

Indian Media Congress: Unveiling the Pen's Power for Public Good



New Delhi(KCN): In Delhi, the Indian Media Congress commenced with a resounding call from Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Pratima Bhowmik, urging journalists to champion public interest. The event, hosted at the

Constitution Club, underscores the pivotal role journalists play in dispensing justice and government benefits to the masses. Minister Bhowmik, envisioning a developed India by 2047, encourages journalists to align with honesty and righteousness, rejecting neutrality. Mr. Patra

Sambit Patra, BJP National Spokesperson & Chairman ITDC and guest of honor, draws parallels to Lord Krishna's counsel in the Mahabharata, advocating for journalists to align with honesty and righteousness, rejecting neutrality. Mr. Patra

highlights Prime Minister Narendra Modi's endorsement, urging journalists to lead in communicating government development initiatives. Vipin Gaur, Secretary general, Newspaper Association of India & President, ICJ joined the meeting as a guest of

honour discussed key issues faced by journalists working in the field and appealed to everyone to fight untidily. The Indian media congress introduces a distinctive 'Logo' for journalists, crafted by Pradyumna Dash, hailed as the future identity of

media across platforms. Presided over by Dr. Pabitra Mohan Samantray, editor in chief of the Odia daily 'Paryabekhyak' and English Daily THE KALINGA CHRONICLE, the program honors notable figures, including Dr. Tirupati Panigrahi for

Outstanding Contribution to Humanity, Nigamananda Prusti for Journalism, Shakti Prasad Naik and Shabnam Adani for Journalism, Dr. Sheikh Muslim Tulla, Aditya Mudgal for social service and artist Warum, all bestowed with the Lifetime

Achievement Award. The gathering of representatives from diverse states underscores the unity of media professionals, dedicated to upholding journalistic integrity and serving the public interest. Mr. Pravat Prusty gave a vote of thanks.

Two SOG jawans injured in IED blast during anti-Maoist operation in Odisha

Phulbani(KCN): Two jawans of the Special Operations Group (SOG) of Odisha Police were injured when an improvised explosive device (IED) planted by Maoists exploded in a forest in Odisha's Kandhamal district during a combing operation Sunday, an officer said.

The IED was planted by the Maoists and it exploded after the SOG jawans accidentally touched it, the officer said.

"The explosion took place at around 10 am in the forest area under Tumudibandh police station limits in the district while combing operation by the SOG jawans was underway in the area," Kandhamal SP Suvendu Kumar Patra told PTI over the phone. Both the SOG jawans are out of danger, he said, adding that one jawan, who got an injury in his eye, is being shifted to AIIMS Bhubaneswar after preliminary treatment at Balikud hospital.

Another jawan got injuries on his hand and he has been shifted to Kandhamal district headquarters hospital, Phulbani after first aid, the SP said.

The injured jawans were identified as Prashant Jena and Amiya Ranjan Das.

Dense Fog Likely In 21 Odisha Districts On Dec 25; Yellow Warning Issued

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The IMD has predicted dense fog in as many as 21 districts of Odisha on December 25.

Dense fog is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Cuttack, Jajpur, Angul, Dhenkanal, Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Sundargarh, Deogarh, Balangir, Boudh, Sonepur, Kalahandi,

Kandhamal, Koraput, Ganjam, Gajapati, Nayagarh, Khurda and Puri on December 25 (Monday), said the IMD in its weather bulletin today. There will not be any large change in minimum or night temperatures across Odisha during the next four/five days, added the IMD.

As per the IMD, at least eight places in Odisha recorded minimum

temperatures below 10 Degree Celsius yesterday. Koraput recorded the lowest minimum temperature of 6.6 Degree C, followed by Daringbadi 7 Degree C, G. Udayagiri 7.4 Degree C, Keonjhar 8.8 Degree C, Sundargarh 9 Degree C, Kirei 9.4 Degree C, Phulbani 9.5 Degree C and Semiliguda 9.6 Degree C yesterday, added the IMD.

Odisha's Nandankanan Zoo To Remain Open On Christmas And New Year

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Good news for tourists during picnic season as the Nandankanan Zoological Park (NZP) will remain open on Christmas and New Year. In view of possible huge footfall on

Christmas and New Year, the Nandankanan authority has decided to keep the zoo open for tourists on December 25, 2023 and January 1, 2024, which fall on Monday. The zoo usually remains shut for tourists on

Sports Ministry requests IOA to constitute ad-hoc committee to manage WFI affairs

New Delhi(KCN): Soon after suspending the newly-elected Wrestling Federation of India, the Sports Ministry Sunday asked the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to constitute an ad-hoc body to control and manage the affairs of WFI.

The ministry Sunday suspended the WFI until further orders after the newly-elected body made a "hasty announcement" of organising the U-15 and U-20 nationals "without following due procedure and not giving sufficient notice to wrestlers" for preparations.

"... Taking note of the compelling current situation arising out of the influence and control of the WFI's former office bearers, serious concerns have arisen

about the governance and integrity of the WFI," said the letter signed by Tarun Pareek, under secretary to the Government of India. "This requires for immediate and stringent corrective measures to uphold the principles of good governance in sports organizations, and thus, now it becomes incumbent on part of the IOA to make suitable arrangements for the interim for managing the affairs of WFI so that sportspersons of wrestling discipline do not suffer in any manner and the principle of good governance in the sports body do not get jeopardised," he said in the letter addressed to IOA President PT Usha. The WFI elections were held December 21 with former president Brij

5T and Nabin Odisha Chairman visits Odia University

Bhubaneswar (KCN): On the direction of Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik

Chairman 5T

(Transformational Initiatives) & Nabin Odisha, Shri VK Pandian

today visited Satyabadi

and reviewed the

progress of 1st phase

construction work of

Odia University ..

The first phase work being built in an area of 8.6 acres, has a School of learning with a capacity of 200 students, one hostel block for male and one for female students with capacity for 32 students each, a scholar's hostel for 16 scholars, library, cafeteria, an admin block and well developed kunda (water body). During his visit, which took place between 4.30PM and

5PM, he inspected all the individual blocks, including progress on landscaping works and internal road works. Sri Pandian appreciated the architecture and construction work progress and instructed the authority to complete it by 15th of January. The Odia University, a dream project of chief minister Sri Naveen Patnaik, is located near the famous Vana Vidyalaya, Satyabadi. The beautiful and serene campus of the university has successfully used Odia alphabets in its design and architecture. The Odia University will be a center of excellence for research and development in

Odia language. The campus will be inaugurated by the chief minister during the last week of January 2024. Sri Pandian informed. Present at the review were Secretary, Higher Education, VC of the Odia University, Managing Director, OBC; and other officials.

Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka, Kharge To Visit Odisha In January



Sundargarh(KCN): Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, top leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra will visit Odisha in January next year, informed Odisha PCC President Sarat Pattachayak, who is on a one-day tour to Sundargarh district today. At a meeting with the AICC held in New Delhi recently, the Odisha PCC leaders and

MLAs had requested the party high command Kharge, Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) Chairperson Sonia Gandhi, Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi to visit Odisha in January. Accepting the offer, the central leadership expressed their interest to organise a party programme in Sundargarh district, Pattachayak said.

The tribal-dominated Sundargarh was once a Congress bastion. Pattachayak said that the AICC wants to focus on Sundargarh as well as western Odisha to restore status quo ante. For this, a former IPS officer from the neighbouring state Jharkhand who is the former MP from Jamshedpur Dr Ajay Kumar has been given the responsibility as the party's state in-charge.

Declaration

Due to technical problem 24th December issue of The Kalinga Chronicle could not be published. Sorry for the inconvenience.

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ANNUAL EXHIBITION "EVENTILLA" ORGANISED AT DAV, KALINGANAGAR

Bhubaneswar(KCN): With an endeavor to promote scientific temperament and attitude among budding young students, the Annual Exhibition "EVENTILLA" -2023 was organized at DAV Public School Kalinga Nagar today. The program was inaugurated by the chief guest Dr. Bibhuranjan Nayak, Chief Scientist, IMMT, CSIR, Bhubaneswar. In the inaugural meeting organized to mark the occasion, chairman Sj Madan Mohan Panda rendered the welcome address to the gathering. In his address to the students, the chief guest advised them to exhibit the quality of being



inquisitive in whatever they do in their life so that it will land them at the best solution to the problems they may face in their life. While appreciating the innovative projects displayed by the students, Principal Sri Balaram

Mahapatra encouraged the students to develop the spirit of scientific enquiry and logical approach for a better tomorrow. More than 230 projects students in Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Odia, English, Hindi on various

topics related to Green Energy, improvised Transport, Communication, Agriculture, Technology, Bio-diversity, Community Health, Environment and Mathematical Modelling by more than 610 students were an eye opener for all. The launch of water rocket and escort of the dignitaries by a rover designed by the students at the Atal Tinkering Laboratory impressed the audience. The integration of Artificial Intelligence was also another keynote of the exhibition. Chief Co-ordinator of the Samja and SMC member of the school Sj Suresh Chandra Mantry, appreciated the scientific skill and expertise demonstrated by the students through their inventive exhibits and the blessed the students to succeed in leaps and bounds in all their endeavors.

Noted Sanskrit scholar Samudrala Shatagopacharya advocates Alvaracharyas' teachings

Hanumakonda (KCN): Renowned Sanskrit scholar, Samudrala Shatagopacharya, stressed the profound impact of Alvaracharyas' teachings on humanity during an insightful endowment lecture. The event took place at the Hanumadgiri Ranganayakulu temple, situated at Raganna Darwaza in Warangal, organized by the Namikonda Balakishan Rao (NABARA) Trust on Sunday. Speaking on the occasion, Shatagopacharya highlighted the significance of Mahopadesa, teachings bestowed by the Alwar



Acharyas within the Srivaihshava tradition, emphasizing their potential to bestow blessings upon mankind.

He underlined the Alvaracharyas' contributions, praising their humane and compassionate

explanations that transcend gender differences within the country. The programme garnered significant attention from literature enthusiasts, witnessing a sizable turnout. Dr Panchalara extended the welcome address, setting the tone for an intellectually stimulating gathering. Additionally, temple priests Raghavacharya and Narsimhacharya, along with members of the Satsampradaya Parirakshana Sabha including T Yadagiri and Vanam Lakshmi Kantha Rao, were present among others during this enlightening discourse.

Motivational Strips celebrates the birthday of its founder

Bengaluru(KCN): The global writers celebrated the birthday of Motivational Strips founder and President, Author Shiju H Pallithazheth with grandeur on Saturday. Birthday wishes and tributes to the founder flooded in multiples of thousands through the social media pages during the weekend. The celebrations in Motivational Strips simulated a full fledged festival with hoardings and posters all around stating their respect to Author Shiju. Motivational Strips is

the world's most active writers forum with writers from more than 197 countries. The monthly impressions to this page crosses 7.5 million every month. The Regional Director of Motivational Strips, Author Mary Lynn from

her USA office and Author Corina Junghiatu from MS Romania office praised the selfless contribution made by Author Shiju in uniting world quality writers for empowerment of world literature. Former Gujarat Sahitya

Academy chairman and Padmi Shri awardee Dr Vishnu Pandya, congratulated him on the occasion and praised his efforts in uniting world writers.

The spokesperson of Motivational Strips Sreekala initiated acrostic poems and tributes in the name of

MS founder and President. Author Shiju H Pallithazheth thanked the world writers through a live video and expressed his assurance on empowering world literature by identifying quality writers through Motivational Strips.

from M/s. Infinity Shipping Private Limited expressed, "As

Shri Charchit Mishra leads the association and our transformative plan unfolds, we extend an invitation to every member to be an integral part of this journey. Together, we can elevate our association to new heights, ensuring it remains a valuable and supportive entity for all."

Notably, KSAA reposes firm faith in Shri Charchit Mishra as he is a seasoned leader with a passion for positive change and is now steering the association toward a future of

increased relevance and impact within the maritime community. Besides, his strategic plan - crafted alongside a dedicated team - aims to foster collaboration, encourage continuous learning, and amplify advocacy efforts.

Moreover, KSAA pins high hopes on Shri Charchit Mishra as he ensures the effective execution of this transformative plan as well as his able leadership is a guiding force meant for navigating the association through uncharted waters towards a brighter and more prosperous future.

Odisha and Delhi Government are not paying construction workers dues in time



Bhubaneswar(KCN): There are serious allegation by Odisha and Delhi Construction Workers Unions that Odisha and Delhi Governments are not paying the various dues of construction workers in time also abnormally delaying the process of registration and renewal of construction workers in welfare Board. Even the compensation payment for the death and

disable construction workers are not paid for years together. All the construction workers welfare Board money is not coming from state Government Budget. It is collection 1% from the construction project. Ministers, Chief Minister, MLA are utilizing the fund to achieve that political goal. Why should the welfare fund is being distribution by the

Minister and MLAs where not a single pay is coming from State Govt. budget said Dr. R.C. Khuntia, Ex-MP, National Vice President and State President of INTUC, INBCWWF while addressing 42 construction workers unions at Delhi on 22/12/2024 under the banner of National Mazdoor Adhikar Manch. Around 1000 delegates of 42 unions over present in the meeting President over by Md Amzad Hason. If all pending cases are not cleared construction workers jointly would go for Dharana, Satyagraha before labour commissioner Office and construction workers welfare Board Office.

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'Salaar' X Review: Prabhas' Fans Celebrate, Call Prashanth Neel Film A 'Blockbuster'



All the fans of Prabhas have got a reason to rejoice as their long wait has finally come to an end with the release of much-awaited 'Salaar: Part 1 – Armistice'. The film hit theatres today, December 22. The Prashanth Neel-directed movie also features Prithviraj Sukumaran, Shruti Haasan, and Jagapathi Babu in lead roles.

Fans flocked theatres before the release and celebrated the same. They were seen bursting crackers and dancing to dhol beats. After the first show, several social

media users shared their takes on the film, while calling it a 'super hit.' 'Salaar' is set in the crime-ridden fictional city of Khansaar, where the character of Prithviraj tries to take control of the city's lordship with the help of his friend Salaar, portrayed by Prabhas. While there was a lot of craze among fans about Shah Rukh Khan's Dunki, which hit theaters on December 21, they still came in large numbers to watch Prabhas' film. Shortly after the end of the first show, fans took it to

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

Dunki Box Office Collection Day 1: Shah Rukh Khan-Starrer Makes Less Than Jawan, Pathaan

Shah Rukh Khan's Jawan and Pathaan both garnered Rs 1,000 crore worldwide, however, the actor's latest release Dunki, which hit theatres on Thursday, has not managed to create the same buzz. According to industry tracker Sacnilk, the film earned Rs 30 crore nett domestic on its opening day, becoming the year's seventh biggest opener after Jawan, Animal, Pathaan, Tiger 3, Gadar 2 and Adipurush. Jawan earned Rs 75 crore on the opening day, while Adipurush made Rs 36 crore.

Going by the opening day figures, Dunki is the least successful Shah Rukh Khan film of the year. However, it is still bigger than Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan (Rs 15.81 crore), Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar (Rs 15.73 crore), Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani (Rs 11.1 crore) and Dream Girl 2 (Rs 10.69 crore).

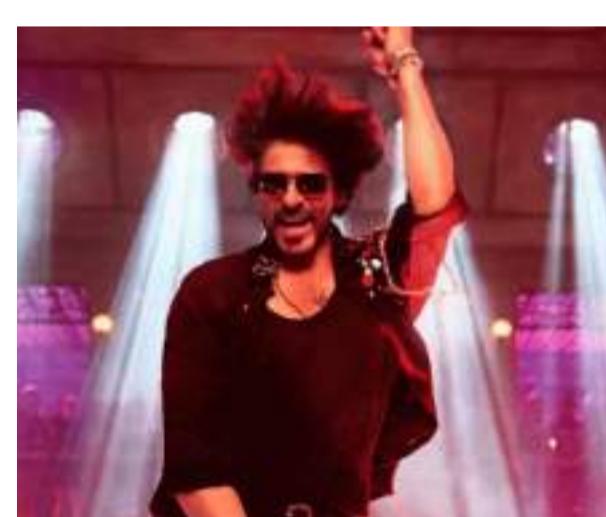
On Thursday, Dunki recorded an overall occupancy rate of 29.94%. In the NCR region, there were 1,412 shows with an occupancy rate of around 31% and in Mumbai, there were 1,081 shows with an occupancy rate of around 29.75%. With a solo

release on Thursday, the film will have to compete with Prashanth Neel's Salaar, which has been released in multiple languages across the country on Friday. Starring Prabhas and Prithviraj Sukumaran in the key roles, Salaar is significantly surpassing Dunki and is estimated to earn over Rs 60 crore on its opening day.



Although it is Shah Rukh Khan's least successful film of the year, the opening day collection is still higher than his 2018 film Zero. Zero saw an opening of Rs 19.35 crore and managed to earn only Rs 90.28 crore during its lifetime. For director Rajkumar Hirani, known for his successful box office record, the opening figures are lower than those of his last hit 'Sanju' (2018). The Ranbir Kapoor starrer grossed Rs 34.75 crore and finally managed to earn Rs 342.53 crore. Released after the incredible success of Animal, Dunki also stars Taapsee Pannu and Vicky Kaushal in pivotal roles.

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



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.

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 Nun 2 Trailer Teases Returns Of 'The Conjuring' Universe



The makers of 'The Nun' are all set to come up with the film's sequel. On Thursday, they unveiled the film's trailer and it has definitely left fans excited. The sequel, which is headlined by Taissa Farmiga, is set to be out on September 8.

As per Variety, the film

begins in 1956 after a priest is viciously murdered in France. According to the film's official logline, 'The Nun 2' follows Sister Irene (Farmiga) as she once again comes face to face with the demonic Valak. Farmiga returns alongside Bonnie Aarons and Jonas Bloquet who will reprise their roles as Valak and Maurice "Frenchie," respectively. "The Nun 2" will introduce new additions to the "Conjuring" universe, including Katelyn Rose Downey as Sophie, Anna Popplewell as Marcella and Storm Reid as an

unknown new character. The USD 2 billion franchise began in 2013, with the original "The Conjuring" film, starring Patrick Wilson and Taissa Farmiga's older sister, Vera Farmiga. The original film was inspired by paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren's nonfiction book, "The Amityville Horror." "The Conjuring's" first spinoff, "Annabelle" 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.

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 in a statement.

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

It's time now to readdress India's Skilling Festival



Continuous Learning is believed to be the minimum requirement for success in any field. Organizations which did not upgrade became obsolete, and individuals who did not upskill lost their edge. The need for upskilling or reskilling presents a huge challenge not only to individuals and organizations, but to economies and societies at large. The good thing with learning is - it's never too late.

A McKinsey report titled, 'The future of work after Covid-19' made some very crucial observations. According to the report, around 100 million people will need to find new occupations by 2030 across the eight focus countries. For India

alone, this number will be close to 18 million. There are numerous other surveys that put an expiry to the existing jobs by the end of this decade with increased application of digitization, automation, and pervasive application of AI/ML. They also indicate the emergence of new roles in organizations along with remarkable changes in the skill requirement of existing roles. IDC finds that Salesforce and its ecosystem of partners in India will create more than 1.3 million jobs among Salesforce customers in the country, including 569,800 direct and 758,400 indirect jobs by 2026. According to IDC, the demand for cloud services is set to grow 22%, from \$2.6 billion in 2020 to \$8.5 billion in 2026. The Global Digital Skills Index, commissioned by Salesforce, reveals that in India 72% of respondents say they are very actively learning digital skills

now to prepare themselves for the future of work. 66% of respondents in India also said they feel very equipped with resources to learn digitization skills. According to the World Economic Forum's Future of Jobs report, online learning and training is on the rise with a four-fold increase in the number of individuals seeking out learning opportunities online through their own initiative, and a five-fold increase in employer provision of online learning opportunities to their employees. Additionally, there has been a nine-fold enrolment increase in learners accessing online learning through government programmes, with a greater focus on skills such as data analysis, computer science and information technology. According to the World Economic Forum report, India's unemployment increased to 23% from

10.4% in 2020. The lack of skills necessary for employment is one of the leading causes of this problem. When our students reach the workforce, the skills they received during their college education are found to be outdated. Globally, according to the World Economic Forum, to adapt to the changing nature of occupations by 2025, more than half of all employees worldwide would need to upskill or reskill. All those who are currently unemployed are not included in that figure. This emphasizes that industry, academia, and the public sector need to move skill development to the top of their investment priorities and transformation charters in order to bridge the growing skill gap.

India's demand for digital talent jobs is approximately 8x larger than the size of its fresh talent pool. By 2024, this demand is expected to become 20x the available fresh

talent pool. For a country that supports a majority of the world's technology outsourcing requirements, it's alarming to see that India's talent shortage is 9 percent higher than the global average. In a recent study conducted under the guidance of author by the research scholars of BRAUSS (MHOW) School of Social Sciences and Management Studies revealed that for India to retain its lead in the digital era, we need to disrupt the traditional approach to talent development. Along with upskilling our existing workforce, we need to build alternate talent pools that don't require a traditional four-year engineering degree. It is high time we should penetrate the smaller towns and explore the untapped potential of youth and women with limited resources and invest in a sustained talent pool with specific skillsets. We should also explore innovative learning

models and invest in building world-class free content that can be leveraged by anyone and aligned with a credible system of certification. The study further laid stress on the opportunity to rethink, reimagine and restructure how we prioritize skilling, how we deliver education while ensuring growth and innovation while businesses and society evolves. The scale of this challenge is too massive for a single company, institution, or government to solve alone; it will require true partnership across all stakeholders to move the needle providing digital opportunities for all. As the gap between hope and confidence widens, a global commitment to bridging widening digital skills gaps is fundamental to our world's future success and prosperity. A key part of this must include differentiating between every day and workplace digital skills, preparing the

workforce for new jobs that will emerge, and reimagining the role business can play in cultivating a culture of continual digital learning. The study suggested that public and private sectors should take responsibility to unlock vital upskilling, reskilling, and digital literacy within both the current and future workforce, in order to prepare people for the future of work and develop the capabilities to effectively drive innovation and growth. We need to see a concerted collaborative effort to break down barriers to learning and create an equal and accessible pathway into a digital-first future. Now more than ever, businesses must work closely with governments and community stakeholders, to ensure that training and recruitment scales up to match digital demand, to reach all aspects of society, and to accelerate recovery

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Big thoughts of big day

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The tender heart of Jesus was the main source of inspiration in the minds of all sections of society. He was the hope of those who were completely lost in life, or who were victims of complacency and helplessness. He spent most of his life with them. However, he was a short-lived great man. He had no fault in trying to keep others alive with the touch of selfless love. But man did not let him live like a man. Therefore, during the long journey of life, he did not get the opportunity to move forward easily. But he was left to become countless examples of service work.

From the middle of a small circle of life he had to organize everything like others. He also gives people strength, courage, patience and tolerance with the promise of a new and full life. He also had an infinite capacity to find the necessary energy to fill the hearts of all classes

of people with new hope. Again, the desire to disappear behind someone's eyes just by making a promise never crossed his mind. Needless to say, he was a source of inspiration for all freedom seekers.

On the other hand, some new information about his birth is also known. But nothing is definitely known about his actual date and year of birth. However, most scholars agree that Jesus was born around the beginning of the first century and died between 30 and 36 AD. In the scriptures, "We don't see things as they are, we see things as we are."

Jesus' day progressed in its own way. Jesus himself has become history. And later if his followers want to celebrate his birthday. Of course, everyone had to face a little problem. But their own thoughts did not have an invisible sense of thought. So they are continuing the research work in that regard.

Although in the end everyone decided that they are celebrated on December 25 every year. Jesus' birthday is celebrated. At that time and on that day the festival of the Sun was celebrated with great fanfare throughout Rome. So think of Jesus as a symbol of the rising sun. It was

that time, his representative Quirinius was given all responsibility for the service of the people of Rome. Then he was transformed into Jesus.

Jesus or Jesus Christ or Jesus Christ is the originator and original personality of Christianity. Jesus is the Son of God according to the Christian religion. The life and great teachings of Jesus are described in the New Testament of the Bible. Because he is the unique son of God. Whoever believes in him will not perish and have eternal life. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father unless he comes through me."

In relation to Jesus it is said in the Bible -

A stained glass depiction of Jesus as a Caucasian man with long brown hair, a beard and the characteristic Christian cross inscribed in the halo behind his head. The figure dressed in a white inner robe covered by a shorter, looser scarlet robe. Depicted as a Shepard, he is holding a crux in his left hand and carrying a lamb in his right. Sheep are positioned to the left and right of the figure.

In fact, he has now become a festival icon. On the day of his feast day when he was crucified - he said, O

God, forgive them, they do not even know what they are going to do. Since then, the devotees of Lord Jesus began to attend the church. They did that movement on that day for the purpose of special worship. The festival starts in the church premises. Then it started spreading from house to house and even to streets and alleys. A treat of devotion, respect and love. All were seen together at the event.

Along with an emotion, one's own mind was also filled with a touch of perfection. Even at that time the number of festivals in front of them was very less. So the event on 25th December filled everyone's skills with great skill.

Although there is disagreement about the birth date of Jesus Christ, all agree that he was born in 4 BC. He was born in a horse stable in a small village called Nazareth, near Bethlehem, five kilometers from the city of Zelujelm. After birth, his only shelter at that time was a bed of hay kept for feeding horses. His father Joseph was guarding mother and son like a faithful soldier.

Because he understood that this child was none other

than God's messenger. So he feared that even the tyrant Roman rulers could know everything. So they must try to remove that newborn baby from this world and they will do it very secretly. So he also had to prepare to save his son's life.

That little boy was alive then. But everyone knows what happened to him after that. He died by crucifixion. But Jesus is still immortal in our hearts. The Belham of that day exists in its glory with all the collected existence of that great man. Thousands of people gather there every year on 25 December.

In fact, from that day on, everyone built an artificial stable on the festival grounds in honor of Jesus. The tears of sympathy which were born in the tender heart and simple eyes, fell again unconsciously from both eyes. It is a great consolation in everyone's mind that on this holy day of Christmas they are able to fulfill their big dreams of life....!!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS- -History and Importance

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season of joyous reunions. The exchange of heartfelt wishes and the sharing of laughter strengthen the bonds between family members and friends. Christmas carries a deeper meaning. It is a time to reflect on kindness, generosity, and importance of spreading quality time with loved ones. This festival teaches valuable lessons of compassion and kindness.

The exact date of Jesus' birth is unknown, but December 25th was chosen as the date of Christmas Day by the early Christian church. This is because it was around time of the pagan Roman holiday Saturnalia, which was a popular celebration of light and renewal. Santa Claus, also known as Saint Nicholas, Kris Kringle, or father Christmas, is a legendary figure with origins rooted in both Christian traditions and folklore. The modern depiction of Santa Claus has evolved over centuries and is a amalgamation of various cultural influences. Saint Nicholas was known for his generosity and kindness, particularly towards children and the needy. Over time, stories of his deeds spread and he became a symbol of gift-giving and benevolence. Xmas A shortened form of Christmas, using the Greek letter "X" as an abbreviation for "Christ". Columnist Khordha (63706 75562)

INDIAN ARMY EMPOWERS 40 KASHMIRI YOUTH WITH INNOVATIVE "SMARTPHONE FILM MAKING COURSE"



Srinagar(KCN): The Indian Army as part of its initiative conducted a Smart Phone Film Making Course in collaboration with Film & Television Institute of India (FTII Pune) aimed at fostering creativity and skill development among Kashmiri youth. The "Smartphone Film Making Course" provided aspiring filmmakers in the region with the knowledge and tools needed to tell compelling stories using their smartphones.

The course was conducted by experienced professionals and mentors in the field from FTII & was designed to be accessible and inclusive, welcoming participants with diverse levels of experience. It is a testament to the Indian Army's commitment to empowering the youth of

Indian Museum organised seminar on Medieval history of urban West Bengal with focus on Triveni -Saptagram



Kolkata(PARTHA ROY): Indian Museum organised One -Day seminar on rich history of West Bengal in medieval period of India with special focus on Triveni -Saptagram and their contribution in evolution of economy, culture and religion and demography on 20th December 2023 at its premises in Kolkata. The day long seminar was attended by Sanskar Bharati Secretary West Bengal & National Management Committee member Smt. Nilanjana

Roy, Shri Gautam De Culture specialist and General Secretary of Triveni Kumbha Organising Committee was felicitated by Indian Museum for his contribution in area of promotion of rich cultural heritage of West Bengal. During medieval period in India Bengal was center of trade with many regions on the Earth. Saptagram had rich Indic cultural heritage was a riverine port town for trade with different regions of the planet. Sadhan Mukherjee Vice

Hindi Poetry book "Musafir Dil" launched in grandeur



Strips USA chief Administrator Author Melissa Begley and Motivational Strips Media Coordination officer Author Dipanpreet Kaur. Chief Guests for the

CMRI Kolkata Marks 54 Years of Unmatched Healthcare Excellence

supporting education, creativity, and skill development in regions that benefit from such initiatives.

Participants not only gained a hands-on experience but will also have the opportunity to showcase their work through a dedicated platform, creating a bridge between their stories and a global audience. The Indian Army believes in the transformative power of education and hopes that this initiative will contribute to the holistic development of the Kashmiri youth.

This pioneering effort aligns with the Indian Army's broader vision of fostering positive engagement and building bridges within communities. The "Smartphone Film Making Course" is a testament to the belief that education and creativity can serve as powerful catalysts for change.

Participants were all praise for Indian Army for their efforts towards empowering the youth & nation building.

Kolkata(ABHIJIT SETH): Calcutta Medical Research Institute (CMRI), a prominent establishment under CK Birla Hospitals, commemorates 54 years of pioneering healthcare in Kolkata. The anniversary celebrations highlight CMRI's steadfast commitment to Clinical Excellence, Ethical Conduct, and Patient Centricity, propelling the institution as a trusted healthcare provider.

The institution's dedication to unparalleled patient service and clinical excellence has driven advancements in specialties such as orthopaedics, pulmonology, interventional radiology, and neurology. The hospital stands as a symbol of futuristic, modern, and

technologically advanced healthcare, dedicated to transforming lives through compassionate care and cutting-edge advancements.

The commemorative events shed light on the stories of patients who conquered complex treatments, underscoring the integral role played by CMRI's distinguished medical team and its state-of-the-art medical infrastructure. In a recent press conference, grateful patients expressed their renewed existence following encounters with life's fragility, attributing their recovery to CMRI's compassionate care and unwavering commitment to medical excellence.

CMRI's focus on transformative technologies, particularly in orthopaedics, pulmonology, and

interventional radiology, and neurology, has elevated its standing as a beacon of futuristic healthcare. The hospital's dedication to staying at the forefront of medical advancements ensures patients benefit from the latest technologies and cutting-edge treatments.

At the core of CMRI's success is its exceptional nursing unit, where proficiency seamlessly intertwines with compassion. The tireless efforts of the nursing staff create a haven of healing, where each patient is not merely attended to but cared for with unmatched devotion and warmth.

Distinguished doctors at CMRI, including Dr. Raja Dhar, Dr. Rakesh Rajput, Dr. Anupam Golash, Dr. Ajay Aggarwal, Dr. Deep Das, Dr. NVK Mohan, Dr. Avik Bhattacharya, and Dr. Shyam Krishnan,

have been instrumental in pioneering advancements in their respective fields. Their expertise and commitment to pushing the boundaries of medical knowledge have significantly contributed to CMRI's legacy of excellence.

Mr. Sombrata Roy, Unit Head at CMRI, CK Birla Hospitals, expressed sincere appreciation for the exceptional contributions of the entire team to well-being. He emphasized CMRI's commitment to advancing clinical excellence through futuristic approaches and

state-of-the-art technologies, making a positive impact on patient experiences.

"In our pursuit of transformative processes, our steadfast dedication lies in enhancing patient experiences as our

paramount objective. CMRI's commitment extends to scholarly pursuits, actively participating in national and international forums. The success stories resonate with the prowess of our advanced facilities, driving us to expand diagnostic and treatment capabilities well beyond conventional boundaries. This emphasizes our enduring focus on a patient-centric approach, showcasing our unwavering commitment to excellence in healthcare," elaborated Mr. Roy.

As CMRI celebrates 54 years of unmatched care, it solidifies its position as a leader in innovative healthcare, dedicated to transforming lives and setting new standards in patient-centric care and medical excellence.

Heritage Institute of Technology will hosts the 76th Annual Session of Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers CHEMCON 2023

Kolkata(KCN): Heritage Institute of Technology Kolkata is hosting the 76th Annual Session of Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers 'CHEMCON 2023' which is organized by Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers in association with Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology, University of Calcutta, Jadavpur University and Heritage Institute of Technology from 27th December till 30th December.

The inaugural session of the Conference on 27th December will be addressed by His Excellency Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal, Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose as the Chief Guest. The Conference will witness the participation of more than 1400 scientists, faculty members of various academic institutions, research scholars and students from various engineering colleges across the Country. 24 eminent speakers from the Industry and academia will address the conference which

will deliberate on the theme, Energy Transition: Challenges & Opportunities.

26 invited speakers will visit the Conference and address various sessions at Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata.

Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, Director general, CSIR, and Secretary, DSIR, Govt. of India, Prof. G.D. Yadav, Emeritus Professor of Eminence and Former Vice-chancellor, ICT, Mumbai, Ms. Sukla Mistry, Director - Refinery, IOCL, Mr. Debasish Nanda, Director - Business development, Coal India, Mr. Parthasarathi Chatterjee, Executive Vice President - head, Offshore Oil & Gas, L&T Ltd, Mr. Arup Jhampri, Chief Operating Officer, ONGC, Mr. Subhankar Chakraborty, Vice president - R&D, Exide Industries Ltd and many more among the eminent speakers will address various sessions at the Conference.

"This is an excellent platform for the Chemical Engineers to upgrade their knowledge

and network with eminent personalities in this field," said Mr. Vikram Swarup, Vice-Chairman, Heritage Group of Institutions, Kolkata and Chairman, Local organizing Committee, CHEMCON 2023.

"These three days will witness a huge gathering of scientists in Kolkata who will discuss about the future of energy and how chemical engineering is shaping up the future," said Mr. D.M. Butala, President, Indian Institute of Technology, Kolkata.

"Our Institute will give

utmost support to all the visitors during CHEMCON 2023. Such a Conference is happening after a long time in Kolkata. We hosted CHEMCON 2007 as well," said Mr.

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra" Successfully Concludes in all Wards of Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Marking a Milestone in Government's Outreach"



Srinagar: The "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra" culminated with great success in the Srinagar city. Over the course of nine days, the yatra traversed all Municipal wards of the city, including Ward No.33 (Humama), Ward No.34 (Pantha Chowk), and Ward No.35 (Bagh-e-Mehtab), engaging citizens and promoting the government's flagship Schemes. From December 15th, 2023, the yatra reached 35 locations, including prominent areas such as Nishat, Lal Chowk, Dal, Kralyar, Habakadal, Zainakadal, Khanyar, Makhdoom Sahib, Madian Sahib, Hawal, Lal Bazar, Hazratbal, Batpora, Zakura, Ahmad Nagar, Soura, Nowshera, Safa Kadal, Palpora, Jamalatta, Islamyarbal, Karanagar, Qamarwari, Bemina, Parimpura, Lawaypora, Khomani Chowk, Batmaloo, Magarmal Bagh, Jawahar Nagar, Theenthusiastic participation of a large number of people underscored the yatra's focus on achieving the widespread implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS).

The primary objectives of the yatra were to aware and facilitate the access to all essential government Schemes, (the Jal Jeevan Mission, Ayushman Bharat Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, Jan Dhan Yojana, PM Awas Yojana, PM PRANAM Yojana, Urea Subsidy Scheme, and PM SVANidhi). The yatra also witnessed huge pledge participation from the general public and government officials, affirming their commitment to contribute towards the vision of a developed India.

through Musafir Dil. Author Mary Lynn Luiz highlighted the strength of Author Sreekala in handling multilingual poetry and added that handling multiple languages when pursuing poetry is not an easy task. Author Mousumi Kalita spoke about the versatility of Author Sreekala through her debut venture Musafir Dil. Author Sreekala P Vijayan is a multilingual poet residing in Bengaluru who have solo authored four books in poetry over the past three years. She additionally heads Global Media Coordination office for Motivational Strips, the world's most active writers forum.

Naveen Inspires Tribal Students

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, today, inspired tribal students to seize the opportunities provided by mother language-based education, computer education and health check-up programmes, initiated by the state govt and encouraged them to excel in studies, pursue their chosen careers and fulfill the aspirations of their parents.

The CM reminded the students that, in addition to their day-to-day studies, they should also cultivate knowledge about their culture, traditions and values.

Understanding these aspects would enable them to make a more significant contribution to society, the state and the nation, said the CM, while addressing the gathering at the state-level felicitation ceremony of Zonal Sargiful-2023 winners at the Lokseva Bhawan in Bhubaneswar.

"Achieving personal success in life is great, but when we accomplish something unique for our state and nation, it adds greater meaning and success to our lives," said the Chief Minister, as he extended his best wishes to the participants. He

also highlighted that Sargiful-2023 had provided a unique platform to showcase the talents of tribal students across Odisha.

Jagannath Saraka, Minister of ST & SC Dev., M & BCW Department, and Law addressed the gathering and said, "The two zonal-level Sargiful-2023 events held in Sundargarh and Gajapati have shown innovative ways to explore the talents of students from across the state." Sudam Marndi, Minister of School and Mass Education, Revenue and Disaster Management,

said, "There was a time when I was also a student in a tribal school, but then opportunities to explore the talents of students were scarce. However, through the initiatives of our chief minister, especially by educating tribal students in Anwesha schools



through English language education, there has been a sea-change in the success of tribal kids."

Earlier, in her welcome address, Roopa Roshan Sahoo, Secretary of ST & SC Development, M&BCW Department underscored the talents of students from tribal communities. She said, "During Sargiful-2023, Odisha's 30 districts were grouped into two zones – Gajapati and

Sundargarh. Over 1,300 students participated, engaging in more than 18 workshops and 13 competitions. Today, we have gathered here to celebrate and honour 297 talented prize winners."

The attendees were also shown short videos showcasing the organisation of Zonal Level Sargiful-2023 and the various activities of the ST & SC Development, M&BCW Department.

One of the highlights of the event was the release of the Students' Magazine on Sargiful-2023 and a Coffee Table book by the Chief Minister with beautiful paintings by the students of various tribal schools. The participating students also showcased

their cultural diversity by presenting a memento in 62 tribal languages (including 13 PVTG groups) to the Chief Minister.

After this, the prizes and certificates were distributed to the winners of zonal level competitions at Sargiful-2023.

Director Tribal Affairs and SCSTRTI, Indramani Tripathy proposed the vote of thanks.

The Zonal Sargiful event is Sundargarh began on December 7, with over 600 students from 15 districts. Activities such as elocution, quiz, painting, sports competitions and cultural programs reflected their tribal heritage.

Hockey India President Dilip Tirkey, graced the festival and even praised the skills of the students. The festival also featured workshops on sustainability, where students crafted items from waste materials.

A few days later, Zonal Sargiful 2023 took place in Gajapati, from December 14, with students from 15 districts participating.

The festival included a science exhibition, math games, a magic workshop and a cultural event featuring instrumental music. These events not only showcased tribal talents but also offered an enjoyable and educational experience for participating students.

Mantra For Mukta Team



Bhubaneswar(KCN): A one-day orientation workshop of MUKTA professionals was held to highlight the importance of water body rejuvenation and grey water management. The aim of the workshop was to provide clarity and guidance to MUKTA professionals on effective implementation of these activities in the field.

At the outset Joint Secretary Urban Development, & Chief Of SUDA, Sarada Prasad Panda, set the agenda for the day, emphasizing the need for brainstorming to assess targets, progress, and potential obstacles. He called for a shift towards a performance-based mode of operation and urged MUKTA professionals to identify and address any issues that may hinder their performance.

He said that we have been working for the transformative urban initiatives in accordance

with 5T mandate of Governance. This orientation programmes has been organised to provided valuable insights and guidance to MUKTA professionals with an emphasis on performance-based operation and the need for involvement and collaboration with SHGs and CBOs, Shri Panda added.

Special Secretary & Mission Director AMRUT Sagarika Pattanaik spoke about the on-going water body rejuvenation "Ama Pokhari" Yojana. The Yojana was launched by Chief Minister on last 6th July. Around 2000 water bodies in 115 ULBs are to be rejuvenated. As of now DPR for 165 water bodies with an estimated cost of 172 crore has been approved by the Government, she informed and encouraged MUKTA professionals to actively participate in the state's

initiatives for urban transformation.

Among Special Secretary, Sanjaya Parmanik, Additional Secretary Rabindra Sahu, EIC OWSSB Prasanta Kumar Mohapatra, WRI Adviser Er Debasundar Mohapatra and Director Odisha Urban Academy Santanu Ratha also discussed on various aspects of implementation.

Key focus areas were highlighted to improve the effectiveness of interventions, including 100% MSG linkage, no water bodies in MUKTA, no vending zones in MUKTA, 100% maintenance of amenities for one year, sharing and explaining estimations to community-based organizations (CBOs), providing handholding support to CBOs, timely payment releases, and zero tolerance under MUKTA.

Director of Municipal Administration

Sangramjit Nayak in his address during concluding session emphasized the need for an innovative approach from MUKTA professionals and advised to work hard to meet the target in time. Odisha has been actively working towards improving urban capacities and resources through various means. MUKTA is one of the flagship programmes of the Government. He warned that future rewards would be reserved for high-performing professionals, while non-performers would face consequences.

The key officials from H&UD department, MUKTA professionals from all 114 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), and other concerned Officials & consultants attended the programme held in convention centre, Lok Seva Bhawan, Bhubaneswar.

With Covid Mask Is Back



Bhubaneswar(KCN): With the new sub-variant of Covid 19-JN.1- spreading its tentacles in other parts of the country, Odisha reported first Covid-19 case after a long gap. Following the report of the case, the Health and Family Welfare Department advised elderly persons and those with comorbidities to wear masks.

Taking to its official 'X' handle, the Department said, "With the emergence of #JN1CovidVariant, Odisha Government has advised the elderly people and those with

comorbidities to wear a facemask while going out and avoid visiting crowded places. #OdishaCares."

"In Kerala, the infected persons were mostly elderly persons with serious health complications," Director of Public Health Niranjan Mishra told reporters. Dr. Mishra said the lone patient was under

home treatment and there was no hospitalisation Covid-19 case in the state. He said apart from wearing masks, hand hygiene is also highly required," he said.

Speaking to the media, Director of Health Services Bijay Kumar Mohapatra clarified that no guideline has been issued making the wearing of face masks mandatory for people. "The testing centre will be increased if required," he said. However, he appealed to the people to go for tests if they find any symptoms of Covid-19.

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Marengo CIMS Hospital, Ahmedabad performs the first bloodless heart transplant in Asia

New Delhi (KCN): Marengo CIMS Hospital, part of the Marengo Asia Hospitals Group, has marked a significant advancement in heart transplants by performing the first bloodless heart transplant in Asia. This surgical clinical procedure pioneers a protocol of goal-directed bleeding management leading to transfusion-free heart transplants. Dr Dhiren Shah, Director, Heart Transplant Program, Dr Dhaval Naik, Heart Transplant Surgeon, Dr Niren Bhavasar, Cardiothoracic Anesthetist, and Dr Chintan Seth, Heart Transplant Anesthetist



and Intensivist at Marengo CIMS Hospital Ahmedabad led the team to accomplish the outcomes successfully. The surgery was performed on a 52-year-old Indian patient, Mr Chandraprakash Garg, suffering from Ischemic Dilated Cardiomyopathy and end-stage heart failure. The donor was a 33-year-old who lost his life in a road traffic accident. Surgeries such as high-end heart transplants require a high amount of blood for transfusion as there is a significant amount of blood spillage during the surgical procedure. During high-end surgeries, blood transfusion can lead to potential risks and

complications. Blood is also an organ and transfusion is considered to be an organ transplant in itself, to be completely monitored and controlled. Marengo CIMS Hospital followed appropriate protocols to achieve this distinguished feat successfully. In these surgical procedures, with extensive experience. The success of these procedures hinges on precision and accuracy, as they involve careful assessment and control of blood loss, ultimately obviating the need for blood transfusions.

Notably, the patient who underwent this highly innovative protocol

therapy was discharged in just nine days, in stark contrast to the conventional heart transplant patient who typically requires 21 to 24 days at the hospital before discharge. With this clinical outcome, Marengo CIMS Hospital will be amongst the top 10 global institutes to perform absolute Zero blood transfusion in a highly complex heart transplant life-saving procedure.

Zero transfusion also ensures significant mitigation of short- and long-term complications along with reduced length of stay and overall improvement in clinical outcomes. There are patients with the challenge of their bodies not accepting external blood transfusions. For these patients, allowing no scope for heart transplants with this rarity, this therapy offers significant hope for heart transplantation.

Dr Dhiren Shah, Director

- Heart Transplant Program, Marengo CIMS Hospital says, "A blood transfusion-free heart transplant represents a remarkable milestone in cardiac surgeries and showcases the significant strides made in surgical techniques and technology. We are setting up a Hemostasis Center of Excellence by adopting the bloodless heart transplant technique. The most crucial and clinically proven cornerstone of Patient Blood Management

(PBM) is Goal-directed bleeding Management (GDBM). With proven accomplishments in Australia, the US, and Europe, the adoption of GDBM ensures a reduction in blood transfusion by up to 90%, overall length of stay by 70%, complications like infections or kidney damage by 70% providing more efficiency to doctors and time for patient management with an overall improvement in patient outcomes."

Dr Niren Bhavasar, Cardiothoracic Anesthetist, Marengo CIMS Hospital says, "A cardiothoracic anesthetist has a critical role to play where the goal is to avoid the need for blood transfusion."

Vodafone Idea Foundation to Set up Robotic Labs in Schools

Bhubaneswar: Digital Skills are at the centre of the fourth industrial revolution and a prerequisite for future employment opportunities for today's children. With the objective of playing a role in building a future ready talent force from the school level onwards, Vodafone Idea Foundation, the CSR arm of Vi, and Ericsson India have partnered to set up state-of-the-art Robotic Labs in ten schools across the country to provide new-age learning experiences to children from

underserved communities, preparing them to participate in future technological studies.

Digital Labs, an innovative education programme, is designed to hand-hold school-going children aged 11-14 years, through their first experience with the world of programming and new technologies. By creating an open atmosphere for learning, Digital Labs aim to instill courage in these students to embrace technology and imbibe a problem-solving approach.

The partnership is

aimed at improving the students' education and employment prospects across Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) by providing an exciting learning experience and develop skills such as teamwork, problem-solving skills, critical thinking.

Through this partnership, ten Digital Labs will be set up at Vodafone Idea Foundation schools in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Gujarat.

Commenting on this initiative, P Balaji, Chief Regulatory and Corporate Affairs Officer - Vodafone Idea Limited, and Director - Vodafone Idea Foundation said, "Digital skills are a necessity for the holistic growth of the youth in the digital era. Exposing school-going children to coding and robotics helps spark creativity, stimulates critical thinking, imbues a collaborative mindset and opens up a world of opportunities. Using our technology-based tools, we have been working with

underprivileged children through various programmes aimed at giving them an opportunity to learn, grow and compete. Taking our 'Technology for Good' mission forward, we are happy to partner with Ericsson, to expose the young minds with higher-level skills and development, as well as encourage underserved groups to pursue advanced ICT education and enter science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields."

Samsung Launches High-Performance Premium Jet™ Cordless Stick Vacuum Cleaners in India

Bhubaneswar: Samsung, India's largest and most trusted consumer electronics brand, has launched its premium, highly powerful and intuitive Samsung Jet™ cordless stick vacuum cleaner line-up, delivering the ultimate end-to-end hygienic home cleaning solution to consumers in India. The line-up of vacuum cleaners will be available on Samsung's official online store, Samsung Shop starting May 04, 2022 and soon on Flipkart. The launch marks Samsung's foray in the vacuum cleaner segment in India with a range that can generate up to 200W of industry-leading suction power.

The range comes with a Jet Cyclone system that features nine cyclones with 27 air inlets to securely trap fine dust particles that are sucked into the vacuum cleaner without compromising on suction power. Samsung Jet™ cordless stick vacuum cleaners release clean air out with a Multi-layered Filtration System, the vacuum cleaners trap 99.99% of fine dust and allergens and provide powerful

traps 99.99% of fine dust particles and allergens. This is certified by the British Allergy Foundation & SLG Pruf & Zertifizierungs. Running on a robust Digital Inverter Motor that optimizes airflow with its ultrasonic welded airfoil blades for high energy efficiency, Samsung vacuum cleaners - Jet 70, Jet 75 and Jet 90 - come with the promise to provide high-speed and enhanced cleaning for consumers.

"With increased focus on safety, health and hygiene in the post-pandemic era, consumers are looking for agile and efficient home cleaning solutions. Our all-new Samsung Jet™ cordless stick vacuum cleaners are here to provide unmatched convenience to our consumers with best-in-class features for a hassle-free cleaning experience. Equipped with cutting-edge technology such as a Multi-layered Filtration System, the vacuum cleaners trap 99.99% of fine dust and allergens and provide powerful

and hygienic cleaning. Despite Samsung Jet's remarkably powerful suction capabilities, its body has been designed to be lightweight, allowing our consumers to enjoy the Jet's easy-to-use features more comfortably," said Mohandeep Singh, Senior Vice President, Consumer Electronics Business, Samsung India. The all-new range of Samsung Jet™ cordless stick vacuum cleaners will be available in three models - Jet 70, Jet 75 and Jet 90 - with prices ranging from INR 36,990 to INR 52,990. The models will be available on Samsung's official online store Samsung Shop starting May 04, 2022 and soon on Flipkart. For a limited period between May 04 and May 09, 2022, consumers buying Samsung Jet™ cordless stick vacuum cleaners can avail no cost EMIs of up to 12 months, starting INR 2,799. Consumers will get one-year warranty on Samsung Jet™ cordless stick vacuum cleaners.

With Mother's Day just around the corner, we must appreciate the role she plays in our lives. While mothers deserve our love round-the-clock, it's all about going all-out on Mother's Day. From grand-mothers to new moms, these super women play myriad roles in our lives. And they deserve much appreciation and a lot of CARE!

However, the plethora of choices tend to daunt a person while picking out the perfect gift for your mother. But worry not! If you are on the lookout for a gift that would be the perfect token of love - Here's a gifting guide for Mother's Day that will tick all your check boxes for the 8th of May 1.

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Blue Dart reports record performance with positive Q4 and Year-End

Mumbai: Blue Dart Express Limited, South Asia's premier express air and integrated transportation & Distribution Company, declared its Audited financial results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2022 at the Board Meeting held in Mumbai.

The company posted ₹ 1,354 million profit after tax (previous year ₹ 891 million profit) for the quarter ended March 31, 2022, and ₹ 3,764 million profit after tax (previous year ₹ 963 million profit) for the year ended March 31, 2022. Revenue from operations for the quarter ended March 31, 2022 stood at ₹ 11,659 million and ₹ 44,090 million for the year ended March 31, 2022.

'22 MegaStacks edition is also designed in a best-in-class live tournament structure with heavy buy-ins & deep stacks for a high-quality gaming experience.

The India Online Poker Championship, which follows immediately post IPC, would be the biggest ever online poker series in India with a massive prize pool of ₹ 3 Crore GTD! The 18-day-long virtual series will provide an online experience unlike any other gaming event in India.

Speaking on the launch, Mr. Amin Rozani, CEO of Spartan Poker Group said, "We are excited to host the India Online Poker Championship live this year and follow it up with our very successful

Sudarshan Venkatesh as Managing Director of TVS Motor Company

Chennai: TVS Motor Company, a reputed manufacturer of two-wheeler and three-wheeler globally, announced at its board meeting today the elevation of Sudarshan Venkatesh as Managing Director of the Company, effective today.

Sudarshan has been charting the future of one of India's leading two-wheeler manufacturer and has made it the most awarded two-wheeler company. He has played a pivotal role in the company's growth in India and key

India Online Poker Championship that will be hosted on the Spartan Poker platform, along with other streaming partners like AIO Games, Blitzpoker, PokerHigh, and PokerDaddy. We know how incredible the level of play in these competitions can be! We aim to offer an even better experience for players & fans, and even more opportunities for skilled players to raise their games and win huge prizes."

At Spartan Poker, we provide a seamless and a fair gaming experience to the Indian poker community, and we are driven to build Poker as a professional sport in India, along with all its inherent thrill, while also showcasing the country's untapped poker talent. Added Mr. Rozani.

TVS Motor. He has the ability to lead high performing teams internationally with empathy. He takes care of people and society. I am sure that with his leadership, the company will grow stronger and further pivot to the future." Mr. Venu Srinivasan, Chairman Emeritus, TVS Motor Company said, "Sudarshan's extra ordinary efforts have witnessed key decisions to develop aspirational products and grow fast in India and overseas.

WhatsApp rolls out emoji reactions, bigger groups

San Francisco: With an aim to make the messaging platform more user friendly, Meta-owned WhatsApp has announced that it is rolling out new features, including emoji reactions, bigger files and groups. The company said that it is slowly rolling out the ability to add up to 512 people to a group, which, till now, allowed to add only up to 256. "We are excited to share that emoji reactions are now available on the latest version of the app. Reactions are fun, fast, and they reduce overload in groups too. We will continue improving them by adding an even broader range of expressions in the future," the company said in a blogpost.

South Africa contemplate life after Elgar

New Delhi: What happens when the core of a team, the figure who is, consciously or not, the keeper-in-chief of the culture, who sets the team's course and keeps it faithful to that course, who serves as a bridge between the past and the present and influences the future, is no longer there? South Africa will find out in two Tests' time.

Dean Elgar, 36, will call it a career after the series against India, which starts in Centurion on Tuesday and is scheduled to end on January 7 at Newlands. His 84 caps represent almost a quarter of the 353 in a squad of 15 in which three players - 20% - have played no Tests. On the other side of the dressingroom divide, only Virat Kohli and Ravichandran Ashwin have more Test experience than Elgar. South Africa have been here before, of course, when icons like Mark Boucher, Jacques Kallis

and Graeme Smith have gone. But this feels different, perhaps because Boucher, Kallis, Smith and Elgar are different versions of, essentially, the same person; someone South Africans admire, respect and know they can depend on - someone they aspire to be. "Dean epitomises what a South African cricketer is about, almost what a South African is about: resilience, dog fight, pride in performance, and also that ability to never back down," Shukri Conrad told a press conference in Centurion on Saturday. "Those are all the elements that Dean has brought in his extensive international and first-class career to all the sides that he has played in. If some of the young bucks are going to step into those big shoes, if they can have half the characteristics and the qualities that Dean has, then we'll be in a good space."

Elgar has been a cussed, crusty, curmudgeonly presence since he made his debut at the WACA more than 11 years ago. Those qualities helped mould the team into a side good enough to keep the Test mace they won three months before Elgar made his debut for another 18 months. He took on the mantle relinquished by Boucher, Kallis and Smith, and he has worn it well. So much so that many of South Africa's players who have come after Elgar seem softer, less likely to disagree bluntly and more careful about not stepping on toes, than the last of the straight shooters. It's difficult to see much of Elgar in the polished politeness of Aiden Markram, Keshav Maharaj, Lungi Ngidi, Gerald Coetzee and Tony de Zorzi. Will the soul of South Africa's team leave with Elgar?

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Nice guys can be resilient," Conrad said. "You don't have to be a nob to be resilient. The characteristics we display when we are on the field, that needs to speak to what being South African looks like. We are going to keep the values of what a South African cricket team is about. Dean epitomises that, and the Tonys and some of the nicest people in the world will always embody that. It's something we are going to continuously strive towards."

That will be difficult considering South Africa will play only four Tests in 2023. Their two Tests in New Zealand in February will be their only other matches in the format this southern summer. Did that prompt Elgar to go? "The fact that we haven't got much Test cricket is part of the reason we arrived at the decision," Conrad said. "We would like to play more Test

cricket because the more we play the more opportunity we've got to blood cricketers for the future. Currently I've got very little opportunity to do that. Sometimes decisions like Dean's are arrived at because of a lack of cricket. It's not an excuse. We've got to make do with what we've got, and not only want to be competitive but win Tests." South Africa's chances of doing so in the coming weeks would be made easier if Kagiso Rabada and Ngidi recover from the bruised heel and sprained ankle that have kept them out of action since the World Cup. "Both KG and Lungi are still in the squad and up for selection; we will make that decision tomorrow," Conrad said. "The fact that they are still in the squad means they are up for selection."

Players like Rabada and Ngidi, who have 76 Test caps between them, are important in South Africa's bid to stay competitive and thus relevant in a changing cricket landscape. That will mean maintaining a team identity strong enough not to be derailed by high-profile retirements. "We are in the entertainment business and we have to make sure we make the product enjoyable not only for fans but for players, given the threat of all the leagues around the world that can lure some Test players," Conrad said. "I am still very much convinced that Test cricket is a massive thing for all our players. Have we got a certain brand? I don't have a name for it but I am always going to go for the character over the cover driver." That character will be tested by an India team who know South Africa is the only country they've toured without winning a Test series. Instead, they've lost seven of eight rubbers. Considering India's stature in the world game, that doesn't sit well.

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Didn't get support from Jamaica: Tallawahs owner on why he moved to Antigua

New Delhi: Kris Persaud, the erstwhile owner of Jamaica Tallawahs has said he decided to move to Antigua because of lack of support from the Jamaican government. Having surrendered his franchise to the Caribbean Premier League (CPL), the Guyana-born Florida-based businessman has decided to launch a team in Antigua, where cricket is an intrinsic part of the island's culture.

"I could not continue to operate a franchise cricket team in a country where the government refuses to provide any financial support for the tremendous economic and social benefits it receives from event held on their behalf in and and out of Jamaica," Persaud, whose original name is Krishna Prasad, told Cricbuzz.

"We won the tournament in 2022 and received no



acknowledgement/appreciation from anyone in the government, and so we have decided to cut our losses and leave the situation to the CPL. (We're) looking forward to exciting times in Antigua where cricket is an intrinsic part of the culture."

The CPL was launched and Tallawahs were taken over by Persaud from businessman Manish Patel, and since then he had been running the franchise before deciding to close shop in

the name, Persaud said he will leave it to the public. "We are taking names from the public and will decide upon them early next year. We already have Curtly Ambrose as the assistant coach to the new team open to including other Antiguan legends as mentors of the team. We plan to help flourish grassroots cricket all over the island," he told this website. Earlier CPL told this website that the Tallawahs had to close operations in Jamaica as the business there was not sustainable. "The CPL have bought the Jamaica Tallawahs franchise from the current owners. The owners were left with no option but to sell the Tallawahs back to CPL as they could not find a way to operate the team sustainably," a spokesman for the league said.

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Would have been happier with a series win - Najmul

New Delhi: Najmul Hossain, the Bangladesh captain, was pleased that his team secured their first ever ODI victory against New Zealand in New Zealand but added that it would have been better had they won the series, which the hosts took 2-1.

After 18 ODI losses on the trot, Bangladesh finally ended their winless run thanks to a commanding bowling performance in the third ODI. A collective effort helped bowl New Zealand out for just 98 and Bangladesh reached the target in 15.1 overs with nine wickets in hand. Bangladesh were a tad unlucky in the opening game which had several rain interruptions and was eventually reduced to 30 overs per side, as the visitors were short of bowling options in the end.

"If you think about the history certainly we have performed in a manner that we can be proud of as we could win one game. But personally speaking we came here to win the series," said Najmul. "In the opening game we were unlucky that we ran short of bowling options due to rain. Certainly happy that we could win the (third) game but would have been happier if we could win the series," he said. Najmul said maintaining discipline was key for

them to be able to restrict New Zealand to a total of under 100. "We have not thought anything like that (bowling them under 100 runs) and we just tried to keep our process right in this series. We bowled well for a long period of time and the wickets were falling automatically. We did not come here with the hope that we will bowl them out for 98 or 100 runs. The only focus was how long we can bowl well and I am proud of the way we make a comeback after losing two games."

"Whenever I brought someone to bowl they fulfilled their responsibility. When Shoriful gave us two breakthroughs in the second spell the momentum came towards us. I don't want to praise any individual as everyone fulfilled their responsibility and bowled accordingly," he said. "There was no extra help from the wicket, we made some tactical changes because there was some help for the pacers. Just tried to keep the pace bowlers on for as long as possible but there was not nothing extra in the wicket."

Pace bowler Tanjim Shakib, who bagged the player of the match award for his three scalps, added that he was just focusing on bowling the right line and length as the wicket had something to offer for the pacers that."

Plan was to create pressure with dot balls - Deepti



that she was careful not to look too far ahead, and take it 30 minutes at a time.

"[It was] quite important, actually, because we'd lost quick wickets before that," said Deepti. "We just spoke about how to get through the session. We just wanted to build a partnership, stay on the wicket and we took it 30 minutes at a time." Deepti also stressed on the other factors, such as Australia playing an uncharacteristically defensive brand of cricket to suit the conditions, and the pitch behaving a lot slower than it did on the first two days, also mentioning that the pitch will likely assist the bowlers on the final day.

"They (Australia) usually tend to play an aggressive brand of cricket, which they didn't today - that's what they did in the first innings," explained Deepti. "I think it helped them a bit because when you're new in the middle, it's a bit easy to hit and also at the same time also a bit difficult, and that helps the bowlers. Credit to them for playing well

there," said Deepti Sharma, elaborating on India's struggles to get the breakthrough for a significant part of Day 3. "The wicket was a bit slow and low, so there wasn't much aid." When asked about bowling round the wicket, Deepti admitted that the over-the-wicket angle gave them a better chance of LBW, but ultimately decided to bowl round the stumps to change things around and get the Australians out of their comfort zone. "Yeah, over the wicket gives you a better chance of LBW. But the plan in

the second half was to switch it over," explained Deepti. "We tweaked it a bit in the hope that it'll probably create some chances. The plan was always to create pressure on the batters with dot balls. We bowled as per our plans." When asked about the gritty Tahilia McGrath, and the difficulty India faced in dismissing her, Deepti dismissed the question, explaining that Australia deserve credit for playing well, and that India were not focussed on the personnel, but taking wickets instead. "I won't say it was

difficult. See, they've also come here to play and they deserve the credit for playing well today," said Deepti. "Patience is as important in bowling as it is in batting. So, we focussed on bowling to our areas and didn't give too much thought to who's playing well or who's doing what. We just wanted to bowl in partnerships and hit the right areas. And we got those wickets in the end." Deepti was quick to emphasize the importance of her partnership with Pooja Vastrakar, explaining