

Winter Session: Lok Sabha passes 18 bills

New Delhi(KCN): The Lok Sabha passed 18 Bills in the Winter session of Parliament, including three to replace the Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure, and the Evidence Act. These are the Bharatiya Nyaya (Second) Sanhita Bill, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha (Second) Sanhita, and the Bharatiya Sakshya (Second) Bills: These will replace the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) and the Indian Evidence Act, respectively. The bills aim to replace the colonial-era laws and provide focus on a citizen-centric criminal justice system, according to the government.

A bill to regulate the appointment of Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners, the Post Office Bill that seeks to repeal the 125-year-old Indian Post Office Act, the Telecommunication Bill which lays provisions that the central government will provide authorisation for telecom-related

activities, and the Press and Registration of Periodicals Bill were also among the Bills passed by the Lower House of Parliament. The Bharatiya Nyaya (Second) Sanhita, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha (Second) Sanhita, and the Bharatiya Sakshya (Second) Bills: These will replace the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) and the Indian Evidence Act, respectively. The bills aim to replace the colonial-era laws and provide focus on a citizen-centric criminal justice system, according to the government.

The Provisional Collection of Taxes Bill: It comes with a provision to refund taxes collected that have not been



incorporated in the Finance Bill. It repeals the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1931, and provides for the interim imposition or increase of customs or excise duty. The Bill retains all the provisions under the Act. The Central Goods and Services Tax (Second Amendment) Bill: The bill seeks to raise the cap on the age for the president and members

of the GST Appellate Tribunals (GSTAT) to 70 years and 67 years, respectively. Currently, the age limit for the president is 67 years and for GSTAT members is 65 years. It also aims to align the provisions of the Central GST Act in line with the Tribunal Reforms Act, 2021. The National Capital Territory of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Second (Amendment)

Bill: The Bill extends protection against punitive action to unauthorized developments in Delhi for three years beyond the December 31 deadline. It amends the National Capital Territory of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Second Act, 2011. The Act protects unauthorized development and encroachment by specified persons in the

Union Territory of Delhi from punitive action.

The Post Office Bill: It replaces the Indian Post Office Act, 1898. According to the bill, the government will not have exclusive privilege over conveying letters. The director general of postal services will be appointed to head India Post, and will have powers to make regulations on various matters including tariffs for services and supply of postage stamps. It also provides that the government may intercept an article transmitted through India Post on specified grounds, including security of the state and public order.

The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill: It amends the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Act, 2004, which provides for reservation in jobs and admission to members of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and other socially and educationally backward classes. The Bill substitutes weak and under-privileged classes

number of seats in the J&K assembly to 90 from 83. It also reserves seven seats for Scheduled Castes and nine seats for Scheduled Tribes. It adds that the lieutenant governor may nominate up to two members from the Kashmiri migrant community to the legislative assembly and one member representing displaced persons from Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

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The Government of Union Territories (Amendment) Bill: It seeks to reserve 33 per cent of seats in the Puducherry assembly for women.

Orissa HC Upturns Family Court Order, Allows Divorce To Anubhav Barsha

Cuttack,(KCN): In a major development in the marital discord between actor-turned-politician Anubhav Mohanty and actress Varsha Priyadarshini, the Orissa High Court today allowed the divorce of the celebrity couple. Hearing a petition filed by Mohanty challenging the verdict of Family Court, Cuttack, the High Court quashed the lower court's order.

"Our main grievance was non-consummation of marriage. Taking in account the evidence, the High Court allowed divorce of the couple. The appellant got justice. There was no ruling on alimony," said Mohanty's counsel. Notably, the Family Court had on September 22 rejected Mohanty's divorce petition. It had also rejected the plea for restitution of conjugal rights filed by Varsha.

Mohanty had then moved the High Court on October 17 challenging the Family Court's verdict.

The actor had alleged that Varsha refused for consummation of their marriage and caused mental cruelty to him by her conduct towards him and his family members.

Cold wave unabated in Odisha, mercury drops to 4 degree Celsius in G Udaygiri



Bhubaneswar(KCN): The cold wave tightened its grip across Odisha Thursday, as 16 places in the state recorded minimum temperatures below 10 degrees Celsius, the Met Department said. G Udaygiri in

Kandhamal district was the coldest place in the eastern state at 4 degree Celsius, it said. Several other places experienced cold conditions, including Semiliguda (5.7 deg C), Phulbani (6.5 deg C), Kirei (6.6 deg C),

Koraput (7.6 deg C), Angul and Daringbadi (8 deg C), Rourkela (8.3 deg C), Keonjhar (8.4 deg C) and Sundergarh (8.6 deg C), it said. The twin cities of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack also felt the chill, recording minimum temperatures of 12.4 degree Celsius and 12.8 degree Celsius, respectively.

In a bulletin, the Meteorological Centre, Bhubaneswar, said

minimum temperatures are likely to remain 2-3 degrees Celsius below normal at a few places in the state during the next two days.

A defence spokesperson said a joint search operation was launched in the general area of Dhera Ki Gali in Poonch district Wednesday night



based on "hard intelligence" about the presence of terrorists and an encounter ensued there. As additional forces were moving to the site, the terrorists fired upon the vehicles — a truck and a Gypsy — killing three soldiers and seriously injuring three others, the officials said. Reinforcements were rushed to the site of the ambush and a massive anti-terrorist operation was launched.

Disturbing images and videos emerging from the site showed blood on the street, broken helmets of soldiers, and shattered windscreens of the two Army vehicles. The officials said there was a possibility that terrorists had walked away with arms of the targeted soldiers. The stretch between Dhera Ki Gali and Bufliaz on the boundary of Rajouri and Poonch districts is densely forested and leads to

Chamrur forest and then Bhata Dhurian forest, where five soldiers were killed in an ambush on an Army vehicle April 20 this year. In May, five more Army personnel were killed and a major-rank officer was injured in Chamrur forest during an anti-terrorist operation. A foreign terrorist was also killed in the operation. Earlier in October 2021, nine soldiers were killed in two separate attacks by terrorists in the forested region. While five Army personnel, including a junior commissioned officer (JCO), were killed on October 11 in Chamrur, a JCO and three soldiers were killed October 14 in a nearby forest.

Overall Coal Production Likely To Cross 1 Billion Tonne: Minister Pralhad Joshi

New Delhi(KCN): Union Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs Pralhad Joshi said that by 2025 coal import for power sector will come down to 2 per cent since domestic coal production has increased substantially. Addressing the launch function of the 9th round of commercial coal mine auction here yesterday, Shri Joshi complemented Coal India Ltd and subsidiary companies for the record performance to attain self-sufficiency in coal production and off-take. The Minister further stated that this year overall coal production is very likely to cross one billion tonne. India's coal sector is constantly contributing to energy security of the nation and thereby further fillip to our fast growing economy, the Minister added.

Highlighting the sustainable coal mining practices that India is



following, Shri Joshi said that the country has emerged as a global leader in containing emissions. He pointed out that Rs. 6000 crore incentive has been given for coal gasification. In order to further strengthen sustainable mining, coal PSUs have planted 100 million saplings in recent years, the Minister said. A total of 31 coal mines, including 26 under the 9th round and 5 under the 2nd attempt of the 7th round, are offered in the 9th round of commercial coal mine auctions. The mines being auctioned are spread across coal/

lignite-bearing states of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, and Telangana. India has a total coal reserve of 344.02 billion tonnes and is the second largest producer of coal in the world. India has seen a consistent increase in the demand for electricity over the years. Given that 72% of the electricity in India is generated from coal, it becomes a very strategic sector for the nation's development.

Commercial coal mining is expected to bring new investments to the country and generate employment, both direct and indirect. The entire

revenue from the auctions would be allocated to the coal-bearing State Governments, bringing socio-economic benefits to the coal-bearing States of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, and Assam.

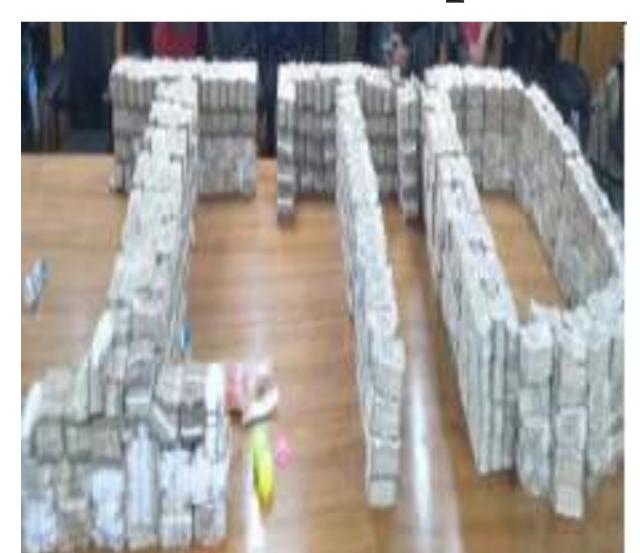
Coal mining from the auctioned mines till date is estimated to bring an annual revenue of Rs. ~33,343 crore, considering production at aggregated Peak Rate Capacity level of ~220.90 MTPA. Once these mines are fully operational, they will generate employment for around three lakh persons directly and indirectly, and the total investment of more than Rs. 30,000 crore will be expended to operationalize these coal mines.

The cash was basically unearthed from dilapidated buildings and hidden chambers. The I-T sleuths have also seized unaccounted jewellery worth Rs 2.8 crore during the search operation. During the search operation, incriminating evidence in the form of documents and digital data were seized by the I-T department. Preliminary analysis of the seized documents revealed records of unaccounted sales of country liquor, details of undisclosed cash receipts and references for movement of unaccounted cash, added the department.

The employees of the liquor firms have admitted that the cash unearthed by the I-T sleuths are basically unaccounted in nature, said the department.

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Odisha Celebrates Triumph in Startup Landscape with Successful Odisha Startup Leadership Conclave 2023

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Startup Odisha, an initiative of the MSME Department, Government of Odisha, today marked a significant milestone with the successful Odisha Startup Leadership Conclave 2023. The event showcased the state's commitment to fostering a robust and dynamic startup ecosystem. In collaboration with The Economic Times (Government), The Odisha Startup Leadership Conclave 2023 brought together various eminent dignitaries such as—Shri Naveen Patnaik, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Pratap Keshari Deb, Hon'ble Minister for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprise (MSME), Government of Odisha, Dr. Omkar Rai, Executive Chairman, Startup Odisha, Saswat Mishra, Principal Secretary, Micro, Small & Medium Enterprise (MSME) Department,



we can catalyze the growth of a vibrant startup ecosystem.” Shri Pratap Keshari Deb, Hon'ble Minister for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprise (MSME), Chief of Honour at the conclave said, “Odisha has a thriving and robust ecosystem comprising more than 1800 startups, out of which more than 700 are led by women.

This ecosystem is enabled by 27 incubators and 15 nodal agencies, aided by a progressive Odisha Startup Policy 2016. “The essence of a startup lies in its ability to dream, to innovate and disrupt the status quo. It is a testament to the courage and resilience of individuals who dare to challenge conventional norms, who envision a

future that transcends boundaries and who embark on a journey to turn their dreams into reality. The Odisha Startup Leadership Conclave is not just an event; it is a rallying point for the dreamers and doers who will shape the future of our state.” Dr. Omkar Rai, Executive Chairman, Startup Odisha during

his special address said, “Our mission is to equip startups with the essential tools to transform their ideas into prosperous businesses, thereby making significant contributions to the socio-economic development of Odisha. Startup Odisha aspires to ascend as the premier Startup Hub in India, with a steadfast

goal of nurturing 5000 startups by the year 2025. Agriculture, manufacturing, sports and ports are the domains where startups could play an integral role and Startup Odisha is committed to help budding startups in these sectors that hold the potential of introducing transformative innovations to the industry. Additionally, Startup Odisha has funded 350 Startups directly and has generated more than 15000 new jobs and this is only set to grow.”

Alongside these discussions, the event included Masterclass sessions, fireside chats, and addresses by visionary leaders, attracting the participation of high-ranking government officials and industry leaders. The comprehensive program aimed to facilitate knowledge exchange and collaboration for the advancement of Odisha's startup landscape.

“Transforming Odisha’s millet landscape: Odisha Millets Mission’s sustainable approach of FPO marketing”

Bhubaneswar (KCN): As the year of millets comes to a closure, millet-based campaigns were seen throughout the year. On the other hand, for the past several years, Odisha has held the baton as a millet-leading state, achieving the promotion of healthier dietary choices and increasing farmers' income through its sensational millet magic approach. An outlook that includes adopting a solution-based method and targeting grass-root problems faced by the farmers in the state, majorly not getting enough for their yields. Tackling this and several other issues, aiding the Farmers Producers Organisations has been the state's one of the numerous responses. Farmers Producers Organisations or FPOs, are groups formed by

farmers themselves and act as an aggregator for member farmers, including from inputs to output, which then enhances the economy of scale and bargaining power of member farmers. In the case of unsold lots, logistics arrangements are to be made by FPO. In simplified terms, the end goal of a FPO is to increase the producer's income through an organisation of their own. A small producer enters the market with low-volume produce, which often falls short of taking advantage of economies of scale. When it comes to agricultural marketing, a chain of intermediaries frequently operates in an opaque manner, leaving the producer with little of the value that the final customer pays. An organisation with multiple beneficiaries and a huge volume of produce can eliminate this unpleasant chain of intermediaries, and the primary producers can get a good return on their yield.

In Odisha specifically, adopting this approach has worked wonders for local farmers. The Odisha Millets Mission, an active body dedicated to overseeing the movement of millet acceptance in the state, has encouraged several FPOs to create marketing avenues for the rural population. Each block in the state is set to have an active, functioning FPO, used to disseminate information, provide necessary business training, and help farmers sell their produce at a much higher rate. At a service price of Rs 31.5 per quintal (including labour expenses) plus 1% of the

MSP, the FPOs are free to sell the processed millets on the open market or assist in aggregating the produce and supplying it to the Tribal Development Cooperative Corporation of Odisha Limited (TDCCOL). The increased interest in working to create new FPOs has pushed the state's millet economy. Helping various women self-help groups register themselves as FPO gives these hard-working individuals a better chance at market representation, empowering them to take on challenges. Despite having a small budget, the FPOs have proven to be a dynamic choice to address multiple issues at once, which will ultimately lead to increased aid as the Odisha Millets Mission enters its next phase.

Odisha: Smart Braille classroom to be set up in school for blind at Burla

Sambalpur (KCN): A state-of-the-art smart Braille classroom will be set up in Odisha government-run school for the blind at Burla in Sambalpur district, an official said.

The Sambalpur Municipal Corporation (SMC) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) for this purpose Thursday, the official said.

As per the MoU, Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd (MCL) will provide the funds for developing the smart Braille classroom, while the corporation will execute the project, SMC commissioneer Vedbhusan said.



The smart Braille classroom represents a cutting-edge, interactive learning approach equipped with an audio system and a distinctive feature designed to capture and analyse children's usage patterns. The students here will also gain technical knowledge. ‘Annie’, a comprehensive Braille self-learning device, that makes learning fun, engaging, and intuitive

for blind students will be used to teach the students in the smart classroom for the visually impaired, she said.

A teacher of the school said ‘Annie’ is a learning system that uses touch-friendly devices to teach. It guides students with a friendly voice, so they don't need constant help. However, the teacher suggested that training for educators on the smart Braille classroom concept would be essential before its launch. The school for the blind, deaf and dumb was established at Burla in 1972. In the year 1980, the school was taken over by the government. In the year 1992, the school for the deaf and dumb and school for the blind was separated.



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Shah Rukh Khan's Jawan Becomes First Film To Cross USD 16 Million At Box Office In UAE



Varun Tej, Manushi Chhillar-Starrer Air Force Action Film Makers Drop Big Update

The suspense will soon be over as the title for India's biggest Air Force action film will be unveiled tomorrow. The Hindi-Telugu film, also stars Manushi Chhillar as a radar officer. VT 13, inspired by true events, will take us through the biggest and the most deadly attacks witnessed by India and the victory of our Indian Air Force over their enemies by demonstrating strong courage to protect their country.

The highly anticipated film is produced by Sony Pictures International Productions and Sandeep Mudda from Renaissance Pictures, co-produced by Nandakumar Abbineni and God Bless Entertainment and is written by Shakti Pratap Singh Hada, Aamir Khan and Siddharth Raj Kumar.

It's almost a month since Shah Rukh Khan's action-entertainer 'Jawan' has been released but its craze among the audience doesn't seem to settle down at any cost. One after the other, the film is creating new records at the Box Office not just in India but also across the world. Having set its strong feet in different parts of the world, 'Jawan' has now made a distinctive mark in the UAE market as well, as the film has emerged as the #1 Indian film in the Middle East with its phenomenal collection figures.

Talking about the same, Nelson D'Souza, Vice President International Distribution, said, 'Jawan' has been received



exceptionally well in international markets and continues to perform exceptionally well, becoming the first Indian film to cross USD 16 Million in the Middle East and emerging as the #1 Indian Film while raking in an outstanding 44.43 million in overseas till date. There is nothing quite like this we have seen before and we are now looking forward to even more exciting times ahead with Dunki! - Nelson D'Souza, Vice President, International Distribution

'Jawan' is spreading its magic in the UAE market.

The film has become the first film to cross the whooping collection of USD 16 Million and has made it the #1 Indian film in the Middle East. Well, among many, this is indeed yet another example of its success and the unprecedented love that the film is receiving from the audience. Well, as we see, 'Jawan' is constantly on the rise, it would be interesting to see how the film will create more records in the future. 'Jawan' is a Red Chillies Entertainment presentation directed by Atlee, produced by Gauri Khan, and co-produced by Gaurav Verma. The film was released worldwide in theaters on September 7th, 2023, in Hindi, Tamil, and Telugu.

Prime Video's Maitri: Female First Collective Hosts Its First Session In Chennai



Prime Video released the latest session of 'Maitri: Female First Collective', hosting its maiden discussion in Chennai. Launched last year, the collective is an endeavour to create a safe space where women from the Indian media and entertainment industry can come together to discuss their experiences, challenges and successes, and offer their perspective on bringing about a positive shift.

The session featured 8 eminent women from India's various entertainment industries, ranging from award-winning prolific actors who have worked across languages like Malavika Mohanan, Aishwarya Rajesh and Madhoo, to women who have left an indelible mark behind the camera, like creator, writer, showrunner & producer Reshma Ghatala, writer & director Swathi Raghuraaman, and cinematographer Yamini Yagnamurthy, in addition to Aparna Purohit, creator - Maitri & head of India Originals, Prime Video, and Smriti Kiran, creator and curator of Maitri & founder, Polka Dots LightBox.

Sharing personal anecdotes, the participants discussed the existing gender dynamics in the film industry, the challenges faced by female professionals, including stereotyping, colourism,

ageism, and much more. Surprisingly, the women noted how the issues were similar irrespective of whether they worked in front of the camera or behind it, or whether they worked in production or corporate roles. The core discussion also touched upon the true essence of feminism and empowerment, what gender-equality really means for the trailblazers gathered in the room. An interesting insight that was shared by all was

that true equality can be achieved when the industry stops tagging a particular role, a narrative or a job as woman-oriented or male-oriented. The group as a whole agreed that age-old conditioning often restricts the personal and professional growth potential of women, and can be changed only if it is internalized in one's home and social environment. The interaction also highlighted the critical role that streaming was

playing in improving female representation, creating new opportunities for actors, regardless of their age, body size, or skin colour, and for creators to tell all kinds of unique stories.

Speaking about the need to have such conversations frequently, Smriti Kiran, creator & curator of Maitri and founder, Polka Dots LightBox said, "There is an undeniable need for spaces where women can voice their stories without any fear. Creating an environment that allows women to share their experiences without judgement is the first step in enabling any change, whether it is in the industry or society. This is precisely why we have to keep the conversation going relentlessly. Thrilled that Maitri is in Chennai today, tomorrow it will be in another part of India. We will continue to connect women across sections and states through conversation and collaboration."

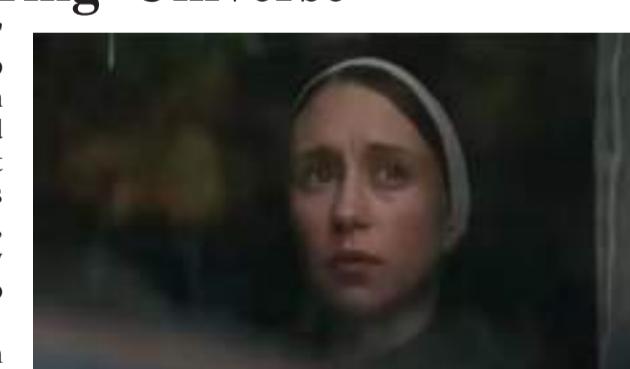
Prabhas, Deepika Padukone's Project K To Create History, To Be First Indian Film To Debut At San Diego Comic-Con



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

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

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



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

"The Nun 2" will introduce new additions to the "Conjuring" universe, including Katelyn Rose Downey as Sophie, Anna Popplewell as Marcella and Storm Reid as an unknown new character. The USD 2 billion franchise began in 2013, with the original "The Conjuring" film, starring Patrick Wilson and Taissa Farmiga's older sister, Vera Farmiga. The original film was inspired by paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren's nonfiction book, "The Amityville Horror." "The Conjuring's" first spinoff "Annabelle" premiered in 2014. Soon after, "The Conjuring 2" was released in 2016, "Annabelle: Creation" in 2017 and then the second

spinoff, "The Nun" in 2018. Since "The Nun," the "Conjuring" universe has released "The Curse of La Llorona," "Annabelle Comes Home" and "The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It." Directed by "The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It's" Michael Chaves, "The Nun 2" was written by "M 3 G A N" screenwriter Akela Cooper and "Fear the Walking Dead" screenwriters Ian Goldberg and Richard Naing.

Christmas time: Churches where Viceroy of India used to pray



As Christmas is just couple of days away, churches across India are decorated for the big occasion. It is also high time when we talk about some of the most iconic churches our country and their architects.

Henry Medd was among many young architects who came to New Delhi to assist masters like Sir Edwin Lutyens and Herbert Baker when work was going on in a great pace to design series of new buildings in the brand new capital in the early part of last century. While assisting his seniors, he made a lasting mark in designing two landmark churches of the capital. His class was very much evident if you visit the Cathedral Church of the Redemption and the Sacred Heart Cathedral. In these two churches, Viceroy of India used to visit

for prayers before India got independence. Both were built by mid-1930s. Before they came up, the Viceroy used to visit St. James Church, Kashmiri Gate.

Medd also designed High Court building at Nagpur and was Chief Architect to the Government of India from 1939 to 47. When he was barely 23, he joined the office of Lutyens here. And later he worked under the watchful eyes of Sir Herbert Baker for a very extended period here from 1919-31. Thus, he had the good-fortune of working under two great architects of their times.

"Generations of people in capital have grown up in these banal buildings of New Delhi. Of course, that's why architecture is so important. Medd was a master without any debate," says Father George Solomon, a priest of Holy Trinity church of Delhi. "Medd was in full flow when he was designing these two churches. Here he was given complete freedom to practice his

philosophy of integrating built-form with landscape as a total environmental concept, every part of these churches speak a different language." Medd planned these churches in such a manner as to have a clean look.

If we talk about the Cathedral Church of the Redemption, it

sloping roofs. Looking at the Cathedral from outside the lack of windows adds to its massive appearance.

As far as Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart is concerned, it is located at Gol Dak Khana Roundabout. "It is a bold, elegant design in the Lutyens

after the capital of India was moved from Calcutta to Delhi the chaplain of the nascent city envisaged a massive Gothic church on the lines of Westminster Abbey. Sir Edwin Lutyens, the architect of Rashtrapati Bhavan, rejected the concept. He felt that Westminster Abbey, with all its glass

the Redemption, it is located on north of Jaipur Column at a shouting distance from Parliament House. Though the exterior of the church is ordinary, with red sandstone roofing, the interior is very striking. "The interior of this Anglican Church has small recessed openings that

to his seniors the plantation of neem, jamun and amaltas trees in New Delhi area," says Monodeep Daniyal of Delhi Brotherhood Society that established St Stephen's College and St. Stephen's hospital in Delhi.

Noted author R.V. Smith, who knows about Delhi more than anybody else says, "

Even though Medd designed these churches so many decades ago, they still look contemporary and good. I feel that well designed church buildings should convey a clear message and enhance the worship experience. It is my belief that people will continue to be attracted to church architecture that is honest and intentional in its message, meaningful in its experience and which glorifies God."

It was not only in capital that Medd made his mark as a very fine architect. He also designed the High Court building of Nagpur. Even after New Delhi was built, Medd decided to stay back here only and left only India got independence. To be fair with him, his career bloomed in India. He was Chief Architect to the Government of India (1939-47). He passed away in 1977.

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stands on a broad base and rises in massive blocks to the tower, topped by a dome. On top of that dome a cupola stands on narrow pillars, carrying a cross soaring high above the body of the church. The buff sandstone walls contrast with the bright red tiles of the

tradition with an Italianate south front enriched by an oval mosaic. In the same colour scheme as Medd's earlier Cathedral Church of the Redemption, this one is a definite improvement, " informs Father George Solomon. In the early days

windows would only be fit for 'frying bacon' in the heat of the Delhi summer. Henry Medd, who eventually designed the Cathedral, heeded Lutyens warning and that is why the Cathedral does not have many windows.

As far as the Cathedral Church of

filter the sunlight. It also has a fine organ as well as a striking stained glass window. The best part of Medd's work was that he used to give lot of space for gardens. That you can see in both churches. It is said for him that he did extensive research before recommending

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With drastic changes in the lifestyle, maximum people are cooking at home than ever before and in the process, they are also discovering the unique connection between cooking & happiness. That's also one of the positive aspects of staying at home. Certainly, when you are happy and peaceful in the kitchen, it strangely makes your food taste delicious. But why does that happen? It happens because everything is energy. The energy you are experiencing at the time of cooking can make a huge difference to the final outcome of a dish.

Here's how, Prepare Food with Utmost Sanctity. Mother Nature provides us with food that nourishes the physical body and helps it grow. No one can survive without it. We take food and thus this physical body has also been named 'Annamaya Kosha'- the food sheath, the first layer of the body. The next sheath is the 'Pranamaya Kosha'- Life force sheath, followed by the 'Manomaya Kosha'- the mind or thought

'calmness' into the food. Likewise, if you feel sad and gloomy then you infuse such energy into your food. So, when you eat the food you not only absorb various nutrients, but also the 'energy' instilled into it. The energy with which you prepare food is greatly important and therefore you should always try to infuse spiritual energy into your food.

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Gayatri mantra while cooking. So, when you prepare food with sanctity, these spiritual

you prepare it happily, it's delicious. Therefore, prepare food with utmost sanctity while

must offer prayers and along with that express gratitude towards God for all that you have. Take a



feelings get transferred in the food and then into family members as well who consume it. When you prepare food in a bad mood, it turns out to be tasteless, but when

blessing your children, chanting mantras and with a positive frame of mind. Let the Food Nourish your Body, Mind and Soul. Also, when you are about to eat your food, you

bite of food and know that you are offering it to God only because your soul is a part of God. So, consume food with love, and then the food will convert into life-juice. It will

nourish your body, mind, and soul. When you consume Sattvic food, your mind also becomes Sattvic and then you move on the path of selfless deeds. However, if the food is Rajasic or Tamasic, the mind and deeds also become like that.

The Sattvic Impact of Sattvic Food. You understand God, His blessings, the scriptures, and words of the Guru, and move on the path of devotion naturally when you consume Sattvic food. And therefore in meditation practices, seekers work on their food habits first. Food nourishes both the body and the mind- the subtle form of the body- as both are connected.

outcome of a disturbed mind and stress. Therefore, in older times, it was a popular belief that one should not consume food at the house of those with whom they don't have good relations.

So, avoid eating just anywhere. When you have Sattvic food at home, it impacts your thought process in a positive way. These are just a few of the various ways to prepare and consume food mindfully and in a Sattvic way. Practice them, try to find the spiritual meaning in them, and also experience a culinary delight over the sacred nature of preparing & eating food.

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The Union Minister for Women & Child Development and Minority Affairs, Smt. Smriti Irani and the Minister of State for Women and Child Development and AYUSH, Dr. Munjapara Mahendrabhai attend "National Programme on Aanganwadi – cum – Crèches (Mission Shakti)", in New Delhi

"No Partiality, Protesting Wrestlers Won't Be Singled Out": Brij Bhushan

New Delhi(KCN): "No Partiality, Protesting Wrestlers Won't Be Singled Out": Brij Bhushan

New Delhi: The protesting wrestlers will not face any sort of vendetta politics and they will get the required support from the new federation, outgoing Wrestling Federation of India chief Brij Bhushan Sharang Singh said on Thursday after the panel backed by him emerged victorious in the keenly-followed elections.

Brij Bhushan, who is facing sexual harassment charges from women wrestlers, assured that the new dispensation will work impartially.

Rio Olympics medallist Sakshee Malik, though, announced her retirement from the sport, saying she won't compete under the presidency of a man who is backed by the former WFI boss. Vinesh Phogat and Bajrang Punia are still active and hope to qualify for the 2024 Paris Games. The two

Asked if he will



continue to call the shots in the day-to-day running of the federation, Brij Bhushan said he won't interfere but, if his help is sought, he will offer suggestions. "They (new body) will control wrestling, if they want to take suggestions I am open to give," he said. It is also expected that the new body may change a few policy decisions that the ad-hoc panel had taken. The Bhupender Singh Bajwa-led ad-hoc body had recently announced that the Olympic quota won by the wrestlers will not belong to that

particular wrestler but to the country and the quota-winning wrestler will also have to undergo selection trials to book his or her place in the national team for the 2024 Paris Game.

"Whatever decision the ad-hoc panel has taken, if they are for the good of wrestling we will continue with that," he said.

The BJP MP, interestingly, claimed that they have swept the posts even as the new secretary-general and senior vice-president emerged from the rival camp, led by CWG gold medallist wrestler Anita Sheoran.

between the parties has pinnacled to complete loss of faith, trust, understanding, love and affection between the parties. This dead relationship has become infested with acrimony, irreconcilable differences and protracted litigations; any insistence to continue this relationship would only be perpetuating further cruelty upon both the parties," the bench said.

"We thus, conclude that the evidence on record proved that there is no chance of reconciliation between the parties and such long separation peppered which false allegations, police reports and criminal trial can only be termed as mental cruelty. Undeniably, such conduct of the appellant/

wife can only be termed as an act of extreme cruelty towards the respondent/husband," a bench of Justices Suresh Kumar Kait and Neena Bansal Krishna said. The High Court's judgment came while dismissing a woman's appeal challenging a family court's decision granting divorce in her husband's favour, holding that she acted with cruelty towards him.

"Nothing can be a more harrowing experience for a husband than to see his wife act as a widow during his lifetime, that too in a situation where he was seriously injured and expected nothing more than care and compassion from his significant other half. Undeniably, such conduct of the appellant/

Nothing More Harrowing For Man Than To See Wife Act As Widow: Delhi High Court

New Delhi(KCN): No experience can be more harrowing for a husband than to see his wife behave like a widow while he is alive, the Delhi High Court said, adding that such a conduct amounts to "extreme cruelty".

A marriage cannot survive if a spouse deprives the other of conjugal relationship and doing so is also an act of cruelty, the court said.

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"The entire panel is ours. Whoever has won, has won from our votes," he said.

Former Railways Sports Promotion Board secretary Prem Chand Lochab is the new secretary-general while Devender Kadian, who was seen with the wrestlers during their media address at Press Club of India after the WFI polls, grabbed the post of senior vice-president.

The former WFI boss, who had a 12-year run in the federation, said the last 11 months were very unfortunate not only for him but also for the sport.

"It was a very sad time for me personally as well for the wrestling fraternity and in a way for the country since the country's image was dented (due to allegations against him)."

Brij Bhushan claimed the protesting wrestlers were exposed as time passed by.

"When the protest started on January 18, an atmosphere was created that there might be some truth. Some wrestlers got influenced but when

we, the media, and the entire country started to ask for proof, they got exposed gradually," he said.

Asked what got his panel the winning mandate despite such a large-scale agitation against him, the Kaiserganj MP listed a few factors.

"For 11 months the way the sport and the wrestlers suffered, it contributed (to our win). We had done something good for the sport in our tenure and the result of that is before everyone today," he said, adding, "And I had firm belief that whenever elections will be held, our supporter will win the election because we worked as a team for the sport."

Brij Bhushan suggested that the newly-elected body should conduct the U-15 and junior nationals before December 31.

"My suggestion is that before December 31 if cadet and junior nationals do not happen, then it will be a loss. So my request to the new dispensation is to conduct U-15 and junior nationals first," he added.

PM Meets Speaker, Discusses Security Breach In Parliament, Karnataka Assembly

New Delhi(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla this evening to discuss the recent security breach in Parliament, sources said. The meeting took place after the Lok Sabha adjournment indefinitely.

After last week's breach in the security of Parliament -- when two men smuggled in smoke bombs and let it off during the house proceedings -- whatever steps and security measures are needed, should be taken, sources quoted PM Modi as saying.

The Prime Minister also spoke of the recent incident in Karnataka Assembly, where a man, impersonating an MLA, went inside and stayed for a while. The 72-year-old man, who slipped in undetected, was arrested after spending 15 minutes wandering in the House among the legislators.

The police had said he managed it because the marshalls do not know every MLA by sight yet. Investigations are still on into the matter.

The incident at parliament was more serious, raising multiple questions about the security measures that have been upgraded during the shift to the new building. Cocking a snook at the multi-layered security, the men had apparently smuggled in the smoke canisters inside their shoes. They were meant as protest measure to draw attention to the plight of farmers, the situation in Manipur and the growing unemployment across the country. All the people allegedly involved are in police custody. Four were arrested that day and the alleged mastermind, Kolkata-based teacher Lalit Jha, later surrendered. Investigators said off the record that there appeared to be no organised terror group behind the plot. Still, they are conducting an in-depth questioning of the accused.

Light Rain Likely In Delhi On Friday, Air Quality 'Very Poor'



New Delhi(KCN): Generally cloudy skies with light rain are expected in Delhi on Friday, and the minimum temperature is expected to dip to 5 degrees Celsius, the India Meteorological Department said.

The national capital on Thursday recorded a minimum temperature of 6.4 degrees Celsius, two notches below the season's average.

The mercury recorded a high of 23 degrees Celsius,

a notch above normal, according to the India Meteorological Department's (IMD) weather bulletin.

The 24-hour average Air Quality Index (AQI) on Thursday settled in the 'very poor' category with a reading of 361, according to data from the Central Pollution Control Board.

An AQI between zero and 50 is considered 'good', 51 and 100 'satisfactory', 101 and 200 'moderate', 201 and 300 'poor', 301 and 400 'very poor', and 401 and 500 'severe'.

The relative humidity at 5.30 pm was at 64 per cent, the bulletin said.



Glimpses of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra at Mirza, Kamrup, in Assam

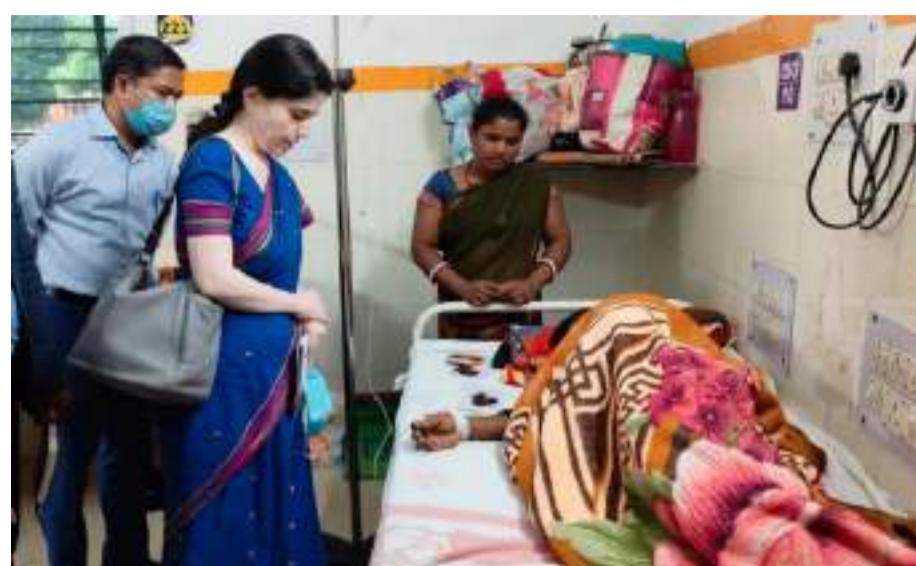
Diarrhoea Under Control

Rourkela(KCN): With diarrhoea claimed six lives in steel city Rourkela, Health Secretary Shalini Pandit today visited the hospitals and reviewed the situation with the local administration.

More than 1,500 persons have been infected and at least six died due to diarrhoea in a span of the last seven days. The patients have been admitted to Rourkela Government Hospital (RGH), Ispat General Hospital, Medical College Sundargarh,

and other private hospitals in the city. The team discussed with all the stakeholders and held meetings with the authorities of all private medicals, Rourkela government hospital, IGH, Medical College in Sundergarh, Hi-tech medical college in the presence of senior health officials.

"The situation has been stable since yesterday as cases are not rising. The new patients who are coming to the hospital complain of



mild symptoms as water and food inspection has been stepped up. We expect that the situation will

come under control within the next two to three days," Shrimati Pandit said.

Usually, diarrhoea is

caused by food and water contamination, but here, cases have come from different areas. So, epidemiology and microbiology study of the cases is being conducted. The community medicine department at Sundergarh Medical College has started the analysis, she added.

A team from SCB,

PHCs in the city will function 24x7 from today onwards. Meanwhile, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan wrote a letter to Union Health Minister, Mansukh Mandaviya seeking urgent central assistance to Rourkela and nearby affected areas in Odisha to control and address the recent outbreak.

Keeping in mind the welfare of the people of Rourkela and nearby areas, he sought personal intervention of the Health Minister in immediate facilitation of central assistance to Rourkela and other affected areas in Odisha, for controlling and addressing the diarrhoea outbreak.

"The severity of the outbreak of diarrhoea in Rourkela and the potential risk it poses to public health is alarming. The disease is suspected to be

More Anti Maoist Camps

Bhubaneswar(KCN): To further intensify anti-Maoist operations in the State, the Police Department has decided to set up 11 new police camps in the left-wing extremists (LWEs) affected areas, Director General of Police Sunil Kumar Bansal said here today.

Shri Bansal said after chairing the Strategy Conference on Left Wing Extremism held here at Police Bhawan, Bhubaneswar.

Bansal said that the formation of the new camps would make the battle against the ultras more effective. The Police department is now focusing on dealing with the challenge from Kandhamal-Kalahandi-Boudh-Nayagarh (KKBN) and Nayapuri divisions of the outlawed CPI (Maoist).

Noting that the elections are going to be held in 2024, the DGP said that the Maoist-affected districts will pose a major challenge to the police and appropriate steps would be taken to deal with the situation.

"We need to remain cautious during the election period and ensure that the polls are held without any incident. Despite the deployment of forces, the presence of the ultras in



some pockets is also being felt and putting up posters," said the DGP. He further informed that Odisha shares its border with Chhattisgarh and some rebels from either side cross over.

It was decided at the meeting to deploy high-tech drones in the anti-Naxal operations. In his inaugural address, DGP appreciated the efforts by District Police, SIW, SOG and Central Armed Police Forces for their combined efforts in bringing about remarkable improvement in LWE situation in the State.

He thanked various Departments of the Government for extending unflinching support in the fight against the Maoist. He appreciated SPs of

menace. The DGP stated that the major focus is now on Kandhamal-Kalahandi and Boudh axis, which has emerged as the new flash point of Maoist activities.

He hoped that combined efforts by all the stakeholders will have a decisive advantage in the fight against the Maoists. Director, Intelligence, Sanjeeb Panda said that the aim of this Conference was to revisit the strategy and response to combat the problem in a more effective manner.

Shri Panda also emphasised that Security Forces must have proactive approach against the Maoists in South-Central Odisha i.e. Kandhamal-Boudh. He appreciated SPs of

Koraput and Malkangiri for showing great leadership in bringing down naxal incidents to nil in the last one and half year.

The Director Intelligence stated that Maoists may try to carry out demonstrative acts of violence in the run up to the General Elections – 2024 to make their presence felt and boost the morale of the rank and file and hence, Security Forces must be watchful to this.

A wide range of issues relating to the LWE problem in the State and way forward to combat the menace were discussed in this Conference. The participants gave their thoughts and suggestions in this regard.

It was emphasized in the Conference that the intelligence gathering mechanism would be further strengthened and anti-LWE operations would be further intensified in the affected areas with special focus on Boudh.

Among others, ADG (Operations) S Devdatta Singh, Intelligence DIG Anup Kumar Sahoo, Special Intelligence Wing (SIW) DIG Umashankar Dash and Superintendents of Police (SPs) of 10 Maoists-affected districts attended the meeting.

BJD Supports RS Chief

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Biju Janata Dal (BJD) came in support of the Rajya Sabha Chairman and Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar, who mimicked Trinamool Congress MP Kalyan Banerjee in presence of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and many opposition MPs. Taking it to X, BJD leader in Rajya Sabha, Sasmit Patra said, "The Constitutional position of Hon'ble Chairman Rajya Sabha and Vice President of India is a revered institution which upholds Constitutional and Parliamentary richness of India. It's extremely sad and unfortunate that such a mimicry of him and his position has been done and he has been

humiliated." Belittling of institutions and Constitutional authorities is unacceptable and what has been done is completely wrong, he said.

Similarly, senior RS Member Amar Patnaik said he stood in the Rajya Sabha in support of the Vice President of India who has been subjected to humiliation by some of my colleagues. "Saddened that this happened within the precincts of the Parliament. While expressing ourselves freely, we as public representatives also have a responsibility to adhere to the highest standards of decency and civility in public life and more so in the

Parliament," he said. The RS Chairman, who is the Vice-President of India is not just a person occupying that chair, but is the second highest constitutional authority of the country, Shri Patnaik said, adding, "We can't belittle this Chair and the Authority in any manner as it would reflect adversely on our Parliament as well as democracy. Let's uphold the parliamentary tradition we're proud of, and what the People of India rightly expect us to do."

Earlier in the day, President Droupadi Murmu expressed her dismay at the manner in which Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar was "humiliated" in the Parliament complex. She stressed that the elected representatives must be free to express themselves, but their expression should be within the "norms of dignity and courtesy." "I was dismayed to see the manner in which our respected Vice President was humiliated in the Parliament complex. Elected representatives must be free to express themselves, but their expression should be within the norms of dignity and courtesy. That has been the Parliamentary tradition we are proud of, and the People of India expect them to uphold it," the President posted on her official social media handle.



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'UnserHaus' by BSH Home Appliances - Kolkata's new luxury address

Bhubaneswar: BSH Home Appliances Group, one of the world's leading home appliances companies today launched its first 'UnserHaus' in Kolkata. This is BSH's only experience center in India to house all its three brands – Bosch, Siemens and Gaggenau under one roof. Located at Salt Lake city's Adventz Infinity @ 5, this new experience center is all set to welcome customers as well as Kolkata's strong architecture & design community. The company already has two other stores in Kolkata – a multi-channel Bosch & Siemens Brand Store in Dhakuria and a Bosch Studio in Shakespeare Sarani. UnserHaus is the German name for "Our House". It is a place where comfort, convenience, inspiration,

and memories reside in every corner. The philosophy and core ethos of BSH's UnserHaus are focused on building long-lasting trust with all customers & business partners. Keeping this in mind, the space is designed to ensure that all visitors feel at home when they visit, helping them experience the products as if they were in their own house.

Commenting on the launch of UnserHaus, Kolkata, Neeraj Bahl, MD & CEO, BSH Home Appliances (India & SAARC) said, "Kolkata is one of our high performing markets and we're thrilled to further expand our presence here by opening doors to our 101st retail space*. The new-age Indian consumer continues to look for offline experiences especially in

*The company now has six experience centers across Mumbai, Delhi, Bangalore, Chennai and Kolkata, and an India-wide retail network of 95 brand shops (80 brand stores for Bosch and 15 brand stores for Siemens).

Mahagram offers door to door banking services through Kirana stores

Bhubaneswar: Mahagram is a social enterprise focusing on Financial Inclusion that has enabled banking from the mom-and-pop store around the corner through fintech solutions. The company's mission is to enable rural women to save money at the local Kirana (or grocery) stores, instead of traveling miles to the nearest bank branch.

Recently, Mahagram has tied up with a public sector bank – the Bank of Maharashtra to roll out the 'Bank Sakhi' project in Odisha. The fintech

would provide financial technology and infrastructure support to augment rural financial inclusion. As part of the tie-up, the company has onboarded more than 11,000 bank sakhis (women) on the BharatATM platform to help the rural citizens avail themselves of basic banking services at their doorstep or the next door Kirana stores.

Mahagram aims to increase the ratio and habit of household savings in rural India. "At Mahagram, we are indulged in offering basic banking services

Bank of Baroda launches Industry-First end-to-end Digital Co-Lending Platform

Mumbai: Bank of Baroda (Bank), one of India's leading public sector banks and named the Best Technology Bank by Indian Banks' Association (IBA), today announced the launch of an end-to-end Digital Platform to facilitate co-lending of loans in partnership with NBFCs. The platform provides seamless integration between the Bank and multiple NBFC partners to strengthen, accelerate and simplify the co-lending process. The platform uses rule-based algorithms for underwriting, enables credit assessment checks, enables Retail, MSME, Agri co-lending product offerings and

increases process efficiency. The digital co-lending platform has state-of-the-art capabilities to handle both the option 1 (Non-Discretionary) and option 2 (Discretionary) models of co-lending for secured as well as unsecured products as per the latest RBI guidelines on the co-lending model.

Shri Vikramaditya Singh Khichi, Executive Director, Bank of Baroda said, "The Digital Co-Lending Platform will pave the way for both Bank of Baroda and our NBFC partners to seamlessly integrate and enable lending to borrowers with improved TAT. Co-

Amazon.in launches 'Back to School' store

Bhubaneswar: With the opening of schools and resuming of offline classes, Amazon.in announced the launch of 'Back to school' store – a one stop destination to simplify the shopping needs of children. The specially curated store offers deals on a wide range of products across study essentials like stationery, laptops, tablets, mobile phones, PCs, headsets & speakers, printers, Amazon devices, home furnishing among others

to help parents, teachers and students with school supplies and to create an effective learning and productive environment. The offers and deals will be available till 12th June 2022.

Here are some popular products customers can choose from the 'Back to school' store on Amazon.in. All offers & deals are from participating sellers. HONOR MagicBook X 15, Intel Core i3 Anti-Glare Thin and Light Laptop – It has stylish

appearance with premium aluminum metal body with 16.9MM thickness, 5.3 MM narrow bezels and the weight of the laptop is only 1.56kg, which allows you to carry it easily, making it very convenient for school, travel, and work. It is available for starting INR 37,990 on Amazon.in. All offers & deals are from participating sellers. Lenova Tab M10 FHD Plus Tablet, Platinum Grey - Make way for the stylish 8.1 mm Tab M10 FHD Plus.

EICHER TRACTORS Launches PRIMA G3 - Premium Range of Tractors for Next-Gen Farmers

Bhubaneswar: EICHER TRACTORS, from the house of TAFE - Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited, world's third largest tractor manufacturer, announced the launch of the EICHER PRIMA G3 Series - all new range of premium tractors for the new-age Indian farmer who demands style, substance and solidity. The EICHER PRIMA G3 is a new series of tractors in the 40 - 60 hp range, that offers Premium Styling, Progressive Technology and Perfect Comfort built with decades of unmatched experience.

Launching the EICHER PRIMA G3 series, Mallika Srinivasan, CMD - TAFE said, "The

Eicher brand, for decades, has been well-known for its trust, reliability, ruggedness and versatility in both the agriculture and commercial space. The launch of the PRIMA G3, brings to the progressive farmers of a modern India, more productivity, comfort and ease to match their new aspirations, and offers an enhanced value proposition that Eicher has always promised."

The new PRIMA G3 boasts a new age design with its distinct aerodynamic hood, that makes a unique style statement and offers easy access to the engine with its one-touch front-open, single piece bonnet. The bold grille with high

intensity 3D cooling technology and wrap-around headlamps and Digi NXT Dashboard are a perfect fusion of bold and elegant looks, which provide higher cross air flow and long hours of continuous operation. The youthful sporty steering wheel with a spinner knob offers effortless control.

Dr. Lakshmi Venu, DMD, TAFE Motors and Tractors Limited (TMTL) said, "Young

revolutionize agriculture".

Sandeep Sinha, CEO - TAFE said, "We are delighted to launch the new PRIMA G3 series with a world-class styling and international technology, that offers premium automotive excellence in style, fit and finish, and robust build quality. The Eicher PRIMA G3 is a reflection of Eicher's hallmark durability and reliability. The PRIMA G3 is equipped with ergonomic operator stations, new steering controls for a comfortable, safe and long hours of productive use. We will ensure that our customers have easy access to the new Eicher PRIMA G3 series."

Godrej Appliances offers wide range of home appliances and enhanced shopping experience to consumers

Bhubaneswar: Godrej & Boyce, the flagship company of the Godrej Group announced that its business Godrej Appliances plans to strengthen its presence and expand its network of exclusive brand outlets further, inaugurating its first store in Chhando, Kendrapara district in the state of Odisha, India. This will be the brand's 26th exclusive outlet in Odisha under Bhubaneswar branch.

Towards strengthening the supply chain and creating a next-level experience for customers in Kendrapara, Godrej Appliances has launched its exclusive brand outlet - called Godrej

Inspire Hub spread over 1200 sqft, strategically located on the Chhando main road, in collaboration with its channel partner Jagannath Electronics.

Convenience and comfort are primacies for consumers today. This is evident from the gradual increase in demand for premium products, even in tier II and tier III cities. Moreover, with the pandemic in the backdrop, appliances have emerged as a necessity in every Indian home.

EBOs solidify Godrej Appliances' already extensive network across the country, fulfill the premium product requirement of its

customers and most importantly give them a much wider display to choose from thus enhancing their purchase experience. The brand currently has 120+ exclusive outlets across the country and aims to have 140+ EBOs by this financial year.

Speaking on the occasion of the launch, Sanjeev Jain, National Sales Head - Godrej Appliances said, "We have always endeavored to be as close to our customers as possible. We believe our Exclusive Brand Outlets will give even greater value to our loyal customers. With our exclusive showroom, we have the opportunity to

showcase our entire range of best-in-class appliances at a single location. Odisha is an important market for us and we look forward to delighting our customers with the best shopping experience."

Adding further, Sanjay Kumar Behera, Owner of Jagannath Electronics said, "We are extremely delighted to have partnered with Godrej Appliances, which is a highly respected and trusted brand. We are sure that our outlet will prove to be a great destination for the discerning customers of Chhando through its unique offerings from Godrej Appliances."

The exclusive brand outlet will display the

Annual General Meeting of Vitesco Technologies

Regensburg: Vitesco Technologies, a leading international developer and manufacturer of cutting-edge drive systems for sustainable mobility, held its first Annual General Meeting (AGM) today. The AGM was held virtually due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

In separate votes, the shareholders formally approved the actions of all the Executive Board members during their term of office in the 2021 financial year. The actions of all members of the Supervisory Board in office in 2021 were also approved for their respective terms. "We are delighted to have received this vote of confidence from the Annual General Meeting".

Meeting. We regard this outcome as a clear mandate to continue the successful collaboration and positioning of Vitesco Technologies as a supplier of sustainable drive solutions with a clear goal," said CEO Andreas Wolf.

All current members of the Supervisory Board representing the shareholders who were up for election were re-elected to office. The members of the Supervisory Board who represent the employees will be elected separately.

A complete list of all Supervisory Board members and the results of the voting at the AGM are available on the Vitesco Technologies website under 'Annual General Meeting'.

Bhubaneswar : Mr. Prasad Vaze has been appointed as the Senior Director – Lubricants

Business at Raj Petro Specialities Pvt Ltd., a Brenntag Group company. He will lead the comprehensive lubricants Business Units, including Speciality, Industrial and Automotive lubricant businesses.

Mr. Prasad Vaze is a result-oriented business leader with more than 25 years of extensive experience in customer-centric roles. Mr. Vaze has served in numerous senior leadership roles, including leading retail operations, profit centre management, developing business strategy and channel

development & management.

Commenting on the appointment of a new member in the leadership team, Mr. Mehl Nanavati, Managing Director, Raj Petro Specialities Pvt Ltd. stated, "We are thrilled to have a seasoned industry leader join our team. With Prasad onboard, we are confident that he will accelerate the growth momentum. His unique domain expertise will further help strengthen Raj Petro's market position and expand footprint across markets."

Ms. Archana Ghate - Head HR said, "We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Prasad Vaze, our newest member to the LT team. He will be

taking on the important hat of managing Raj Petro's Lubricants Business, and we wish him all the best for his journey! With his knowledge and extensive experience, we are confident that Prasad will assist Raj Petro in reaching new heights."

On his appointment Mr. Prasad Vaze said, "I am very thrilled to take on this new role. My vision is to create a world class experience for our consumers and channel partners. Our aim is to leverage Kyros, Onwo and Zoomol brands, explore humongous potential that India and international markets offer and grow the Lubricant business profitability."

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LV Prasad Eye Institute Organizes a Retinoblastoma Awareness Walk

Bhubaneswar: L V Prasad Eye Institute's Mithu Tulsi Chanrai Campus in Bhubaneswar organized a Retinoblastoma Awareness Walk on 8th May 2022. This walk is part of the 'Whitathon' event organized by LV Prasad Eye Institute across its campuses in Bhubaneswar, Hyderabad, Visakhapatnam and

Vijayawada. Celebrity actor, Mr. Sabyasachi Mishra, will be flagging off the walk.

Whitathon is L V Prasad Eye Institute's annual cause-related event focusing on raising awareness and funds for early diagnosis and treatment of Retinoblastoma – a Life and Vision-threatening Eye Cancer in Children. One of the most common

symptoms of Retinoblastoma is White Reflex (white glow) in a child's eye. Through this walk, LVPEI aims to raise awareness among the public that if they spot a 'White Reflex' in a child's eye, it could be a sign of eye cancer that needs immediate medical intervention.

Hence, the event is named 'Whitathon'.

Dr. Devjyoti Tripathy,

Ocular Oncologist, Mithu Tulsi Chanrai Campus, Bhubaneswar, L V Prasad Eye Institute said, "Our aim is to raise awareness about early detection and treatment of retinoblastoma eye cancer in children. No child should die of eye cancer because of lack of awareness and treatment. We extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Sabyasachi Mishra for joining us for

the Retinoblastoma Awareness Walk and spreading awareness about Retinoblastoma. We also acknowledge the support received from Aroh – Giving Hope, an NGO working for children with Cancer and their families."

Dr. Tripathy further added that it is time to make detailed eye check-ups a part of mandatory paediatric examinations.

David Houghton steps down as Zimbabwe men's coach

New Delhi: In his resignation letter, ZC revealed, Houghton mentioned that had "lost the changeroom" after 18 months in charge. In his resignation letter, ZC revealed, Houghton mentioned that had "lost the changeroom" after 18 months in charge. © Getty Zimbabwe Cricket (ZC) have confirmed that their senior men's head coach Dave Houghton has resigned from his position with immediate effect. The board revealed that it plans to keep Houghton involved and is looking "to re-assign him to a new role within the organisation". An interim technical team, which will be announced in due course according to ZC, will be in charge of the team during the tour to Sri Lanka in January. Zimbabwe recently



failed to qualify for the T20 World Cup, where they lost to Namibia and Uganda, but the last nail in the coffin was their loss to Ireland in both the ODI and T20L series. In his resignation letter, ZC revealed, Houghton mentioned that had "lost the changeroom" after 18 months in charge and felt that a "new voice" was

needed to take the team forward. "I have always had Zimbabwe cricket at heart and, though my coaching of the national team comes to an end, I would love to be involved in other areas," Houghton said after tendering his resignation. "The talent base in Zimbabwe is enormous. How we move

players from talented to performing well on the international stage is a great project to be involved in." ZC Chairman Mr Tavengwa Mukuhlani said: "Dave will always be a legend of our game and it is with regret that he felt the changeroom needed a new voice. "While the past few

months have been disappointing as we failed to qualify for both the 50-over World Cup and the T20 World Cup, they should not obscure all the work he has done over the past year to rebuild the foundations for long-term success.

"Dave leaves the team with our sincerest thanks for his tireless efforts and we are looking forward to working with him in a different role as we seek to change our on-field fortunes."

The board also informed that after its meeting on Wednesday, it has appointed a three-member committee chaired by Lloyd Mhishi "to probe the World Cup qualification failures as well as to review ZC's cricket affairs structure". The committee, whose other members are Godfrey Nyadongo and Blessing Ngondo, has been given three weeks to submit its findings.

West Indies make wholesale changes for Australia Tests



New Delhi: Cricket West Indies have made wholesale changes to their Test squad for the upcoming two-match Test series in Australia. As many as seven uncapped players have been picked in the 15-man squad with the likes of Jason Holder and Kyle Mayers making themselves unavailable. From the squad that played against India earlier this year at home, the likes of Jermaine Blackwood, Raymon Reifer, Rahkeem Cornwall, Shannon Gabriel and Jomel Warriac have been left out. The board also noted that Jayden Seales was unavailable for selection due to a shoulder injury. Uncapped allrounder

Kevin Sinclair, who was picked for the India series but didn't get a game, has been retained. Apart from him, the other uncapped players picked in the squad are batter Zachary McCaskie, wicket-keeper Tevin Imlach, allrounders Justin Greaves and Kavem Hodge, fast bowlers Akeem Jordan and Shamar Joseph. Gudakesh Motie, whose last Test appearance was against South Africa in March, has been recalled. Holder and Mayers will be looking to pursue T20 deals in January, according to CWI.

"The squad has been affected by the unavailability of some

key players," Desmond Haynes, CWI Lead Selector, said. "However, we have had a very strong red-ball program being run over the past year, which has unearthed significant talent throughout the region. The selected players have passed each test given to them and must now be given the opportunity to showcase their skills in the test arena. Australia away is always a challenge, but we are confident in our team."

Fast bowler Alzarri Joseph has been appointed as the new vice-captain. West Indies will play a four-day warm-up fixture before taking on Australia in the first Test in Adelaide, beginning on January 17. The second Test will be a pink-ball affair, set to commence on January 25 at the Gabba.

Squad: Kriagg Brathwaite (C), Tagenarine Chanderpaul, Alick Athanaze, Kirk McKenzie, Joshua da Silva, Alzarri Joseph (VC), Kemar Roach, Kevin Sinclair, Kavem Hodge, Justin Greaves, Akeem Jordan, Gudakesh Motie, Tevin Imlach, Shamar Joseph, Zachary McCaskie

Usman Khawaja In Trouble Again For Wearing Black Armband To Support Civilians In Gaza

New Delhi: Australia's opening batter Usman Khawaja has been making headlines this month but not because of his cricketing achievements. Khawaja has been quite vocal with his stance on war between Israel and Palestine and maintains that peace should be restored in war-torn Gaza. He was to wear a pair of shoes in the first Test vs Pakistan that read 'All Lives Are Equal'. But a last-minute call taken by International Cricket Council citing the Clothing and Equipment Law.

As per the law, no cricketer can wear anything on the cricket field except what is

allowed under the rules. Khawaja posted a video on his social media, saying that he was not going to wear the controversial shoes but will surely look to get the permission to play with them.

Khawaja also said, in the same video, that some people were trying to make it a political matter when all that he was saying is that all lives in this world, irrespective of race or religion, are important and no life, especially of children, should be lost. The opening batter wore black armband during the first Test. Turns out, Khawaja did not have the required permission to even wear that. News Corp



baton at the very last moment before the hammer came down, to take the bidding to 14 Crore. PBKS pulled out and CSK got their man - a spin hitter who can fill the void left by Ben Stokes's exit in the middle-order. Mitchell was grateful for how the night transpired and reckoned a life-changing contract like that sets the family up well for the future.

"She [his daughter] has got a pretty good present, waking up to that - not that she understands what's going on. But that's the whole thing about these sorts of situations - it helps set up your family in many ways so that they can grow up and enjoy the things they love. "For me, that's the really cool thing about it. They're the ones that are

the reason why you do all this," Mitchell said.

Besides the joys of a big contract and the chance to play under the most successful IPL captain,

Mitchell will also have familiar faces in his corner with Devon Conway, Mitchell Santner and Rachin Ravindra, who CSK snapped up in the recent auctions for INR 1.80 Crore.

Gujarat Titans Head Coach Ashish Nehra Breaks Silence On Hardik Pandya Leaving Franchise



New Delhi: Hardik Pandya leaving Gujarat Titans (GT) after leading the team into the final for back-to-back seasons was the biggest shocking news ahead of the IPL 2024 Auction. This was the first time that an IPL winning captain was traded out by a franchise as Mumbai Indians (MI) bought him from GT. Soon after the trading was done, Hardik was named as the captain of the MI side as he replaced Rohit Sharma, who made MI what it is today. For the first time since Hardik's departure, GT coach Ashish Nehra has reacted to his exit, saying that replacing Hardik is very difficult but they have faith in the leadership skills of Shubman Gill, who is their new captain.

"To replace a player like Hardik Pandya is difficult considering his talent and experience. We have seen how he (Gill) has shaped up in the past three-four years. He is

24-25 years of age but he has a good head on his shoulders," Nehra said in a virtual post-auction press meet on Tuesday night.

Nehra also said that they are going to back Gill to the hilt as captain and results will not be the only scale on which he will be rated upon as leader.

"We believe in him. That is why we made him captain. I am not someone who will always go by results. Yes, results are important but when

you come to captaincy you have to look at other things also. We are confident that Gill is the right person (for captaincy)," Nehra added.

Nehra also spoke on the extra-ordinary prices being shelled out to buy some players, particularly Mitchell Starc and Australian captain Pat Cummins. Starc fetched Rs 24.75 crore at the auction as he was bought by Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) while Cummins was sold to Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) for a whopping Rs 20.50 crore. GT was one of the teams who kept bidding for Starc. Nehra was asked if Starc was overpriced, to which he said, "There is nothing like being overpriced in the IPL. Everybody knows what Starc can do. He is a proven player. We needed a fast bowler and every team had different strategies. We have to be satisfied with what we have. For a bowler like Starc, I don't think that is a surprise."