

was obviously involved 2014 and 2015 with RCB and then picked up in 2018, but missed out with injury. And then have really prioritised international cricket and wanted to prioritise Test cricket there as well and playing as much and as well as I could for Australia. And then coming into the back end of this year and, into next year, is a lot quieter on the international scene for the Australian group. So a great chance to get back involved in the IPL. Obviously there's a T20 World Cup coming up mid next year as well, and a good chance to play some really, really competitive T20 cricket in the best T20 league going round with the world-class players

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Cold wave sweeps Odisha; G Udaygiri coldest place at 6.5 degree Celsius

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Odisha Governor writes to CM on issues faced by people in Angul, Dhenkanal



ASHA workers urged the government to construct a 'Mamata Gruha' for health check-up and counselling of pregnant women, the governor said.

The governor also narrated how the people brought to his notice the water pollution caused by mining operations of Mahanadi Coalfield Limited (MCL) and its

New Delhi(KCN): The Lok Sabha (LS) was Tuesday adjourned amid uproar by opposition MPs and 49 opposition MPs were suspended for the remainder of Winter Session, including Congress MP Manish Tewari, Shashi Tharoor, NCP's Supriya Sule and NC MP Farooq Abdullah. Other MPs suspended included Karti Chidambaram, Kinwar Danish Ali, Sudip Bandhopadhyay, Abdul Smad, Pradyut Bardoloi, Geeta Kora, SR Parthiban, A Ganeshmoorthy, Mala Rai, A Chellakumar, Dimple Yadav, Hasnain

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“However, they are bringing the placards and disrespecting the chair. Their desperation is clearly visible after the results of five state assembly elections,” Joshi said.

“We are taking this step on a very sad note as they are

disrespecting the chair and the people,” he said. Meanwhile, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal moved the motion to suspend the MPs for remainder of the session for utter “disregard”, raising slogans and bringing

Dropout rate at 27% in Class-X, not 49.9% as stated by Centre: Odisha govt

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Odisha government Tuesday claimed that the dropout rate in Class-X was 27 per cent in the state in 2021-22 and not 49.9 per cent as stated by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan in the Lok Sabha a day before. Odisha School Education Programme Authority Director Anupam Shah asserted that the Centre's data did not include the number of students admitted to various industrial training schools after passing the 10th standard. He also said the School and Mass Education Department will soon clarify its stand on the prevailing dropout rates at the school level.

Responding to a question on Odisha registering the highest dropout rate of 49.9 per cent in Class-X in 2021-22, he said, the data released by the Centre was old. “The data released by the Centre did not include the number of students admitted to different industrial training schools. The overall dropout rate at present (2022-23) in Odisha would be 17 per cent,” Shah told PTI. He explained that the dropout rate is calculated by comparing the number of students in Class-XI in a year and the same in Class-X in the previous year. “However, there is no mention of students who pass the 10th standard and

placards. The house passed the resolution with a voice vote. Following the suspension of 49 MPs, the House was adjourned till 2 p.m.³³ Lok Sabha MPs and 45 Rajya Sabha MPs were suspended Monday. 13 Lok Sabha MPs and one Rajya Sabha MP were also suspended December 14. The opposition bloc has been demanding for a statement by Home Minister Amit Shah over the December 13 Parliament security breach and revocation of suspension of MPs suspended December 18 and 14.

take admissions to technical and vocational schools, polytechnic and open schools across the state," the official said. The dropout rate in Class-X stands at 20.6 per cent as of 2021-22 with Odisha being the worst performing state in this regard followed by Bihar, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan informed the Lok Sabha Monday. The dropout rate in Class-X was 49.9 per cent in Odisha and 42.1 per cent in Bihar, Pradhan said in his written response. Meanwhile, the opposition BJP and the Congress slammed the BJD government in the state over the "rising" dropout rates in schools.

Spread Happiness Foundation Takes Health Awareness to Odisha's Tribal Heartland: Kandhamala

Pune, Maharashtra (KCN) : In a significant stride towards community health, the renowned NGO, Spread Happiness Foundation, hailing from Maharashtra, Pune, extended its philanthropic arm to the tribal district of Kandhamala in Odisha. The foundation successfully organized a comprehensive health awareness camp in the Chakapada block of Kandhamala district, held at Swami Laxmanananda Saraswati Ashram. The health camp

garnered substantial participation, with hundreds of women, including college students and schoolgirls, actively engaging in the informative sessions. Noteworthy cooperation came from esteemed social worker Subhakakanta Nayak and Ashram Swami Krishnananda Ji, who collaborated to ensure the camp's success. Founder Chairman Mr. Soumya Ranjan spearheaded the awareness campaign, shedding light on general hygiene practices crucial for combating cervical



cancer, breast cancer, and maintaining menstrual hygiene. The event saw active involvement from senior citizens, local women, and elected representatives, including Panchayat Samit Sabhya. The interactive session proved to be a platform for many college students to seek clarifications on various health-related issues. The local community commended the organization for bringing such a crucial awareness camp from Maharashtra to Odisha, reaching the heart of a tribal village. Elected representatives acknowledged the importance of such initiatives in fostering health consciousness in tribal areas. Founder Chairman Mr. Soumya Ranjan affirmed the organization's commitment to conducting similar programs in the upcoming days, further amplifying awareness in tribal regions of Odisha. Spread Happiness Foundation remains steadfast in its mission to enhance the well-being of communities through proactive health initiatives and education.

Principal Dr. Laxman Sahoo Honored Ananya Education



Cuttack (KCN): Dr. Laxman Sahoo, Principal of Cuttack Mahanadi Vihar Women's Degree College and head of the Department of Orthodontics and prominent columnist, has been honored with the Ananya Education

Award-23 by Aam Bhasha Sahitya (Ananya). Dr. Sahoo participated as the guest of honor in this literary-cultural-intellectual forum and delivered a summative speech on the role of literature in the improvement of education. In this, the

writer Anne, Einstein, who received the Nobel Prize for the world-famous novel 2022 in French, and a prominent writer in Bengali language and the MLA of the West Bengal Legislature, Sankarbyi, gave information about the autobiography of more than 500 pages of struggle and the contribution of literature in the field of education. did. Dr. Laxman Sahoo is well known as a successful author and columnist. His e-books on Jagannath culture and tradition, Sri Jagannath: Niskarsha and 'Srashta Srusti Drasta of Odiya literature' have been read and highly praised by lakhs of readers. While Dr. Sahoo conducts research on

ancient to modern literature, he also engages in literary discussions with fellow students and writes columns on current affairs. Earlier, he has received various awards such as Shri Ganesh Award, Ms. Prabhandhika Award, Eminent Educator Award, Mayadhar Mansingh Smuti Award, Columnist-2020 Award, Gyana Sarathi Award, Saraswat Preeti Upahar Award, Banipitha Award, Columnist Trophy, Kaivalya Award, Saraswat Award-2022 etc. Done. Dr. Sahoo expressed gratitude to the founder of our language literature, Dr. Narayan Senapati, President of the Sasanda Mr. Narasingh Charan Senapati and activists.

Hilsa Spawn Ranching in upstream of Farakka Barragr in river Ganga under Hilsa Ranching Programme

Kolkata, (KCN): As a part of Hilsaspawn ranching activity, under Namami Gange programme a spawn ranching was conducted on 17th December, 2023 at middle stretch of River Ganga, Farakka. During the event more than fifteen thousand spawn (15000) of Hilsa, breed in Hilsa ranching station at Farakka were ranched by the hand of Dr. B.K. Das, Director, ICAR-CIFRI Barrackpore, in river Ganga under third phase of NMCG project. Dr. B. K. Das, Principle Investigator,

NMCG Project, ICAR-CIFRI highlighted the significance of the ranching program and informed that, till date CIFRI have ranched more than 25 thousand Hilsa spawns in different region of middle stretches of river Ganga covering West Bengal, Jharkhand under third phase of NMCG project. He also said that due to this continuous ranching programme fisher of Farakka, W.B. to Gajipur, Uttar Pradesh is getting Hilsa during their regular fishing activities. He also stated that reason behind

decrease hilsa population in middle stretch of river Ganga is disfunction of hilsa migration pathway situated at Farakka barrage. So under NMCG project ICAR-CIFRI ranched hilsa spawn and juvenile in the middle stretch of river Ganga to cope up with this problem since last five years and central government of India also trying to reconstruct hilsa migratory pathway for increasing availability of hilsa in near future. It will in turn help the poor fisherman in near future and also improve their livelihood simultaneously.

He also mentioned that fish availability is increased from 8 to 14% in recent years this huge increase will certainly have positive impact on fishermen income and livelihood which definitely strengthened the "Arth Ganga" concept of NMCG. He also aware the fishermen not to indulge in destructive fishing methods like use of small mesh size net for juvenile Hilsa catch, poisoning the river bed for fishing etc. The overall program was successfully conducted with the whole hearted support from the CIFRI-NMCG team.

DAV, KALINGA NAGAR CELEBRATED ITS ANNUAL DAY ‘PANCHAJANYA-a symbol of sheer success’

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): DAV Public School celebrated its annual day “PANCHAJANYA” amidst great zest, enthusiasm and jubilation with a distinct spark given to the occasion to mark its glorious journey so far. Prof. (Dr.) Karuna Kar Nanda, Director, Institute of Physics, Bhubaneswar was the Chief Guest on the occasion. In the formal meeting organized in this connection, Chairman of the school S.J. Madan Mohan Panda delivered the welcome address which recounted the long struggle that the school had to pass

through in order to reach its present stature while Principal Mr. Balaram Mohapatra presented the annual report that echoed with the glorious achievements of the students in different spheres highlighting the glorious trajectory of the school from its humble beginning to its majestic presence till date. In his address to the audience, the chief guest emphasised on the important role played by school in general and DAV institutions in particular in providing quality education to students and for their upliftment in all spheres of excellence. On this occasion, the chief guest

and other dignitaries felicitated the meritorious students as well as their parents for their contribution. Mr. Tapan Kumar Panda and Mrs. Swagatika Panda, parents of Priyansu Panda were awarded ‘Parents of the Year Award’. Miss Abha Priyadarshini and Miss Srilagna Rath bagged the Medha Award for the session while Miss Snehansu Suvar Miss Pyosmi Sahoo the Best All-Rounders of classes XII and X for the session 2023-24 were honoured with ‘J.P. Memorial Award and Premananda Mangaraj award respectively. It was followed by a colourful cultural extravaganza

meticulously presented by more than 750 students from L.K.G to XII. The dignitaries present on the occasion includes, Asst. Regional Officer cum Principal of DAV, Unit-8 and Manager of the School Mrs. Ipsita Das, Asst. Regional Officer-cum Principal DAV Public School, Chandrasekharpur Dr. Sujata Sahoo, Principals of DAV Public schools of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack, Members of PTCC and School Managing Committee. The celebration was a great success and this was made possible by the whole-hearted support and co-operation of all the students and staff members.



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SS Rajamouli Brews Candid Conversation With Prashanth Neel, Prabhas, and Prithviraj Sukumaran

Ahead of the release of 'Salaar Part 1: CeaseFire', starring Prabhas and directed by Prashanth Neel, ace director SS Rajamouli interviews Prabhas, director Prashanth Neel and Prithviraj Sukumaran. Following the massive response to the teaser, trailer and the songs the film is doing magic in the advance booking which was opened recently. In a recent surprise, the makers Hombale Films made a special announcement revealing an exciting announcement of the interview ahead of the film's release on Tuesday, December 19th.

Sharing the teaser of the interview, makers wrote, "The special interview with @ssrajamouli garu and the dynamic trio of #Salaar will be released this Tuesday, December 19th. Stay tuned for the full interview. #Prabhas #PrashanthNeel @PrithviOfficial #SalaarCeaseFire #SalaarCeaseFireOnDec22" The anticipation of the



audiences for the excitement is sure to be raised as watching the trio SS Rajamouli - Prashanth Neel and Prabhas together is one of a kind experience. Hombale Films, Salaar: Part 1: Ceasefire will star Prabhas along with Prithviraj Sukumaran, Shruti Haasan, and Jagapathi Babu. Made under the direction of Prashanth Neel, the film is produced by Vijay Kiragandur. The film will be released in theatres on December 22, 2023.

The Salaar: Part 1 - Ceasefire also marks the

biggest collaboration of the two powerhouses of Indian cinema, the KGF director Prashanth Neel and 'Baahubali' star Prabhas, who are coming together for the first time to create this mega action-packed cinematic spectacle. Prabhas plays the titular character of Salaar in the film, along with an ensemble cast of Prithviraj Sukumaran, Shruti Haasan, and Jagapathi Babu. The movie has been produced by Vijay Kiragandur under Hombale Films. Few months ago, makers unveiled the teaser of the film. The teaser delivers

glimpses of the thrilling action from the extensive universe created by Neel. Well-studded with massive scale and ensemble cast, the makers have treated the viewers to some eye-catching glimpses in the violent teaser. In the less than 2-minute teaser, veteran actor Tinnu Anand can be seen in a fearless avatar surrounded by several armed men who point their guns at him and are ready to fire and it further goes on to introduce Prabhas, as if hinting that he is the king of the jungle.

Fans Flock To Meet Shah Rukh Khan In MASSIVE Numbers At 'Dunki' Event In Dubai

As Shah Rukh Khan's much-awaited Dunki is all set for its in this week, the superstar has kick-started its promotional journey in full force. Leaving the audience excited, SRK is leaving no stone unturned by

spreading his charm across the world. Kickstarting the promotional journey from Dubai, SRK received a grand welcome from the people on the Dunki Day 1 promotion with

a grand setup for his entry at the Global Village. SRK recently visited VOX Cinemas Dubai and it took no time for the audience to go insane on his entry. Dubai gave a grand

welcome to SRK as he visited Deira City Centre for the VOX cinemas event. Hooting and cheering of the people filled the auditorium while SRK spread his charm as always.

Disha Patani Misses Sushant Singh Rajput As 'MS Dhoni: The Untold Story' Clocks 7 Years, Says 'Couldn't Say Goodbye'

Actor Disha Patani remembered late actor Sushant Singh Rajput on the occasion of their film 'MS Dhoni: The Untold Story' 7th anniversary. Taking to Instagram, Disha shared a clip from the movie featuring herself and Sushant. Sharing the video, she wrote, "Grateful for this beautiful journey and my first film in Hindi cinema Love whole heartedly and cherish the ones who make you happy safe and heard life's too short for regrets! We couldn't say goodbye but i hope

you're happy and at peace" As soon as she shared the video, fans and industry friends chimed in the comment section. Actor Anil Kapoor wrote, "Phenomenal scene .. both of you are so good ..." One of the users wrote, "One of the finest scenes from this movie" Another commented, "Miss u SSR." Helmed by Neeraj Pandey, 'MS Dhoni: The Untold Story' biopic is on one of the most celebrated cricketers in our country, Mahendra



Singh Dhoni. The film was released in 2016 and saw the late Sushant Singh Rajput essaying the role of Dhoni. It also starred Kiara Advani. Disha, with her girl-next-door appeal and million-dollar smile, instantly became the talk of the town. Her chemistry with Sushant was widely appreciated. The biopic turned out to be one of the biggest hits of Sushant's career, who went on to receive several nominations in the Best Actor category at that year's awards ceremonies for his performance in the film.

Leo Advance Booking: Vijay's Action-Thriller To Become Highest Tamil Opener In UK

The overseas market for films from South cinema have opened up in a big way post blockbuster releases like 'KGF', 'Pushpa', 'Jailer' among others. Movie buffs who are in abroad have their eyes set on Thalapathy's Vijay's upcoming Tamil film 'Leo: Bloody Sweet'. The film is expected to get a grand opening in the UK as indicated by the advance booking of the movie tickets. 'Leo' has already beaten the record set by Mani Ratnam's 'Ponniyin Selvan I' in advance booking. The film marks Vijay and filmmaker

Lokesh Kanagaraj's reunion after the 2021 blockbuster 'Master'. Taran Adarsh shared a report on advance booking of the film in the UK and posted on X, "VIJAY: 'LEO' SETTING NEW BENCHMARKS... #ThalapathyVijay's #Leo is SHATTERING RECORDS #Overseas. Distributed in #UK and #Europe by #AhimsaEntertainment, with 19 days left, the film has already taken the #Tamil* Day 1 #BO crown in #UK from the previously held #PS1. #Leo is targeting to



surpass the current single-day earnings for an INDIAN film in #UK, a record presently held by #Pathaan."

The Lokesh Kanagaraj directorial has begun on an excellent start and has already crossed USD 100K in the US for the

Kho Gaye Hum Kahan: Aditya Roy Kapur, Suhana Khan, Shanaya Kapoor Exude Uber Cool Vibes At Screening

Ahead of the highly-anticipated release of Zoya Akhtar-directorial 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan', the makers organized a special screening in Mumbai. Aditya Roy Kapur, Suhana Khan, Shanaya Kapoor, amid others turned up for the glittery event. Ananya Panday, Siddhant Chaturvedi, and Adarsh Gourav-starrer 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan' is slated for a December 26 release.

Helmed by debutant director Arjun Varain Singh, 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan' is a 'coming-of-digital-age' story about three friends in their mid-20s navigating

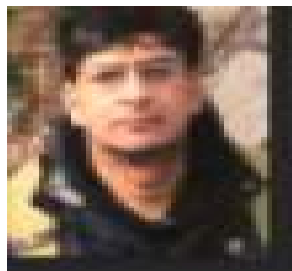


life in the world of social media. Adarsh Gourav shared, "I am incredibly grateful to producers and filmmakers like Zoya Akhtar, who believe in actors like me who have carved their own paths. Zoya is a dynamic director with an impeccable eye for talent, and I feel privileged to be a part of her much-awaited project, 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan'. I find myself lucky to be working and collaborating with such great minds and the fact that they recognise my work and have given me roles like the one in 'Kho Gaye'. In the movie, the captivating narrative revolves around the lives of Imaad (Siddhant Chaturvedi), Ahana (Ananya Panday), and Neil (Adarsh Gourav). This relatable tale follows the intertwined journeys of these three best friends as they navigate the challenges of aspirations, relationships, and emotions, offering a glimpse into their shared experiences and personal growth against the bustling cityscape of Mumbai.

'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan' chronicles the lives of Imaad (Siddhant Chaturvedi), Ahana (Ananya Panday) and Neil (Adarsh Gourav), through the very relatable journey of three best friends together navigating aspirations, relationships and emotions. Bringing their infectious energy from reel to real, the young and dynamic cast helped turn a wall on the bustling street in Mumbai into a vibrant mural capturing their friendship and inviting the crowds to join their journey as they kick off the promotions for the film. 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan' is set to arrive on December 26 on Netflix.

gross. 'Leo' is all set to arrive in theatres worldwide on October 19. The much-awaited film stars Vijay and Trisha, alongside Sanjay Dutt, Arjun Sarja, Gautham Vasudev Menon, Mansoor Ali Khan and Mysskin. The film was officially announced in January 2023 with tentative title 'Thalapathy 67', as it is Vijay's 67th film as a lead actor. Apart from Tamil, it is expected to be released in dubbed versions including Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Hindi languages.

Wildlife trade and trafficking: A monumental challenge for biodiversity conservation



Wildlife trade and trafficking refer to the illegal buying, selling, and exchange of wild animals and their derivatives, such as skins, feathers, bones, and other products. This illicit trade is a significant global issue that poses serious threats to biodiversity, ecosystems, and the survival of many species. It involves both flora and fauna, but in this response, I'll focus on wildlife trafficking related to animals.

Key points about wildlife trade and trafficking:

Scope and Reasons: Wildlife trafficking is a lucrative and widespread criminal enterprise that occurs both domestically and internationally. It is driven by various factors, including demand for exotic pets, traditional medicine, fashion items (e.g., fur coats), and souvenirs made from animal parts. Some animals are also trafficked for use in entertainment, like performing in circuses or shows.

Impact on Biodiversity: Wildlife trafficking has severe consequences for biodiversity and

ecosystems. Many trafficked species are already endangered or vulnerable, and their removal from the wild can disrupt food chains, reduce genetic diversity, and weaken ecosystems. If not properly managed, this can lead to imbalances in nature and the decline of entire species.

Illegal Trade Routes: Wildlife trafficking networks often operate across borders, making it challenging for law enforcement to combat the issue effectively. These networks are well-organized and exploit loopholes in legal systems and corruption, which further complicates efforts to stop the trade.

Environmental Consequences: Trafficking involves smuggling animals, often in inhumane conditions, which can result in the spread of diseases among species and even to humans. Additionally, trafficking may lead to the introduction of invasive species to new regions, causing harm to native wildlife and ecosystems.

Impact on Local Communities: Wildlife trafficking can have negative effects on the livelihoods and safety of local communities. In some cases, it can foster conflict between communities involved in trafficking and those working to protect

wildlife.

Legislation and Enforcement: Many countries have laws and international agreements in place to combat wildlife trafficking, such as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). However, enforcement remains a challenge, especially in regions with limited resources and political instability.

Conservation Efforts: Alongside law enforcement, conservation organizations and governments work to combat wildlife trafficking through various means, including education, community engagement, habitat protection, and rehabilitation and release of confiscated animals.

Consumer Awareness: Raising awareness about the consequences of wildlife trafficking is crucial to reducing demand. Responsible consumer choices can have a positive impact on curbing the illegal trade.

Overall, addressing wildlife trade and trafficking requires a multi-faceted approach involving international cooperation, stringent law enforcement, conservation efforts, and public awareness campaigns. By working together, we

can help protect endangered species and preserve the Earth's natural heritage for future generations. Controlling wildlife trade and trafficking illegal trade and

Saikat Kumar Basu

specific laws targeting wildlife crime, increasing penalties for offenders, and establishing specialized law enforcement units dedicated to investigating and combatting wildlife trafficking.



trafficking is a complex and challenging task that requires a coordinated effort from governments, law enforcement agencies, conservation organizations, and the public. Here are some key strategies to help combat this issue:

Strengthen Legislation and Enforcement: Countries should enact and enforce strict laws and penalties against wildlife trafficking. This includes creating

International Cooperation: Since wildlife trafficking is often a transnational crime, international cooperation is crucial. Governments should work together to share information, intelligence, and resources to track and dismantle trafficking networks that operate across borders.

Improved Border Control and Customs: Strengthening border controls and customs enforcement can help prevent the illegal transportation of wildlife and wildlife

products across borders. This includes the use of advanced technology, sniffer dogs, and trained personnel to identify and intercept trafficked animals and products. Public Awareness and Education: Raising awareness among the public about the consequences of

communities in conservation efforts, the motivation to participate in illegal wildlife trade can be diminished. Conservation and Habitat Protection: Protecting natural habitats and implementing conservation efforts are essential in preventing wildlife trafficking. When habitats are preserved and well-managed, it becomes more challenging for traffickers to access and exploit vulnerable species. Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release: Rescued animals from wildlife trafficking need proper care, rehabilitation, and release back into the wild whenever possible. Wildlife rescue centers play a vital role in this process.

Technology and Data Analysis: Advanced technologies like artificial intelligence, drones, and data analysis can aid in monitoring and identifying wildlife trafficking hotspots and patterns, helping law enforcement target their efforts effectively. Disrupting Online Platforms: Wildlife traffickers increasingly use online platforms for illegal trade. Collaborating with tech companies to

monitor and remove illegal wildlife trade advertisements and listings can significantly curb the online trafficking of wildlife products. Tackling Corruption: Corruption within law enforcement agencies can hinder efforts to combat wildlife trafficking. Governments should work to root out corruption and ensure that those involved in protecting wildlife act with integrity. International Trade Regulation: Support and comply with international agreements such as CITES, which regulate the international trade of endangered species and their products. Combating wildlife trafficking requires a sustained and comprehensive approach, involving a combination of legal, enforcement, educational, and conservation efforts. It is a global problem that demands cooperation and collaboration at national, regional, and international levels to protect our planet's biodiversity and preserve threatened species for future generations.

Supporting Local Communities: Engaging and supporting local communities living near wildlife habitats is essential. By providing alternative livelihood options and involving

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Stimulating Labour Bazaar Circumstances Destabilize Social Justice



The global outlook for labour markets deteriorated significantly during 2022. Emerging geopolitical tensions, the Ukraine conflict, an uneven recovery from the pandemic, and ongoing bottlenecks in supply chains have created the conditions for a stagflation episode, the first period of simultaneously high inflation and low growth since the 1970s. Policymakers face a challenging trade-off as they deal with elevated inflation in an environment of incomplete jobs recovery. Most countries have not yet returned to the levels of employment and hours worked seen at the end of 2019, before the outbreak of the COVID-19 health crisis. Yet, a series of supply shocks, predominantly in food and commodities markets, have raised

producer prices, causing spikes in consumer price inflation and pushing major central banks into a more restrictive policy stance. In the absence of corresponding increases in labour incomes, the cost-of-living crisis directly threatens the livelihoods of households and risks depressing aggregate demand. Many countries have accumulated a significant amount of debt, in part to address the severe fallout from the pandemic. The risk of a global debt crisis therefore looms large, jeopardizing the fragile recovery in many frontier markets. In the midst of these challenging circumstances, a major decent work deficit persists around the world, undermining social justice. Hundreds of millions of people lack access to paid employment. Those who are employed all too often lack access to social protection and fundamental rights at work, the majority of workers being informal or unable to express

their interests through social dialogue. Incomes are highly unequally distributed, such that many workers fail to escape poverty. Labour market prospects are highly unequal, not only across but also within countries. Gender gaps exist in all areas of the world of work, and young people face particular challenges. Informality and working poverty rose further with the COVID-19 crisis. Despite the recovery that started in 2021, the ongoing shortage of better job opportunities is likely to worsen with the projected slowdown, pushing workers into jobs of worse quality and depriving others of a decent work social protection. Real labour incomes fall when prices outpace nominal incomes. The resulting downward pressure on demand in high-income countries impacts low- and middle-income countries through global supply chain (GSC) linkages. In addition, persistent disruptions to supply chains threaten employment prospects

and job quality, especially in frontier markets, further reducing their prospects of a swift labour market recovery. In sum, an environment of high and persistent uncertainty has emerged globally, depressing business investment, especially of small and medium-sized enterprises, eroding real wages and pushing workers back into informal employment. Progress in poverty reduction achieved over the previous decade has largely faltered and convergence in living standards and work quality is coming to a halt as productivity growth slows worldwide, making decent work deficits more difficult to overcome. Decent work is fundamental to social justice. Households rely overwhelmingly on labour income generated by decent work opportunities that offer a fair income, security in the workplace and social protection. The global jobs gap stood at 473 million people in 2022,

corresponding to a jobs gap rate of 12.3 per cent. The global jobs gap is a new measure of the unmet need for employment in the world. It consists of the 205 million unemployed – corresponding to an unemployment rate of 5.8 per cent – and 268 million people who have an unmet need for employment but are outside the labour force because they do not satisfy the criteria to be considered unemployed. This jobs gap is particularly large for women and in developing countries. Although men and women currently face similar global unemployment rates, the jobs gap for women is 15.0 per cent, compared with 10.5 per cent for men. Personal and family responsibilities (including unpaid care work), discouragement by the lack of decent employment opportunities, and scarcity of possibilities for (re)training can prevent many people from seeking employment or limit their availability to work at short notice. Low-income and lower-middle-income countries

present high job gap rates, between 13 and 20 per cent, whereas upper-middle-income countries show a gap of around 11 per cent and high-income countries register a gap of only 8 per cent. Globally, around 2 billion workers were in informal employment in 2022. The incidence of informal employment declined by 5 percentage points between 2004 and 2019. Employment recovery from the COVID-19 crisis has been driven mainly by informal employment, which has caused a slight increase in the incidence of informality. Informality lacks many characteristics of the formal employment relationship that are important to advancing social justice. For example, the jobs are much less likely to give access to social protection systems than their formal counterparts. Overall, only 47 per cent of people worldwide are effectively covered by at least one social protection benefit, meaning that

more than 4 billion people still lack any social protection. In 2022, an estimated 214 million workers were living in extreme poverty (earning less than US\$1.90 per day per person in purchasing power parity [PPP] terms), corresponding to around 6.4 per cent of employed people. Low-income countries are estimated to have the same rate of extreme working poverty as in 2019, and a rising number of working poor. Without significant progress to break this stagnation, the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 1 – the eradication of poverty in all its forms – will be impossible. As nominal labour incomes fail to keep up with inflation, the cost-of-living crisis risks putting more people into absolute or relative poverty – where “relative poverty” equates to falling below a national poverty line. This risk is particularly elevated for those at the bottom of the highly unequal income distribution; the lower half of workers

globally earn only about 8 per cent of total labour income. Women and young people fare significantly worse in labour markets, a fact indicative of large inequalities in the world of work in many countries. Globally, the labour force participation rate of women stood at 47.4 per cent in 2022, compared with 72.3 per cent for men. The gap of 24.9 percentage points means that for every economically inactive man there are two such women. Young people (aged 15–24) face several difficulties in securing decent employment. Their unemployment rate is three times as high as that of adults (aged 25 or more). More than one in five – 23.5 per cent – of young people are not in education, employment or training (NEET).

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Second Day of Two - Day Workshop on Documentation of Antiquities & BHS in NMMA Format (Eastern Region)



Kolkata, (KCN):The Day-2 of the two- Day workshop on 'Documentation of Antiquities & BHS' started with a presentation on "Basics of Data Science and its Applications in Social Sciences " by Shri Akshat Mandloi, Associate Director, KPMG. It was followed by a presentation on "Documentation of Ancient Indian Coins, Seals and Sealings in Eastern India " by Dr. Susmita Basu Majumdar, Professor, Department of Ancient History and Culture, University of Calcutta.

Dr. G. Muthusankar, Head of GIS Projects, French Institute of Pondicherry delivered a

lecture on "Nature of GIS and its Applications in Archaeology. Dr. Elora Tried, Assistant Professor, SHS Nalanda University shared his ideas on "Documentation of Buddhist and Brahmanical Images in Eastern India". During the post-lunch session a discussion was held regarding pre-filled templates of antiquities. Dr. Sutapa Sinha, Professor and Head, Department of Islamic History & Culture Member of PG Faculty Council of Arts, University of Calcutta discussed "Documentation of Medieval Coins, Problems and Issues". Dr. Subha Majumdar,

Superintending Archaeologist, ASI, Mumbai Circle shared his experiences about "Documentation of Jain Images & Temples in Eastern India ". The Closing Ceremony was chaired by Dr. Madhulika Samanta, Director, NMMA, ASI New Delhi, Dr. Dillip Kumar Khamari, Regional Director (Eastern Region) and Dr. Rajendra Yadav, Superintending Archaeologist, ASI, Kolkata Circle. Certificates were distributed to the participants. The two days workshop was concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Rajendra Yadav, Superintending Archaeologist, ASI, Kolkata Circle.

Two- Day Regional Workshop (Hybrid Mode) on Documentation of Antiquities & BHS in NMMA Format



Kolkata, (KCN):A two-day Regional Workshop (Hybrid mode) on Documentation of Antiquities & BHS in NMMA format of The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) was inaugurated on December 18, 2023 at Salt Lake, Sector-1, Kolkata to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing among experts and scholars in the field of documentation of antiquities in the NMMA format, besides, training all academicians in professional manner to develop a common format of inventories of antiquities and archaeological objects across the country.

Dr. Gautam Sengupta, former Director General, Archaeological Survey of India was the Chief Guest at the inaugural function. Professor Kishore Kumar Basa, Director General, Archaeological Survey of India & Chairman, National Monuments Authority, New Delhi; Shri Biplab Roy, Administrator General and Official Trustee,

Govt. of West Bengal, Dr. Madhulika Samanta, Director, NMMA, Archaeological Survey of India; Dr. Dillip Kumar Khamari, Regional Director (Eastern Region), Kolkata shared their ideas with the scholars and academicians there. Dr. Rajendra Yadav, Superintending Archaeologist, Kolkata Circle extended the vote of thanks to the dignitaries. The inaugural session was followed by presentation by Dr. Madhulika Samanta, Director, NMMA on "National Databases on Monuments and Antiquities: From the Perspective of Archaeological Database Management", in which she spoke about NMMA, its objectives, targets and achievements. Prof. Sheila Mishra, Retired Professor & Head, Deccan College, Pune, gave a presentation on "Documentation of Archaeological Sites and their Geological Contexts". Prof. Shanti Pappu, Founder/Secretary, Sharma

Centre for Heritage Education, Chennai talked about "Documentation of Stone Artefacts as per NMMA". Dr. Rajendra Yadav, Superintending Archaeologist, ASI, Kolkata presented the documentation process of Built Heritage and Temples of Eastern India. The participants were imparted practical training on documentation in NMMA format. The workshop was attended by the archaeologists posted in the Circle offices, Excavation Branches and Museums of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the States of West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand and Odisha in Eastern India. Besides, representatives from local heritage organizations, Universities, State Archaeology & Museums, students and research scholars also participated in the workshop. Since the workshop was in hybrid mode, 44 participants attended the first day of the workshop online.

Investments under PMMSY

Kolkata, (KCN):In an answer to the unstarred question raised by MP of Bishnupur Constituency Shri Saumitra Khan in the Lok Sabha today, regarding the details of investments made so far in the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), State-wise, the incentives which have been given by the Ministry to startups and fish farms in the State of West Bengal during the last five years; and the details of the steps taken by the Ministry to promote easy credit availability for aquaculture entrepreneurs, fish farms and fishing activities, the Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Shri Purushottam Rupala

stated that State-wise investments approved during last three years and current years under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) have been furnished in Annexure-I. He also stated that, during the last five years and current financial year, the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (M o F A H & D) , Government of India has approved the proposal of the Government of West Bengal at a total cost of Rs.48651.26 lakh and the Central share of Rs.5261.37 lakh released for development of fisheries and aquaculture in the State based on the proposals received from the State Government. In

PMMSY, various activities approved to West Bengal for development of fish farm such as (i) 190 fish seed hatcheries with the cost of Rs.47.45 crore (ii) 48 hectare area for fish culture with cost of Rs.5.40 crore (iii) 62 unit of RAS with the cost of Rs.13.51 crore for intensive fish culture, (iv) 8 unit of Raceways with the cost of Rs.31.5 lakh (v) 343 unit of ornamental fisheries unit at a cost of Rs.23.21 crore. The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, he said, is implementing various schemes and programmes for holistic development of aquaculture sector

including financial assistance extended to fish farmers and fishers. The schemes implemented by Department of Fisheries, MoFAH&D include; (i) issuance of Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) to fishers and fish farmers since 2018-19 for fish farming and fishing in estuary and sea, fish fanning/ mariculture activities in estuaries and open sea and any other State specific fisheries and allied activities. (ii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries at a total central outlay of Rs 3000 crore implemented for a period of 5 years from 2015-16 to 2019-20, (iii) Fisheries

and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) with a total fund size of Rs 7522.48 crore for a period of 5 years from 2018-19 to 2023-24 for providing concessional finance (iv) Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) with an investment of Rs.20,050 crore for a period of 5 years from 2020-21 to 2024-25. According to Shri Rupala, Under PMMSY, 190 unit of Replacement of boats and nets at a cost of Rs.8.15 crore, modernisation of four fishing harbours at a cost of Rs.109.42 crore has been approved to West Bengal. 14918 KCC have also been issued to the fishers and fish farmers of West Bengal.

Training programme on microplastics and heavy metal by ICAR-CIFRI

Kolkata, (KCN):Microplastics and heavy metal are emerging contaminants in aquatic ecosystems. Most of the researchers and stakeholders are unaware of the ill effects, detection and research related to the microplastics and plastics in India. For this, a short training programme on "Advances in Heavy Metals and Microplastics Analysis (ICP-MS & µFTIR)" was held at ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, Barrackpore, Kolkata from 11-15th December 2023. The 5-days training aimed to impart knowledge on advance techniques in heavy metal and microplastics analysis of environmental samples including fishes and other biological samples using advanced analytical instruments like Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS) and micro-Fourier Transform



Infrared Spectroscopy (µFTIR). The training was attended by a broad spectrum of 24 participants comprising of scientist, assistant professors, technical officers, students, and research scholars having various academic backgrounds like microbiology, organic chemistry, fisheries and zoology from different

institutes and universities of the country. Besides theoretical sessions on heavy metal and emerging contaminants, principles and components of ICPMS and µFTIR, the trainees were exposed to field sample collection from the river Ganga followed by processing and preparation for

analysis. The core effort was focused on new and improved data analysis techniques of the targeted pollutants from environmental matrices both by experts from ICAR-CIFRI and other organizations like Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India which aimed to improve the analytical skill, quality of research publication

and reporting by the trainees. During the session, Dr. Basanta Kumar Das, Director, ICAR-CIFRI and Course Director of the training programme urged that monitoring and reporting of the polluted water bodies is highly imperative for proper management for achieving the one health and one planet concept.

67th National School Games in Yogasana (U-19) hosted by The Heritage School Kolkata



Kolkata, (KCN): The Heritage School, Kolkata, hosted the 67th National School Games in Yogasana (U-19 Boys & Girls) organised by CISCE in association with School Games Federation of India (SGFI). The inaugural ceremony of the event was graced by Mr. Syed Rahim Nabi, retired professional Indian international footballer as the Chief Guest. Dr.

G. Immanuel, Chairman, Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) was the Guest of Honour. Nearly 392 students from various schools across India participated in this event which will continue till 21st December. "Sports is a vital part of School education which equips a child with various skills that prepares them for the

future challenges," said Mr. Syed Rahim Nabi during his address at the inaugural ceremony. "Yoga is an important part of the National Education Policy and it should be a part of the curriculum," said Dr. G. Immanuel during his address at The Heritage School, Kolkata. During these days the students will be participating in various types of Yoga competition including

Rhythmic Yogasana. "Yoga is an important part of our life which helps in improving our lifestyle. We are happy to see children actively participating in this National event," said Ms. Seema Sapru, Principal, The Heritage School, Kolkata. The inaugural session of the event was also participated by Dr. Ranjan Mitter, Principal, The Future Foundation School and

Principal Coordinator, CISCE Sports & Games, Mr. Shailesh Pandey, Joint Sports Coordinator, CISCE Sports and Games, West Bengal and Northeast, Mr. Arijit Basu, Deputy Secretary, Finance, CISCE, Ms. Mousumi Saha, Principal, National English School, Mr. Pradip Agarwal, CEO, Heritage Group of Institutions and many more.



Teacher Shortage Hits Varsities

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Students and researchers are facing a lot of problems as regular teachers are not being appointed in universities controlled by the state government due to the judicial wrangle. With no clarity as on when the disputes between the Union Government-controlled University Grants Commission (UGC) and the State Government will be resolved, many meritorious students who have done M.Phil and PhD after winning gold medals with the highest marks of universities in

various subjects are migrating to other states. It may be mentioned here that as per the earlier system, each university used to fill its own vacant teaching posts in various subjects directly on the basis of recruitment and promotion. Of course, the approval of the Vice-Chancellor and the Governor was sought for this. Ever since the State Government banned recruitment since the late 1990s under the alibi of a financial crisis, the regular recruitment process in universities face roadblock and some posts were filled up after



the Department of Finance approval. For this, the universities of the state used to form special selection committees on the basis of UGC guidelines. However, the State Government amended the Odisha Universities Act and entrusted the

responsibility of appointing teachers of the universities to the Odisha Public Service Commission. The bill in this regard passed by the Assembly was also approved by the then Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal. Voices of protest were raised from various

quarters as the recruitment process started through the Public Service Commission after it became a law. About two years ago, the UGC filed an SLP in the Supreme Court against the case after the Orissa High Court dismissed the case.

The Public Service Commission has not been able to go ahead with the recruitment of university teachers as the matter is pending in the Supreme Court. Legal experts and officials associated with the case admit that it has not been finalized in the Supreme Court. It is difficult to say how many more years it will take for the Orissa University Law Amendment case to be disposed off. A large number of teaching posts are currently lying vacant in government run universities in the state.

Invariably, the universities are running with less than a third of regular teachers. Utkal University, the oldest in the state, has only nine professors, while the situation is similar in Sambalpur. Ravenshaw and Shree Jagannath Universities are better off not to talk about the problem. Maharaja Sri Ramachandra Bhanjadeo, Gangadhar Meher, Ramadevi, Fakirmohan, Rajendra University, Madhusudan Law University, Kalahandi University, Odisha University of

Agriculture and Technology, Odisha Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya, Odia University and two other government run universities in Keonjhar are facing acute teacher shortage as a number of departments do not have Professors. While the universities are running with the support of guest faculty, there are demands from various quarters to resolve the matter immediately and fill up all the vacant teaching posts keeping in mind the larger interest of the state and the student society.

Nimantran@Sambalpur



Sambalpur(KCN): Nimantran, is a one-stop destination for Odia cuisine, was inaugurated at the historic 17th-century Rani Bakhri, also known as the Queens Palace, in Sambalpur today. This is the third Nimantran Restaurant set up by the Odisha Tourism Development Corporation (OTDC). Earlier two restaurants have been opened near Rama Devi College in Bhubaneswar, Blue Flag Beach, Puri.

Tourism Minister Ashwini Kumar Patra inaugurated the restaurant in presence of OTDC Chairman Lenin Mohanty, Zilla Parishad President Kumodini Nayak, Collector Ananya Das, Commissioner SMC Ved Bhushan, ADM, Sambalpur Pradeep Kumar Sahu. The ambience of the Queens Palace, coupled with the culinary excellence of Nimantran, promises a regal dining experience like never before.

This expansion aligns seamlessly with the State's commitment to the 5T initiative, emphasizing the principles of Teamwork, Transparency, Technology, Time, and Transformation. The tourism and cuisines will definitely get popular through the 'Nimantran' restaurant of OTDC" said Mohanty. The restaurants will be managed by OTDC through a dedicated wing which will serve a variety of authentic Odia

cuisines from various districts of Odisha. A special menu has been planned by prominent chefs to serve the taste of Odisha on the platters at the restaurant. Nimantran has been conceptualized with the purpose to serve authentic Odia cuisines from different districts of Odisha. These restaurants envisage to provide different flavours of authentic Odia cuisine which are also linked with culture, heritage, and lifestyle of Odisha.


Odisha Gets 4103 CR

New Delhi(KCN): The Government of India has released Rs4103.39 crore to the State Government in four years under the Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment, Union Minister of State for Finance, Pankaj Chaudhary told Lok Sabha today. In a written statement to the Lower House of the Parliament, Shri Chaudhary said the Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure/Investment is aimed at boosting capital expenditure by the States. The Ministry of Finance had launched the scheme for financial assistance to States for capital investment/expenditure in 2020-21 in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic which gave a very timely boost to

capital spending by States. The Centre has released Rs 471.50 crore to Odisha under the scheme in 2020-21 while Rs 517.12 crore released in the financial year 2021-22 and Rs 75 crore during last financial year. However, the amount has been increased substantially to Rs 3039.77 crore during the current financial year 2023-24, he said. The State has received such a high amount of fund from the Centre for taking reform measures set by the Finance Ministry, officials said. The Special Assistance (loan) earmarked for reforms in citizen centric areas under the Scheme is released by the Department of Expenditure on the basis of recommendations of

the nodal Ministries/ Departments and on the compliance of reform conditions by States. Besides the conditions prescribed under various Parts of the Scheme, a State is required to meet certain mandatory conditions. The conditions include full compliance with the official name of all Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs), integration of State treasuries with PFMS and deposit of central share of interest earned in SNA accounts till 31st March, 2023 in the Consolidated Fund of India and submission of a certificate to this effect in the prescribed format, signed by the Finance Secretary of the State Government. The MoS further said that an amount of Rs1 lakh crore earmarked for

Part-I (Untied) of the Scheme has been allocated to the States in proportion to their share of central taxes and duties as per the award of the 15th Finance Commission. An additional amount of Rs. 30,000 crore is earmarked for reforms in certain citizen centric areas, like scrapping of old vehicles; urban planning reforms; financing reforms in Urban Local Bodies to make them creditworthy for municipal bonds; housing for police personnel above or as part of police stations; unity malls; children and adolescents' library and digital infrastructure; and State share of capital expenditure of certain centrally sponsored schemes, he informed.



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Bajaj Allianz Life launches world's first music video 'Superstar After Retirement', created by retired senior citizens

Pune: Bajaj Allianz Life, one of India's leading private life insurers, launched a world's music video "Superstar After Retirement", created by retired seniors showcasing their creativity and fulfilling their life goals. Retirees including ex-bankers, ex-entrepreneurs, ex-educator, ex-engineers and other professionals, are seen unleashing their hidden talents like singing or dancing, and attempting to live their second innings with utmost zeal and passion.

For most individuals, their dreams and desires take a backseat as they strive to ensure financial security and stability for their families.

Commenting on the

initiative, Mr. Chandramohan Mehra, Chief Marketing Officer, Bajaj Allianz Life, said "Aligned to the brand purpose of enabling Life Goals, we launched Superstar After Retirement initiative to encourage retired senior citizens to rediscover their talents and explore a world full of possibilities and freedom. Financial security provided through a regular stream of income, post-retirement, allows individuals to pursue their earlier unfulfilled passions."

Bajaj Allianz Life had launched a pan-India talent hunt, to showcase their talent and fulfil their dreams of

becoming a superstar. From a total of over 5400 entries, 11 superstars from different walks of life were handpicked to be part of the music video. All of these participants, at some point of their lives, had aspired to be dancers, musicians, singers, cinematographers, lyricists, art director and stylists, aside from being retired senior citizens.

The music video was created entirely by these 11 senior citizens, after going through multiple enriching workshops with expert mentors from Bollywood. The team's collective efforts for 37 days and 450+ hrs has resulted in this one-of-a-kind music video.

RELIANCE BRANDS LIMITED INKS A JV WITH PLASTIC LEGNO SPA

Mumbai: RELIANCE BRANDS LIMITED (RBL) and Plastic Legno SPA have signed a joint venture arrangement through which RBL will acquire a 40% stake in Plastic Legno SPA's toy manufacturing business in India. This investment by RBL serves a dual purpose, bringing in vertical integration for RBL's toy business and helping diversify the supply chain with a long-term strategic interest in building toy manufacturing in India.

Plastic Legno SPA is owned by the Sunino group that boasts of more than 25 years of toy production experience in Europe. The group started its India business in 2009 out of a need to develop a strong production hub that would cater to global markets, but more importantly to the fast evolving and growing Indian market.

"Keeping with our

honourable Prime Minister's vision of Atmanirbhar India, this collaboration with Plastic Legno's deep experience in world-class toy manufacturing coupled with our strong footing in the global toy retail industry would open new doors and unparallelled opportunities for toys manufactured in India. It is imperative for RBL to build design to shelf capability for a strategic advantage over the competition and to be an accelerator in building a robust toy manufacturing ecosystem in India not only for domestic consumption but also for global markets," said the spokesperson of Reliance Brands Limited.

RBL has a strong play in the Toy industry with its portfolio of Hamleys, the British toy retailer and homegrown toy brand – Rowan, making RBL one of the leading

toy distributors. Hamleys currently has a global footprint across 15 countries with 213 doors and is India's largest chain of toy stores.

"We are very privileged to have RBL as a partner in this Joint Venture. We are confident that Plastic Legno's experience in Toys production and Hamley's commercial outreach, will complement one another to enable the JV Company to achieve greater heights and successes. We have important development plans to implement, always in the spirit of creating a cultural background in this specific sector in India. We are ready for the challenges of the future, but when there is a group like RBL alongside, we are sure that together we can do a great development," said Paolo Sunino, Co-owner, Sunino Group.

H&M revels in sunset colours and embellished details for The Festive Collection 2023



Bhubaneswar: H&M India invites you to the season of celebrations with a special collection personified by all things sparkle and shine. Featuring party-ready ensembles, the collection spotlights designs showcasing strong shoulders, cropped tops and draped details among the statement suiting, party dresses and matching sets. Rhinestones, sequins and high-shine fabrics bring sophistication and

vibrancy to every piece, while a strong colour palette of hot pink, orange, red, sand, gold and black adds to the celebratory mood.

For The Festive Collection, H&M wanted to create a special collection that draws upon beauty and merriment of the season. Draping along the waistline, shoulder lines and across the body accentuate the female form, while long trousers and skirts contrast with alluring cropped tops.

Tonal looks are vital, but the play of different fabrics and embellishment make it playful and modern.

"The Festive Collection comes at such a special time of year and we're thrilled with the collection. We were really inspired by the importance of light – candles, lanterns and fireworks – and worked that into a vivid sunset colour palette, but also brought in a lot of sequins, rhinestones and satin.

MLA Dash Drives Healthcare Upgrade at GOP CHC

Bhubaneswar

(KCN): In a spirited Rogi Kalyan Samiti meeting hosted at the GOP Community Health Center, Nimapada MLA Sameer Ranjan Dash champions healthcare concerns. Satisfied with patient services, MLA Dash urges doctors to elevate healthcare standards, emphasizing quality patient care.

Hospital Superintendent Dr. Jasmine Afroz spotlights challenges, prompting MLA Dash to pledge swift resolutions, including expediting construction projects and providing nourishment to



expectant mothers. Addressing dental complaints, MLA Dash pushes for immediate corrections and directs Engineer Priyadharini Sahu to expedite health center information gathering. Expressing alarm over a breakdown ambulance,

MLA Dash contacts A m b u l a n c e Management Officer Sabyasachi Biswal, demanding rapid solutions. The meeting features MP representative Sukant Mohanty, block BJD president Madhusudan Paikaray, and key Rogi Kalyan Samiti

members. Education Officer Sushil Kumar Brahma, Project Manager Krutibiva Mohanty, Accounts Manager Sushant Kumar Raut, Dr. Sarita Mishra, and senior pharmacist Praful Panda, Rajesh Paikray, Manoranjan Mohanty, Sampad Pradhan, Suresh Pradhan and

Soubhagini Sahu actively participated in the discussions. MLA Dash concluded the session by planting saplings in the hospital premises, emphasizing the commitment to both healthcare improvement and environmental awareness.

Union Bank of India signs MOU with SIDBI for Co-Financing arrangement of MSMEs

Mumbai: Union Bank of India today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for a Co-Financing arrangement for MSMEs. The MoU was signed by Shri Lal Singh, Chief General Manager, Union Bank of India and Shri Vivek Kumar Malhotra, Chief General Manager, SIDBI. SIDBI is country's principal financial institution engaged in the Promotion, Financing and Development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

Under the MoU, Union Bank of India would consider Joint financing/ Co-Financing with SIDBI to Projects/ Units in the MSME. This MoU would help the

Banks to increase their customer base, while helping the MSMEs to meet their funding requirements. The key highlights of the arrangement include joint identification of viable projects and term loan and working capital financing to MSMEs. Initially the arrangement would be at specific centers and once the arrangement stabilizes at these centers, more locations would be covered.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Lal Singh, CGM (MSME), Union Bank of India, said "MSME is one of the key sectors of our Indian Economy contributing to GDP, Exports, Manufacturing Output, Employment, Women Empowerment etc. MSME is one of the focused areas of the

Bank and at Union Bank of India, we aim to become Bank of 1st choice for MSMEs. This tie-up with SIDBI aids in realizing the Bank's vision to have increased credit flow to the MSME sector and extend operational convenience to the MSME clientele. Under partnership, Union Bank of India through its Pan India branch network can provide general Banking products like Current Accounts, Savings Accounts, Working Capital facilities and other related services to the MSME Customers of SIDBI."

Also, speaking on the tie-up arrangement, Shri Vivek Kumar Malhotra, CGM, SIDBI reiterated SIDBI's commitment towards timely financing for MSMEs across all sectors.

Spice Money to enable farmers to withdraw PM-KISAN subsidy through its 1 million Adhikari Network

New Delhi: The Government of India has disbursed PM KISAN subsidy, directly to the farmers' bank accounts benefiting over 10 crore farmers and families who have received a grant of Rs 2,000 each. Spice Money, India's leading rural fintech with 1 million strong Adhikari network covering 18,500 plus pincodes, is assisting the farmers and farmer families residing in the heartlands of the country, to withdraw this subsidy through AePS at their doorstep Adhikari outlet. The PM Kisan Scheme, a central sector scheme with 100% funding from the Government of India, became operational on December 1, 2018. Under this scheme, income support of ? 6000

per year, divided into three installments, is directly transferred to the bank accounts of landholding farmer families, consisting of the husband, wife, and minor children.

Speaking on this, Sanjeev Kumar, Co-Founder & CEO, Spice Money, said, "At Spice Money, we have been striving to solve the problem of access to banking & financial services in rural India. As the 11th installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi is rolled out, our 1 million Adhikaris operating across 18,500 pin codes, will be an enabler in ensuring easy access and withdrawal of this subsidy to the rightful 10 crore beneficiaries of this scheme. Farmers and farmer

families will no longer have to travel large distances to bank branches or just let the money lie idle in their accounts in times of need. Our Adhikaris, trusted banking partners in their communities, will be there at the villages to help farmers withdraw their money, with the help of AePS, thereby providing much-needed safe and secure access to the subsidy amount."

Spice Money has been spearheading the efforts towards bridging the financial services gap in rural India by providing banking and financial services to the remotest corners of the country, across 700 districts and 5,000 blocks, thereby revolutionising the way Bharat banks.

Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India registers 3, 53,188 unit sales

Gurugram: Noting a positive upward movement during the month, Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India today announced its sales numbers for May 2022.

The company's total sales for the month stood at 3,53,188 with 3,20,844 domestic sales and 32,344 exports compared to the subdued market performance for same period last year amidst multiple lockdowns owing to impact from second wave of pandemic.

Commenting on the sales performance in May'22, Mr. Atsushi Ogata, Managing Director, President & CEO, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India said, "The market is gaining back strength as disturbances in terms of supply side are subsiding coupled with rise in physical presence at office and educational institutions. The sales figures this month remain incomparable from May'21 as frequent lockdowns in wake of second wave marred the performance during this period last year. Growth in domestic as well as international trade continues to complement each other as we approach an early monsoon."

Commissions India's Largest Fleet of Electric Lithium-Ion Forklifts

New Delhi: Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, has commissioned India's largest electric fleet of 27 forklifts, powered by lithium-ion batteries. Done in partnership with GEAR (Gemini Equipment and Rentals Private Limited) India, this

sets the ball rolling on Vedanta Aluminium's plans to decarbonize its industrial vehicle fleet. All 27 forklifts arrived last month and are being operationalised at the company's aluminium smelter at Jharsuguda, in Odisha, which is the world's largest single-location aluminium

smelter, ex-China. Further, as testimony to its endeavours towards increasing gender diversity in core manufacturing operations, Vedanta Aluminium is recruiting and training women to operate these top-of-the-line forklifts. The company has previously hired transgender employees as

forklift operators in its aluminium operations at BALCO in Chhattisgarh. These electric forklifts make use of the cutting-edge 'Smart Fleet Management' system to help ensure the highest levels of safety at site. The Smart Fleet Management system uses IOT (Internet of Things) technology to

integrate the data collected by intelligent terminals and provide Vedanta Aluminium insights on a real-time basis with respect to forklift speed, access to operate, collision avoidance, optimization analysis for operational efficiency and equipment maintenance, among others.

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