones and laptops of individuals, especially those from the media, in the course of criminal investigations, the Centre told the Supreme Court today.

It said until the time the new guidelines are put in place, central probe agencies will follow the CBI manual for search and seizure of such equipment.

The top court had on November 7 asked the Centre to put in place guidelines on seizure of electronic devices of individuals, particularly media professionals, saying impounding equipment without following a regulation was a serious matter.

Additional Solicitor General (ASG) S Raju, appearing for the Centre, told a bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia that the authorities concerned have deliberated on the proposed guidelines several times.



"ASG submits that in the

conspectus of the

existing CBI manual and

the Karnataka cyber

crime investigation

manual and the

suggestions put forth by

the petitioners, a number

of discussions have been

held and he would come

up with something

within six weeks," the

bench noted.

"In the meantime, he assures the court that for the time being, at least the CBI manual will be followed by all the central government agencies," it said.

The top court was hearing two petitions, including one filed by 'Foundation For Media Professionals', seeking comprehensive guidelines for search and seizure of digital devices by investigative

agencies.

Raju said finalisation of

the guidelines will take

some time as

consultation was also

required with forensic

laboratories and experts.

"The problem is this. In

the interregnum period,

it is in limbo...," the

bench observed, adding

one of the petitions in the

matter was filed in 2021.

"That is why they

(petitioners) are

concerned. How much

time do you feel you

require," the court asked

Raju, adding, "You are

holding meetings but

when will the output

come." The ASG told the

court it will take at least

one month to come out

with the guidelines.

"Don't make it the bare

minimum. Make it

maximum," the bench said.

Workshop on causes and Diagnosis of Bleeding



Bhubaneswar: Apollo Hospital Hematology Department is organizing one workshop on diagnosis and management of Thrombotic disorders under the aegis of herpetology. On 2nd Nov,

2023. The Diagnosis of these disorders is very important which affects people of all ages. Making proper diagnosis and giving appropriate treatment will save many lives particularly the medical fraternity of odisha.

Texmaco-SSFMPL JV Secures for Arun-3 Hydroelectric Power Plant Project in Nepal

Kolkata: Texmaco-SSFMPL JV, a collaborative effort led by Texmaco, has recently secured a contract with Sajjan Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) Arun-3 Power Development Company Limited (SAPDC) for the construction of the Arun-3 hydroelectric power plant, a 900MW run-of-the-river hydropower project presently under development in Nepal. The Texmaco-SSFMPL JV, entrusted with an order valued at Rs 179.89 crore from SJVN Arun-3 Power Development Company Limited, is poised to play a pivotal role in advancing this crucial project. The scope of work encompasses an array of responsibilities, including procurement, fabrication, shop assembly, painting, testing, transportation, supply, erection, site testing, and commissioning of the Pressure Shaft Steel Liner. This significant task involves the installation of two lanes

of Pressure Shaft Steel Liner with a substantial diameter of 5500mm, two bifurcations, four branches with a diameter of 4000mm each, along with all necessary accessories. The total estimated tonnage for this undertaking stands at a formidable 4700 metric tonnes.

The Arun-3 hydroelectric power plant, administered under the build, own, operate, and transfer (BOOT) model, is a collaborative endeavour between India's SJVN and the Government of Nepal. SAPDC, a wholly owned subsidiary of SJVN, will oversee the plant's operation for a period of 25 years, which excludes the initial five-year construction phase. Following this operational phase, ownership of the power plant will be transferred to the Nepal government. One of the most salient features of this agreement is the substantial benefit it bestows upon Nepal. Over the initial 25 years

of commercial operations, Nepal will receive 21.9% of the electricity generated by the Arun-3 power plant as free power. This underscores the exemplary cooperation between India and Nepal in harnessing the potential of renewable energy resources and reaffirms their commitment to strengthening bilateral relations.

On the joint venture, Sudipta Mukherjee, Deputy Managing Director, Texmaco Rail & Engineering Ltd., said, "Texmaco-SSFMPL JV is honoured to be entrusted with the responsibility of contributing to the Arun-3 hydroelectric power plant project in Nepal. We are committed to delivering excellence in every aspect of our work and in advancing renewable energy solutions. This venture exemplifies our dedication to sustainable progress."

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 gel 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.

LIC Mutual Fund Announces Completion of IDBI MF Schemes Merger

Mumbai : LIC Mutual Fund (LIC MF), one of the reputed fund houses in the Indian asset management industry, has announced the successful completion of the takeover of schemes of IDBI Mutual Fund (IDBI MF). The effective date of merger has July 29, 2023.

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KL Rahul set to reshape his career as middle-order bat across formats

New Delhi: On Tuesday night, KL Rahul embarked on his journey to South Africa, where he is set to lead the Indian team in three ODIs and feature in two Tests against the Proteas. It marks a significant shift in Rahul's career as he takes on a bigger role as wicketkeeper-batter. Labeling this as KL Rahul 2.0 might be a tad premature assessment, but it undeniably marks the early stages of a new chapter in his cricketing journey as the era of KL Rahul, the opener, is poised to become a relic of the past. It appears increasingly likely that he will not only handle the gloves in

the three ODIs but will take up the wicketkeeping duties in the Test matches as well. While Ishan Kishan has earned a spot in the 16-man squad, insider information suggests that Rahul will be the preferred choice for wicketkeeping over Ishan, just like he has done in ODIs for some time now. Over the coming months, particularly in the two Tests against South Africa, the subsequent five Tests against England, and the upcoming season of the Indian Premier League (IPL), Rahul's transformation into a middle-order batsman is expected to play in the

will be closely observed. Incidentally in the last Test he played, against Australia in New Delhi, he had opened the innings. There are compelling signs that Rahul is keen on establishing himself as a wicketkeeper-middle-order batsman. Once one takes up the keeping gloves, a middle-order slot may be the obvious position for a batter in Tests but he is working on his strike-rate to fit into the new role in all formats. Even for the Lucknow Super Giants in the IPL, where he has predominantly opened the innings, Rahul is

expected to play in the



middle order. A source familiar with the developments in the Indian team reveals, "He wants to evolve himself as a middle-order batsman across formats and establish himself there."

Despite being an opener for the majority of his career - he opened for

India in 44 Tests, 23 ODIs, and 55 T20Is in his nine-year international career -- Rahul is reportedly serious about this transition and aims to focus only on the middle-order slot. Understandably, he is emboldened by his recent success in the ODI format - particularly in the Asia Cup and the recent World Cup, where he scored an impressive 452 runs in 10 games at an average exceeding 75. Encouraged by his accomplishments in the middle order, Rahul is said to have engaged in discussions not only with the team management, including captain Rohit Sharma and coach Rahul Dravid but also with chief selector Ajit Agarkar. The primary objective is to secure a middle-order position across all formats, including

Twenty20 Internationals, where he has lost his spot. Those who know the discussions say Rahul appears determined to reclaim his T20I berth for the upcoming Twenty20 World Cup. In the IPL, where he has traditionally been an opener for his franchises, Rahul has explored the possibility of adapting to a middle-order role for the Lucknow Super Giants. Considering the presence of Quinton de Kock, Kyle Mayers, and new recruit Devdutt Padikkal - all recognized openers - in the Lucknow Super Giants side, discussions about a potential shift to the middle order have taken place.

Rana, Kamboj power Haryana into Vijay Hazare final

New Delhi: A controlled unbeaten ton from Himanshu Rana (116 off 118 balls) and a scathing spell from Anshul Kamboj (4/30) helped Haryana to trump Tamil Nadu by 63 runs in the Vijay Hazare semifinal encounter at the Saurashtra Cricket Stadium, Rajkot on Wednesday (December 13). Rana's heroics and his 132-run stand for the second wicket with Yuvraj Singh (65) got Haryana into a stable position and despite a mini-collapse, late cameos from Sumit Kumar and Harshal Patel got the team to a healthy total. The chase never got going for Tamil Nadu as they lost too many wickets upfront and were always playing catch up since. In the end, they fell well short. Opting to bat, Haryana lost opener



Ankit Kumar early to T Natarajan but Yuvraj along with Rana put the innings on track with a solid partnership. They weathered the early storm from Tamil Nadu's bowlers and steadily upped the tempo. The ominous partnership was broken as Natarajan returned for another spell

and it was a period where Haryana lost five wickets for just 60 runs. From eyeing a score in the 290-300 range, suddenly Haryana seemed in danger of folding under 275. However, Rana continued to hold fort and he stitched a crucial 75-run stand with Sumit who played a game-

changing blinder (48 off 30 balls). Harshal also struck a few lusty blows as Haryana got past the 290-run mark. The momentum from his cameo spurred Sumit on in his new-ball spell as he took out Baba Aparajith cheaply while Kamboj got rid of Hari Nishanth to leave Tamil Nadu reeling

early on. Narayan Jagadeesan hung around for a while but his innings lacked any fluency whatsoever. Eventually, he fell to the pressure of the mounting required rate. Baba Indrajith did produce a fifty and got some support from Dinesh Karthik and Ravisrinivasan Sai Kishore but Tamil Nadu were left with too much to do at the back end. Losing early wickets and not having a brisk start meant that Haryana were always a step ahead throughout the game and eventually entered the Vijay Hazare Trophy final for the first time. Brief scores: Haryana 293/7 in 50 overs (Himanshu Rana 116, Yuvraj Singh 65; T Natarajan 3-79) beat Tamil Nadu 230 in 47.1 overs (Baba Indrajith 64; Anshul Kamboj 4-30, Rahul Tewatia 2-50) by 63 runs.

"I have enjoyed my time at Hove the last couple of seasons and couldn't be

more delighted to be back again with the Sussex family," said Pujara, delighted to return to the county scene. "I am looking forward to joining the team and contributing to its success."

"I am delighted that Cheteshwar

is returning to Hove again for the first two months of the season," said Sussex Head Coach, Paul Farbrace, welcoming Pujara back to the team. "He is not just a high-quality player but is also a high-quality person. His experience and calmness in matches is a fantastic asset for our

team."

Daniel Hughes, on the other hand, has knocked the door down in the Australian domestic scene, forcing his way into the New South Wales Blues side on sheer weight of runs. In first-class cricket, Hughes averages 36.90

with a best knock of 178. In his 137 innings, Hughes has scored 26 half-centuries and eight centuries. Hughes won

claimed two Steve Waugh medals - 2017-18 and 2019-20, and was the Marsh One-Day Cup Player of the Season for the New South Wales Blues.

David Warner's UNBELIEVABLE Scoop Shot Off Shaheen Afridi Goes Viral



New Delhi: Australian batter David Warner has a way of saying that he is not finished yet in international cricket. He slammed a fifty on Day 1 of the first Test against Pakistan at Perth to make a big statement. Many are assuming that Warner is playing his last Test series but the 37-year-old wants to stay away from the talks of his retirement. He is just focussing on the job in hand, which is to bat well in the Pakistan Test series and he is doing a fine job at that.

Warner was batting on 72 off 67 balls at lunch on Day 1. With 11 fours and 1 six to his name so far, Warner has set things up nicely for

a hundred. That big six came off Shaheen Afridi's over. The leader of the Pakistan pace attack looked listless in the first session, bowling wider and too fuller which did not help his cause. Warner was at his premeditated best as he played with his bowling. In this instance when Warner scooped Shaheen for a six to the second tier of the stand in the fine leg region, Shaheen bowled a fuller delivery targeted at middle stump. Warner goes on back foot and then tries to scoop it from middle stump line. He takes eye off the ball but still manages to make the connection, falling

down on the ground in the process.

Warner was previously heavily criticised by his former teammate Mitchell Johnson, who said that he does not get why Warner is getting a farewell Test series when he is the one who is completely out of form. Johnson had also brought the ball-tampering scandal episode back into the debate, saying that those who denied Australia's pride did not deserve any farewell series. The opening batter has got support from Usman Khawaja. But Warner played down the comments made by Johnson, saying that everyone had a right to make an opinion.

If Warner goes on to score a hundred in the first Test, it will be interesting to see how he celebrates it. Warner has definitely toned down his anger since the 2018 ball tampering episode but he may want to reignite the older self when he gets to the three-figure mark.

Mohammed Shami's Stellar Performance In Cricket World Cup 2023 Earns Arjuna Award Nomination



New Delhi: India's cricketing sensation, Mohammed Shami, has been nominated for the prestigious Arjuna Award, following his outstanding performance in the ICC World Cup 2023. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) made a special request to the Sports Ministry to include Shami's name after he was initially overlooked for the honour. This recognition comes on the heels of his exceptional contribution to India's near-successful World Cup campaign.

In a thrilling World Cup journey, Shami emerged as the leading wicket-taker with an impressive tally of 24 wickets in just seven outings. Despite being benched for the first four games, Shami seized the opportunity,

showcasing his prowess with an average of just 5.26. His stellar performance played a crucial role in India's journey to the final, where they narrowly lost to Australia.

Sources reveal that the BCCI lobbied for Shami's inclusion in the Arjuna Award nominations, recognizing his exceptional skills and pivotal role in India's

participation in India's upcoming two-match Test series against South Africa. The 33-year-old speedster is expected to play a pivotal role in the matches scheduled for December 26 in Centurion and January 3 in Cape Town. The Ministry has constituted a 12-member committee, headed by retired Supreme Court Justice AM Khanwilkar, to decide this year's sports awards, including the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award and the Arjuna Award. The committee comprises former international athletes, including hockey player Dhanraj Pillay, former cricketer Anjum Chopra, and others, ensuring a comprehensive evaluation of nominees.