

Naba Das Murder: Accused Gopal's First Round Polygraph Test Conducted In Gujarat FSL, DFSS

Cuttack, (KCN): First round of the lie-detection test of accused Gopal Krishna Das was carried out today at the State Forensic Science Laboratory (SFSL) and Directorate of Forensic Science Services (DFSS) in Gandhi Nagar of Gujarat in connection with the murder of former Health Minister Naba Kishore Das, who died in gun attack on January 29 in Brajarajnagar of Jharsuguda district.

However, the next round of polygraph test including Narco analysis is to be conducted on Friday.

Tests are being done as per the order of JMFC-I (cognizance taking) Court, Brajarajnagar. Narco analysis will be conducted after a detailed medical examination of the



accused. An eight-member team led by IO and DSP Ramesh Chandra Dora has camped in Gandhi Nagar for the purpose, a CID-CB press release stated.

It is pertinent to mention here that Forensic Psychological Assessment (FPA) and Layered Voice Analysis

(LVA) tests of the accused Das (a former ASI of Odisha Police) were earlier conducted by a team of the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), New Delhi at Jharsuguda on February 8.

A special Medical Board has been constituted to study the

mental health of the accused Das. He has been brought on further remand of five days starting February 8 for continued interrogation.

Experts from SFSL, Gandhi Nagar and Odisha Crime Branch team recreated the crime scene on February 7. The team also analysed the

physical clues obtained/collected during the probe of the case.

The financial transactions of the accused and his family members are being verified and analysed by the probe team. Documents and evidence collected are being scrutinised to ascertain the motive of the murder. Detailed service verification of the accused is also being carried out by the team.

Notably, the Crime Branch probe in connection with the CID-CB PS case (No-02, dated-29.01.2023) arising out of Brajarajnagar PS case (No-34, dated-29.01.2023 U/S 307 IPC/27(1) of Arms Act turned to Section 302/307 IPC/27(1) of the Arms Act is underway led by Additional DG (ADG) Arun Bothra.

Orissa HC Quashes PIL Seeking CBI Probe In Minister Naba Das Murder

Cuttack, (KCN): Days after the Bharatiya Vikash Parishad moved the Orissa High Court (HC) and filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking CBI investigation into the murder of minister Naba Das, the court dismissed the petition in a hearing today stating that there is no need for the interference of the HC as Crime Branch probe is underway. "The hearing of the PIL seeking CBI probe was held today. The honorable court however stated that it is just 11 days since the Crime Branch took over the case and as investigation is going on, there is no need for the court intervention now. The case is hereby dismissed," informed lawyer of BVP Gopal Prasad Jena.

While currently the case is being investigated by the Odisha Crime Branch and monitored by



retired judge of the Orissa HC Justice JP Das, the petitioner had stated in the PIL that the ongoing probe is not trustable. Odisha Chief Secretary, Odisha Home Department Secretary, Odisha DGP, CBI and the Crime Branch have been made parties in the case.

Following the appointment of Justice Das for monitoring investigation, the BJP had hit out at the BJD government led by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, calling the move "illegal". Addressing mediapersons a day later, BJP spokesperson and

senior advocate of Orissa High Court Pitambar Acharya had asked the government to show the copy of judicial order on the appointment of a retired judge to supervise the ongoing investigation by the state crime branch. Lambasting the State government, Acharya said that the government ordered the crime branch probe for investigation into Naba Das murder case. But, it did not trust its own agency and approached the High Court to nominate a sitting or retired judge to monitor the investigation.

Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik Attends Naba Das' Memorial Meeting



Jharsuguda (KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik attended memorial meeting of Health Minister Naba Kishore Das, who was killed by a police personnel here in the district on January 29.

Accompanied by Odisha Govt's 5T Secretary VK Pandian, CM Patnaik offered condolence to bereaved family and paid floral tribute to his late cabinet colleague on 12th day of the latter's demise.

He boarded a flight from Bhubaneswar and headed for the memorial meeting held at Sarbahal High School Ground for Naba Das, one of the strong BJD leaders in

western Odisha, after landing at Veer Surendra Sai Airport. After paying tribute, he returned to the state capital.

Cutting across party lines, many members of Odisha Legislative Assembly and Cabinet as well attended the memorial meeting mourning the loss of the late Health Minister.

In view of CM's visit and gathering of VVIPs for the memorial meet, elaborate traffic arrangements have been made in Jharsuguda. As part of security arrangements, movement of heavy vehicles have been suspended from Bus Stand to Sarbahal High

School. As many as 25 platoons of police forces have been deployed for law and order in the town. Worth mentioning that Naba Das was shot dead while he was stepping out of his car to attend a public meeting at Gandhi Chowk in Brajarajnagar of Jharsuguda on January 29. Police ASI Gopal Krishna Das, who was deployed for traffic clearance during the event, allegedly fired at the Health Minister from his service revolver. Immediately, he was airlifted to Bhubaneswar and admitted to the Apollo Hospital, where he was declared dead.

Andhra Deputy CM's Visit To Kotia Stokes Fire To Territorial Dispute With Odisha

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Peedika Rajanna Dora today visited Kotia group of villages under Pottangi block of Odisha's Koraput district amid the ongoing territorial dispute between the two states.

Dora reportedly visited the Dhoolipadar village of Kotia panchayat and

informed the people regarding the welfare schemes of Andhra Pradesh.

A group of villagers also welcomed Dora and sought his help to avail benefits of the welfare schemes of Andhra Pradesh, sources said. Dora reportedly assured the villagers of all-possible support from his government. "The

Andhra Pradesh government is committed to the all-round development of the people of the border villages. We are formulating some additional welfare schemes for the residents of border villages. You will soon get the benefits of the new schemes," Dora reportedly told to the villagers.

"So Much About Nehru, Why Not Use His Surname?" PM's Dig At Gandhis

New Delhi (KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a new attack on the Gandhis, questioned why none of them used the name "Nehru" to honour Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister.

"If we miss out on mentioning Nehru anywhere, they (Congress) get upset. Nehru was such a great person, then why does none of them use the Nehru surname. What is the shame in using the Nehru name," PM Modi questioned in

Rajya Sabha, replying to a debate on the President's speech. Jawaharlal Nehru is the great-grandfather of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who accused PM Modi of crony capitalism in his speech in parliament on Tuesday amid allegations involving billionaire Gautam Adani's conglomerate. PM Modi spoke amid unrelenting "probe Adani" chants and booing by the opposition over allegations of stock manipulation and accounting fraud in a report by US-based



short-seller Hindenburg Research. In a searing attack on the Congress and its prime ministers, PM Modi accused the party of glossing over its

own controversies while criticising his government.

"They say we keep troubling states, but they have toppled elected state

governments 90 times. One Congress PM used Article 356 fifty times to dismiss elected state governments. That was Indira Gandhi," the Prime Minister said. Speaking over the incessant slogan-shouting, PM Modi said, "the lotus (BJP's symbol) will bloom no matter how much mud you throw at us".

Opposition members protested at the centre of the house, demanding a Joint Parliamentary Committee investigation into the allegations linked to the Adani Group.

FR For River Mahanadi

New Delhi: So far Interlinking of Rivers (ILR) Mahanadi and Godavari is concerned, Feasibility Report (FR) is ready. Similarly also for other major rivers like Mahanadi, Godavari, Krishna FR is ready.

Bishweshwar Tudu, Minister of State, Jal Shakti in a reply in Lok Sabha here today said Mahanadi (Manibhadra)-Godavari (Dowlaiswaram) link Feasibility Report is completed.

Similarly Feasibility Report on Mahanadi (Bermul) and Godavari (Dowlaiswaram) link is also completed.

This Interlinking of Rivers will be concerned with Odisha, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Telangana,



Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra.

Similarly Godavari (Inchamalli)-Krishna (Pulichintala) link Godavari and Krishna Link Feasibility Report is completed.

Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka states are

concerned in Inter Linking of Rivers.

A link of Godavari (Inchamalli)-Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link Godavari and Krishna Feasibility Report is Completed.

National Perspective Plan (NPP) for development of water resources was formulated by Government of India in 1980.

30 link projects (16 under Peninsular Component and 14 under Himalayan Component) have been identified under NPP.

National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has been entrusted with the work of inter-linking of rivers under NPP.

The Union Government is pursuing the ILR program by building consensus amongst the Party States.

An ILR project would reach the implementation stage once agreement amongst Party States is reached on water sharing and all requisite statutory clearances for its implementation are obtained.

The Ken-Betwa Link Project (KBLP) is the first link project implementation of which has begun under NPP.

The Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) amongst the Government of India and Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh for the joint implementation of the

project was signed on 22.03.2021.

Subsequently, Government of India approved the implementation of KBLP in December, 2021 with an estimated cost of Rs 44,605 crore (year 2020-21 price level) with central support of Rs 39,317 crore through a Special Purpose Vehicle viz; Ken Betwa Link Project Authority (KBLPA).

The project is planned to be completed in period of 8 years. However, in case of other ILR projects, it would be difficult to assign a time line for their completion, as it is dependent upon the Party States to reach a consensus on water sharing and other issues.



Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik at the Orientation for newly appointed Odisha Mining Service and Odisha Geology Service Officers through VC



MP Aska Smt Pramila Bisoi presenting a cheque of Rs 20000 to Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik for CMRF at Naveen Niwas

CS Lauds OAS Officers

Bhubaneswar: Odisha has set examples for others in every sectors and a new era of development has already started in the state, said Suresh Chandra Mahapatra, Chief Secretary. He said while inaugurating two days General Body Convention of OAS Association here today. The state has made heavy investment in infrastructure sectors in the last two decades and it will emerge as a developed state in the country in coming 5 to 6 years. Additional Chief Secretary of Revenue & Disaster Management, Satyabrata Sahu and Principal Secretary of Finance, Vishal Kumar Dev graced the occasion. The state's growth in education, health, agriculture and other social sector is highly encouraging for others. Every Gram Panchayat has 5-T school as government focuses on proving quality education for all. The state also tops the list in the country in food security and increase in



average collection of GST in last five years, he added. Naxal menace in the state has been reduced marginally due to service delivery at grass root level, he said. All the infrastructure development has been made while protecting the environment as forest area has been grown from 30 to 40 percent. The state is also the safe place for Olive Ridley and migratory birds, he said. Highlighting on the connectivity, he said that more than 1500 bridges have been constructed in last decade and every village has pucca road

connectivity reducing impact of river inundation during heavy pouring in monsoon. Arranging sports events, combating natural calamities and fighting against Corona pandemic, the state has shown exemplary readiness through teamwork, he averred. Use of technology at every stage of governance and 5-T initiative works very effectively as it collects feedback directly from the beneficiary. Acknowledging the contributions of the OAS officers, he said that they contribute immensely for growth of the state. Their service at base level is

highly challenging and encouraging, he said. Joining on the occasion, Additional Chief Secretary of Revenue & Disaster Management Satyabrata Sahu and Principal Secretary of Finance, Vishal Kumar Dev highlighted the growth of the state over the years and contribution of OAS officers in it. General Secretary of OAS Association, Jyoti Ranjan Mishra, Vice-President Bijaya Kumar Swain also spoke on the occasion while Joint Secretary of Association, Santanu Mohanty delivered a vote of thanks.

Excise Revenue Up


Bhubaneswar(KCN): With more than 76 Percent target for State Excise Revenue being collected by 31 January, 2023 analysts are upbeat about collection of nearly Rs.6500 Crore from Excise Sector in Fiscal 2022-23. Latest Report on Revenue Receipts by the State Government reveals that Revenue from Excise Sector has registered a positive growth over last financial year of 2021-22. While by 31 January 2022, collection of Excise Revenue Rs.4118 Crore, which has went up to 4990 Crore by 31 January 2023. Collection in the month of January 2023 was Rs.583 Crore, which is likely to go up during February and March 2023, officials are upbeat with overdrive in action mode. Thanks to the



overdrive by Team Excise led by Ashish Kumar Singh, Commissioner of Excise, generation of Excise Revenue has registered robust growth, admit officials. While actual collection in FY 2021-22 was Rs.5527 Crore, Budget Estimate for FY 2022-23 was Rs.6496 Crore. Looking at the trend of collection of Excise Revenue, Industry Watchers say that the target will be achieved.


In case of Own Tax Revenue, lot of expectations are from State Excise as many reforms under 5T Charter have been brought in and those are showing results, admit officials. Systematic Transparency and hassle free environment has been provided in the Excise system, which is boosting Revenue in a bigger way, feel officials. While collection by 31 January 2021, it was Rs.2790 Crore, it has gone up to Rs.4990 Crore, which is termed as a record achievement, officials admit. While Own Tax Revenue collection for FY 2022-23 is set at Rs.46,000 Crore, by 31 January Rs.36,372 Crore has been collected, which is 79 Percent of Budget Estimate. Lion Share of Own Tax

Revenue comes from Commercial Taxes, which is also showing positive growth. While 30,742 Crore is Budget Estimate for Commercial Tax for FY 2022-23, there is 15 Percent growth in this sector, officials admit. Rs.3788 Crore is expected from taxes and duties from Electricity Sector. Taxes on Vehicles are also showing positive results and out of the target of Rs.2103 Crore, achievement by 31 January has been Rs.1720 Crore, which is more than 32 Percent. It is a positive trend, officials admit. Taxes and Duties on Electricity has also gone up and by 31 January collection from this sector has been Rs.3132 Crore. With more than 82 Percent achieved by 31 January 2023, officials are hopeful about positive growth in this sector.



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Kartik Aaryan and Sara Ali Khan spotted chatting and smiling together on Propose Day

Kartik Aaryan and Sara Ali Khan were rumoured to be dating when they had started shooting for Love Aaj Kal. After the film tanked at the box office, the two went separate ways. Later, they were seen bumping into each other on a few occasions. And once again, the duo were spotted chatting and smiling together, which sent their fans into a meltdown.

In the pictures shared by a few Sartik fan pages, Kartik and Sara were looking comfortable in each other's company. While Kartik was wearing a blue and white checkered shirt and sunglasses, Sara was looking pretty in black tights and a white loose crop top, which she wore over a black bralette. Fans were in awe of their loving chemistry and felt that Kartik and Sara should work out their differences and



get back together. Their pictures surfaced online on the propose day during the Valentine's Day week. "They should come back they still seems interested in each other," one Instagram user commented. Another user wrote, "Yesterday she posted

a story from Udaipur and today he posted one, when I saw both the stories this thing only came to my mind and here they are." Followed by another one who commented, "Sartik is magical, no other couple can match their craze if they are back

together." Another user said, "The way They are keep coming back to each other." And another one wrote, "Hate to admit this but they are still looking in love." Last year, Karan Johar had confirmed on Koffee With Karan 7

that Kartik and Sara indeed dated each other for a brief period of time. Later, when Kartik was asked about his relationship status, he had said in an interview that he is single and he has been in a relationship with his work.

I haven't locked the doors for love in my life but they are not wide open too, says Suchitra Krishnamoorthi

Kabhi Haan Kabhi Naa fame Suchitra Krishnamoorthi was recently in Lucknow to stage her play Drama Queen. The actress, who got divorced from filmmaker Shekhar Kapur in 2007, has been a single mom. But now with her daughter shifting to college, Suchitra says her life has taken a complete turn. In a chat with us Suchitra talked about her Lucknow visit, theatre, being a single parent and finding love again.... So how was your visit to Lucknow?

The funny part about the visit was that I wasn't aware of chikankari work, so people kept telling me to try chikankari work and I was like but I am a vegetarian and why are people offering me chikan curry? But when I finally realized what chikankari was, I went to Janpath and picked up a lot of stuff. I liked it so much that later on, I picked up more stuff at the airport. I have picked up so many clothes that for the next few months,



I am only going to be seen in chikankari work. I have been here before but very briefly. This time, I managed to go out and shop. But yes, since I love history and architecture, I would love to come here for a few more days and see all that since Lucknow is the hotbed of all that.

You had staged your play Drama Queen here for the first time. How did you find the audience here?

The audience here was very responsive. They were laughing and enjoying it so much. A lot of women in fact came to me later telling me that they enjoyed the show and it managed to touch

a chord with them too. At the end of the day, all our (women) stories are just the same. I am happy that people got the humour in my play. I have done loads of theatre in school and college. In fact, I got picked up for the TV series Chhunauti because I was so active in theatre. I have done over 100 shows of other musical play too in the past. I did it before marriage. I stopped acting and doing theatre after marriage.

Why did you choose Drama Queen, a play as your comeback?

It is because I wanted to do something on my own. The play is written by me, the music is given

by me, and it is based on the book written by me by the same name. I wished to get the discipline of theatre back with my play. By discipline I mean, doing everything on my own and performing in front of a live audience, which is not the case when we are acting in films or web shows. The budgets in theatre are very limited, I need to focus, and rehearse before performing, so all this is the discipline for me.

How do you find the theatre scene today in our country?

I watch a lot of theatre. Even when my friends are performing and they have shows, I buy my own tickets, sit quietly and watch. I love theatre more because the budgets are not so extravagant, it gives you a different insight into different stories, and it kind of expands your mind when you watch a play. As far as earning your bread and butter out of theatre is concerned, well, it depends on how lavishly you want to

earn. But yes, for an actor, film, and television is more rewarding than theatre. **So what else is happening on the career front apart from the play?**

I have done two web series. I decided to get back to acting after my daughter went to college. Fortunately, I am getting good offers too for acting rather than the run-of-the-mill like 'Beta tumne khana khaya' type roles. I started with theatre and then did TV and then films. So for me, the medium doesn't matter at all. Talks are on for films and TV shows too but it is too early to say anything. I want to get fully active again in acting - that's the plan!

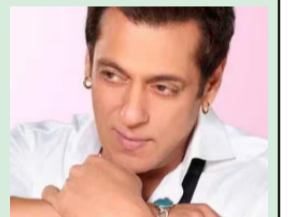
Why did you decide to make a comeback now?

My daughter has gone to college, what else have I to do now? These are the only things I can do. I was a pretty hands-on mother. I did write a few books and also opened a candle company which I have shut now.

Salman Khan Teases Fans With new Look as he Wraps up 'Kisi ka Bhai Kisi ki Jaan'

The shooting for Salman Khan-starrer 'Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan' has come to an end. On Wednesday, Salman took to Instagram and shared the update with his fans and followers. He wrote, "KisiKaBhaiKisikiJaan shooting complete ... #eid2023."

Salman also dropped a photo of his look from the film. In the image, he is seen wearing a white shirt, gold hoop earrings and his signature blue bracelet. Helmed by Farhad Samji, 'Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan' also stars



Pooja Hegde, Venkatesh Daggubati, Jagapathi Babu, Bhumika Chawla, Vijender Singh, Abhimanyu Singh, Raghav Juyal, Siddharth Nigam, Jassie Gill, Shehnaaz Gill, Palak Tiwari and Vinali Bhatnagar. Salman recently shared the teaser of Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan. He introduced his character with a powerful dialogue. When Pooja Hegde asks him, "Waise aapka naam kya hai (what is your name)?" Salman replies, "Mera koi naam nahi hai, lekin main Bhaijaan naam se jana jata hun (I don't have any name, but people know me as Bhaijaan)" as shots of him fighting goons play in the background. The film is set to hit the theatres this Eid.

Meanwhile, Salman is being lauded for his special appearance in Pathaan, which is headlined by Shah Rukh Khan, Deepika Padukone and John Abraham. Salman sharing screen space with SRK left fans nostalgic and reminded them of 'Karan Arjun'.

Lock Upp winner: Munawar Faruqui bags the trophy, wins a cash prize of Rs 20 lakh

Reality show Lock Upp, hosted by Kangana Ranaut, found its first winner in Munawar Faruqui. The comedian emerged victorious after defeating the other two finalists Payal Rohatgi and Anjali Arora.

Along with the trophy, Munawar won a cash prize of Ra 20 lakh, a car and a fully paid trip to Italy.

Munawar's journey in Lock Upp was quite eventful. While some claimed he was



manipulative, there were others with whom he forged a genuine connection in the jail like Prince Narula and

Mandana Karimi. His cute friendship with Anjali Arora was loved by fans. On the show, Munawar ended up

revealing a lot about his personal life. He shared how his mother died by suicide after consuming poison. He added he still feels guilty for not being by her side when she needed him the most. He spoke about his debt and how his mother could not make ends meet which led her to take the drastic step. In one of the episodes, Munawar, who has garnered a massive fan following with Lock Upp, revealed that he is married and has a child. He shared he has been

living separately from his wife for the last one and a half years, and the matter is in the court. He said all of this after Kangana shared his viral photo doing rounds on social media. It sees him with his wife and son. Munawar's popularity is such that he is often seen trending on Twitter. His innocent looks have charmed girls. Several netizens shared tweets on Saturday (May 7) hoping he would bag the trophy. And now they have a reason to rejoice.

Easy tips to get glowing skin on Valentine's Day



Shahnaz Husain
Looking to go glam on Feb. 14?

Finally, it is the time of the year when everything around you seems lovely and beautiful. It's the Valentine's day. One of the most expressive days for all the couples out there. For couples in love and hopeful singles, February is the Paris of all months. It's a time when we share precious moments with people we love. It's a day to express love to the most important people in your life that can make anyone blush with delight—starting with yourself.

Valentine day is the perfect opportunity for you to bond and reconnect with your partner, girlfriend, boyfriend, husband, or wife.

Valentine's Day isn't just for those in a romantic relationship. And even if you are celebrating with a special someone, prioritizing yourself can make for an even

better experience with your partner. After all, you can't fully love someone else until you love yourself first.

It doesn't matter if you are going on special date for a romantic night out, looking for one or just a walk with friends and family. It brings the biggest date night of the year and the restlessness that comes along to look one's best on the special day. If you live apart, a surprise gift might be the perfect way to share the love this year. Not sure what to buy? Keep it classic – paintings, art objects and flowers like roses will always be well-received and create a sense of occasion. Twinned with a scented candle, Valentine's Day will be truly wrapped up.

Take advantage of sweater weather and escape into the wilderness, where you can relax by the fire and enjoy some hot chocolate. Take a scenic hike together and enjoy all the beautiful sights and the fresh air — it's a great way to bond while getting some much-needed time to unplug, too.

If you've got a new boyfriend, a hot date, or a tried-and-true love, Valentine day gives you the perfect

excuse to pamper yourself to look romantic, sweet presentable, attractive with flawless looking radiant skin with youthful glow. Water based moisture is key for glowing skin. Moisturizers provide a good base before applying any makeup. Moisturizers which are formulated with shea butter, dimethicone, ceramides, hyaluronic acid and aloe vera water help provide long-lasting hydration. Hydrate and nourish your skin every night before sleeping.

If your skin is clear, leave out foundation during the day. Use baby powder, or compact power. Pay more attention to the oily areas of the face, like nose, forehead and chin. Press the powder all over the face and neck, with a slightly damp sponge. This helps it to set and last

longer. If you want to use foundation at night, choose a water-based one. Add a drop of water for a lighter coverage. Before applying foundation, apply astringent lotion if your skin is oily, or moisturizing lotion for dry skin. Wait for a few minutes to allow the skin to absorb it. Next, use concealer to cover up pimples and scars, if any. Or, use two shades of foundation. One shade should be as close to your skin colour as possible. The other should be a shade lighter if the blemishes are dark. Take a little light coloured foundation and apply it directly on the pimple or pimple scar. Avoid rubbing or smearing. Pat it into the skin. Then apply your normal foundation on the face and using a moist sponge, spread it evenly, going outwards. Remember

the neck too. Blending is important to achieve a smooth finish then apply tinted loose powder on top to "set" the foundation. Or, use compact powder. Blusher comes next, or you can apply it at the end. Use powder blusher. Pink or peach blusher would suit most skin tones. Apply on the cheekbones and slightly below it. Use your finger tips to dot the area with blusher. Then, blend with the brush, outwards and slightly upwards. Apply highlighter on the cheekbones. Highlighters should not be white. Choose from ivory or pale pink. Blend well.

For the eyes, use a brown eye shadow on the eyelids. Use the same brown shadow under the lower lashes, instead of eyeliner or kajal. Take a darker brown eye shadow and apply it on the upper lid, close to the upper

lashes. The entire effect will be natural. If you want to line the eyes, use an eye pencil. Give your eyes a light touch of mascara. Make sure the lashes do not stick together. Brush them with an eyelash comb. Wear a sun block for outdoor events during the day, this acts as a shield and also works as a good under base for your foundation accelerating its performance. Take proper sleep for at least eight hours during night. Lack of sleep will show on your face no matter how well you fashion your appearance. Put a drop or two of lavender oil on your pillowcase and try to relax. Sandalwood and Clary Sage are other good options. For the night and for a more dramatic effect, use a dark brown, or dark grey eye shadow on the eyelids close to

the lashes and stroke it upwards and outwards. For the smoky eyed look, line the eyes with eyeliner close to the lashes and then smudge the eyeliner slightly with a sponge tipped applicator. It should not be a harsh line.

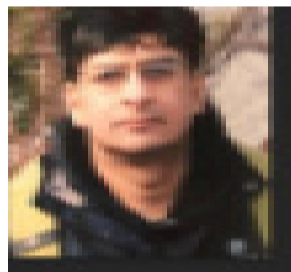
Who ever heard of a Valentine's Day date ending without a goodnight kiss? Go with a soft pink or berry hue that are no more than two shades darker than your natural lip color is a good way to keep your lips colored without going overboard. Exfoliate your lips the night before date night with a gentle lip scrub to remove dead skin cells to soften your pucker and improve the look and application of your date night lipstick.

For the buttery soft and smooth lips, plain gloss can be enough for the day, or add a touch of gloss over

light pink or mauve lipstick. Coloured gloss is also available. Avoid using lip liners and just brush the lips with lipstick, going for shades of pink, from pale pink, to rose or tawny pink. At night, go for rose, coral or bronze, or just stick to pink. Just don't forget to hydrate your lips with your favourite lip balm, salve, or conditioner after exfoliating. Wear a light flowery or lemony fragrance, nothing too overpowering. Always be kind and confident. I think these two traits together make someone beautiful. As the last step, touch up your nails, smooth your strands, and spritz on some perfume. You're ready to go!

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NATURE CONSERVANCY



Nature and nurture

We are short of words when we look at the hopeless and dismal faces of our animal and plant inhabitants of our planet. We have plundered the forest, destroyed them with expansion of our infrastructure to support our booming agriculture and industries, extensive mining, over grazing, randomly starting artificial forest fires and over harvesting of both major and minor forest resources, poaching and illegal trade and trafficking of wildlife, destructions of forest products and biodiversity as well as the forest soil for our small selfish gains. We have no words to apologize to our wild world for our indiscriminate action of rapid destruction, devastation as well as over exploitation and over harvest of all our natural resources beyond their Carrying Capacity. We have created a highly vulnerable and fragile planet for our wild friends without thinking about the future impacts. We are now at the environmental crossroads to possibly witness a global environmental and ecological catastrophe due to our own selfish actions!

Nature nurture helps in building awareness about our fragile environment among the children; who are our very next generation and our future citizens. Through use of nature based models in nature parks about diverse environmental and

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programs in different parts of the world. The social media has been loaded with several posts asking for the introduction of spotted hyena from Africa into Indian wilderness. Hyena breeding rates are high and they

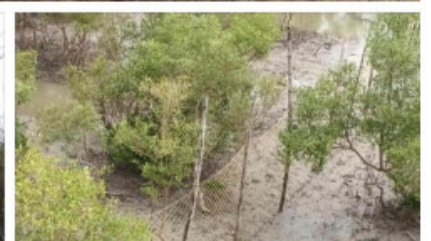
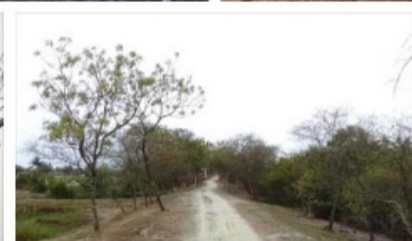
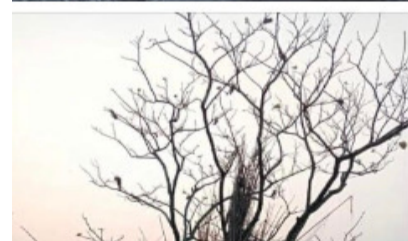
carcasses. Strategic group hunting by aggressive spotted hyenas would lead to negative impacts on the already dwindling herbivore populations. Furthermore, other than increased predation pressure,

An outstanding speech was recently delivered by an Indian official (Mr. Vijay Singh, IAS) on an international platform at Glasgow has gone viral on social media. He has very nicely explained through his erudite lecture how the colonial masters are

only projected to increase in both northern and southern hemispheres. The rich nations has been greatly successful in passing their part of responsibilities to their former colonies while they themselves are keeping them immune from any changes to their existing agricultural and industrial practices; but expecting others to accommodate life altering changes when they could barely meet their ends need.

We forget to accept that there is only one world that we have unfortunately divided into many worlds. Unless we decide to work together with empathy for others; unless we decide between nations to cooperate, collaborate, coordinate and communicate (4Cs) our future as humans hangs by a thin thread that is over stretched beyond the Carrying Capacity. We need to change and make sacrifices genuinely for our next generation. Until that we are heading towards a dismal dark and gloomy future, that may prove to be extremely detrimental to our human society. We need to change and adapt to the new realities of our planet by getting up from our over delayed hibernation and excuses for not doing enough to secure our global environment and ecosystems.

Kolkata, West Bengal India



ecological themes we can attempt to create sensitivity regarding our environment and ecosystem in the minds of our little crusaders to create a better world for us all.

Is rewilding always a great idea?

India is a highly populous country with deep encroachment into forested areas. The recent highly monitored and media hyped reintroduction of the African cheetahs to Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh, has created great enthusiasm around the globe for more such reintroduction

would not get enough prey if they establish themselves successfully. The result would be an inevitable human/animal conflict that would prove detrimental for the animals as well as the local populations. Spotted hyenas hunt in groups, a strategy not faced by herbivores in their natural ecosystem. They are adopted to predation by lions, tigers and leopards and wild dogs. Striped hyenas present in the ecosystem are mostly scavengers like foxes and jackals. They hunt smaller preys and feed upon other animal

there will be intense competition among the major predators resulting in catastrophic changes to the ecosystem. Nature selected spotted hyenas to become extinct and it would be a mistake to introduce them into the Indian wilderness without looking into the pros and cons. Sometimes our best intentions ran into disaster unless we do our homework and calculations cautiously looking at future ecological and environmental impacts!

bossing over other developing and under developed countries across Asia, Africa and Latin America in protecting and conserving the ecosystems by less consumption and by practicing reduce, reuse and recycle approaches. As the difference between the new and old world or in other words first and third worlds are increasing every year; and rich are becoming rich and the poor the poorer. The divide between the developed nations with underdeveloped and developing nations is

Our Environment

Letter To Editor

Methane pollution escalating in the country

Methane is a colourless, odourless gas. However, the increasing presence of methane in our atmosphere is threatening multiple species of wildlife by hastening climate change. According to studies, this pollutant from oil and gas facilities has an impact on our climate, communities, and wildlife. One must speak up now to help reduce methane emissions and ensure a healthy environment for vulnerable wildlife. It is critical to keep super-pollutant methane under control, as it can be especially harmful to most terrestrial species. To protect biodiversity, we should do everything we can to protect wildlife like these social, herbivorous creatures and other diverse wildlife species in the country. Pollution from the oil and gas industries endangers human health.

Methane is emitted in conjunction with toxic pollution, which can cause asthma-inducing smog or even cancer. To continue protecting frontline communities and wildlife, cutting methane emissions from the oil and gas sector must be as stringent as possible. Regular inspections and repairs should be required at all oil and gas facilities, particularly those with methane leak-prone equipment. It's important to eliminate unnecessary gas flaring and establish community monitoring programmes. A healthy environment is a right, not a privilege, and strengthening methane rules will have positive wildlife and human health impacts for decades to come.

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The Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Labour & Employment, Shri Bhubender Yadav meets with the Minister for Development Cooperation and Global Climate Policy of Denmark, Mr. Dan Jørgensen, in New Delhi

Mamata Banerjee Counts On Breaking Trinamool's Tripura Jinx This Time

Agartala: In poll-bound Tripura, the Trinamool Congress is putting all efforts, including running campaigns by party chief Mamata Banerjee, asking voters to dump the national parties - BJP, Congress and the Left - and choose the Trinamool as an alternative.

While the Trinamool is the main opposition party in Meghalaya, in Tripura it is a marginal player, contesting alone in less than half of Tripura's seats. But for Ms Banerjee, Tripura has been a political jinx that she desperately wants to break.

"Everyone is talking about the Bangla model. We are winning global awards. They told you they will give ? 15 lakh. Did you get the money?"



Now even your LIC (Life Insurance Corporation) money will go," she said during campaigning in Tripura. "We will not leave Tripura. We have a long association and I want to develop Tripura like I have done in Bengal," Ms Banerjee said at the rally. The party is trying to gain a foothold in the northeastern state ahead of the election next

week. Tripura is a crucial state for the Trinamool's national expansion plans. After an unsuccessful attempt in Goa, the Trinamool is contesting 28 of the state's 60 seats. A state unit of the Trinamool was formed in Agartala in 1999. In 2016, six congress MLAs joined the Trinamool in Tripura, but a year later they all joined the BJP.

The Trinamool got less than 1 per cent of the vote in the 2018 state election, a poll the BJP won by a landslide. Ever since Ms Banerjee formed the Trinamool, she has been trying to make political inroads in Tripura. After Bengal, Tripura is the only Bengali-majority state. One of those who joined the Trinamool briefly was Sudip Roy Burman, a politician who has won

elections continuously for over two decades. "The Trinamool is not a factor. If someone has come here as a vote cutter, the people are conscious enough. They know what happened to the Trinamool in Goa or Manipur," said Mr Burman, now a Congress MLA.

He said the BJP, which is looking to retain Tripura, has dismissed the Trinamool as a marginal player. "This not for the first time the Trinamool came to Tripura. They have been coming here since 1999 when they were with the BJP. Every time they come here, they have to shutter up and return to Kolkata after the election results are out," said Tripura Deputy Chief Minister and BJP leader Jishnu Dev Barma.

"Comfortable" With India Approach On Russian Oil, No Sanctions: US

New Delhi: The US is not looking at sanctioning India over its oil purchase from Russia, Karen Donfried, US Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, said on Wednesday. The relationship with India is most

dialogue that we continue to have on the issue". He also mentioned how energy security was invariably part of most bilateral discussions lately. The senior US diplomats defended the price cap imposed on Russian oil and said

Russia that is fuelling the war in Ukraine and the US diplomats indicated that they believe the sanctions are having their intended impact. Over the last months, India has been buying more and more cheap Russian oil and refining it into fuel for



consequential and while the policy approach of US and India may differ, both share a commitment to uphold the order based on international rules and have respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty, she said. The US Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Resources, Geoffrey Pyatt, added that the US was "comfortable" with India's approach on Russian oil purchase "but we value the

it was an opportunity for India, even though it is not participating in it, to negotiate a better price. In December, US National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said the price cap "will lock in the discount on Russian oil" and countries like China and India would be able to bargain for steep price reductions. The idea of the price capping was to squeeze the revenue of

Europe and the US. Fuel refined in India is not considered to be of Russian origin. India shipped about 89,000 barrels a day of gasoline and diesel to New York last month, the most in nearly four years, according to data intelligence firm Kpler, reported news agency Bloomberg. Daily low-sulfur diesel flows to Europe were at 172,000 barrels in January, the most since October 2021, Bloomberg reported.

Taliban makes covering of faces mandatory for women in public, say burqa is best

Kabul: The Taliban on Saturday ruled Afghan women must cover their faces, according to a decree from the group's supreme leader, an escalation of growing restrictions on women in public that is drawing a backlash from the international community and many Afghans.

A spokesman for the Ministry for the Propagation of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice read the decree from the group's supreme leader Hibatullah Akhundzada at a press conference in Kabul, saying that a woman's father or closest male relative would be visited and eventually imprisoned or fired from government jobs if she did not cover her face outside the home.

They added the ideal face covering was the all-encompassing blue



burqa, which became a global symbol of the Taliban's previous hardline regime from 1996 until 2001. Most women in Afghanistan wear a headscarf for religious reasons, but many in urban areas such as

Kabul do not cover their faces. The group has faced intense pushback, led by Western governments but joined by some religious scholars and Islamic countries for their growing limits on

women's rights. A surprise U-turn in March in which the group shuttered girls' high schools on the morning they were due to open drew the ire of the international community and prompted the United

States to cancel planned meetings on easing country's financial crisis.

Washington and other nations have cut development aid and enforced strict sanctions on the banking system, since the Taliban took over in August, pushing the country towards economic ruin.

The Taliban has said it has changed since it last ruled when it banned girls' education or women leaving the house without a male relative and women were required to wear cover their faces.

However, in recent months the administration has increased its restrictions on women including rules limiting their travel without a male chaperone and banning men and women from visiting parks at the same time.

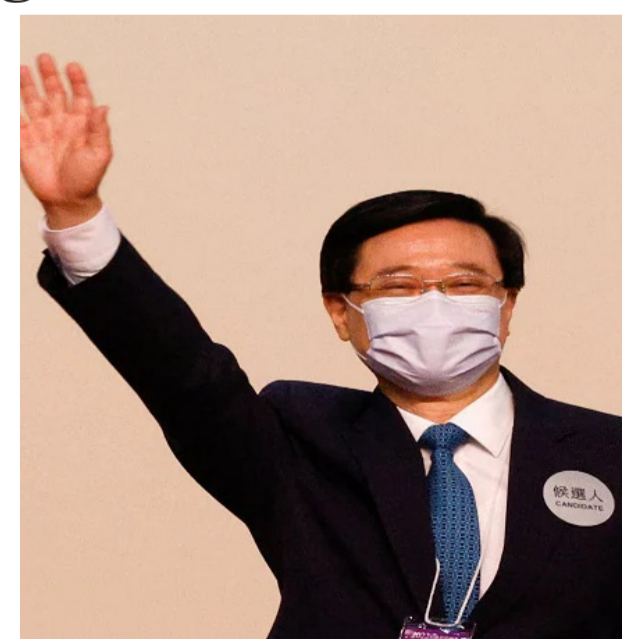
'Pro-Beijing' John Lee elected as Hong Kong's Chief Executive

Beijing: John Lee has been elected as Hong Kong's Chief Executive after winning more than 99% of votes cast by a largely pro-Beijing election committee.

Lee, the sole candidate, received the votes of 1,416 members of a pro-Beijing election committee on Sunday morning, granting him the majority required to anoint him as Hong Kong's next leader. Eight voted to 'not support' him.

Lee was endorsed for the city's top job on Sunday by a committee stacked with pro-Beijing loyalists, as the financial hub attempts to relaunch itself after several years of political upheaval.

Speaking afterwards, Lee said it was his 'historic mission' to lead a new chapter for Hong Kong, while pledging to unite the city and preserve Hong Kong's international status as an open, and more



competitive financial hub bridging China and the world.

Few of the city's 7.4 million people have any say in choosing their leader, despite China's promises to one day grant full democracy to the former British colony, which returned to Chinese rule in 1997. Security was tight around the venue, with police preventing a

small group of protesters from approaching.

"We believe we represent many Hong Kong people in expressing opposition to this China-style, single-candidate election," said Chan Po-ying, a protester with the League of Social Democrats, holding up a banner demanding full democracy.

Naveen Blesses Jajpur

Bhubaneswar: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Wednesday said that Jajpur district will emerge as the top district in the State and create an example for all. Inaugurating the six-day long Jajpur District Festival-2023 through video conferencing, the Chief Minister said that Jajpur is a meeting place of many religions, religions and philosophies. Secretary to CM V K Pandian graced the occasion. "The culture of Jajpur reflects various philosophies. Jajpur was once the capital of Odisha. It was the center of religion, literature and culture. Like Hinduism, Buddhism also developed," he said. Shri Patnaik said that Ratnagiri, Lalitagiri and Udayagiri have become the centers of attraction for Buddhists all over the world. Paying obeisance to Ma Birja, the Chief Minister said that Jajpur is the seat of Shakti. It has a glorious history.



"From freedom struggle to art, literature, culture, agriculture, tourism, Jajpur has a special identity. Today Jajpur is leading the way of development with

its heritage. Industry, employment and infrastructure are the new identity of Jajpur today," he said. "I strongly believe that Jajpur will

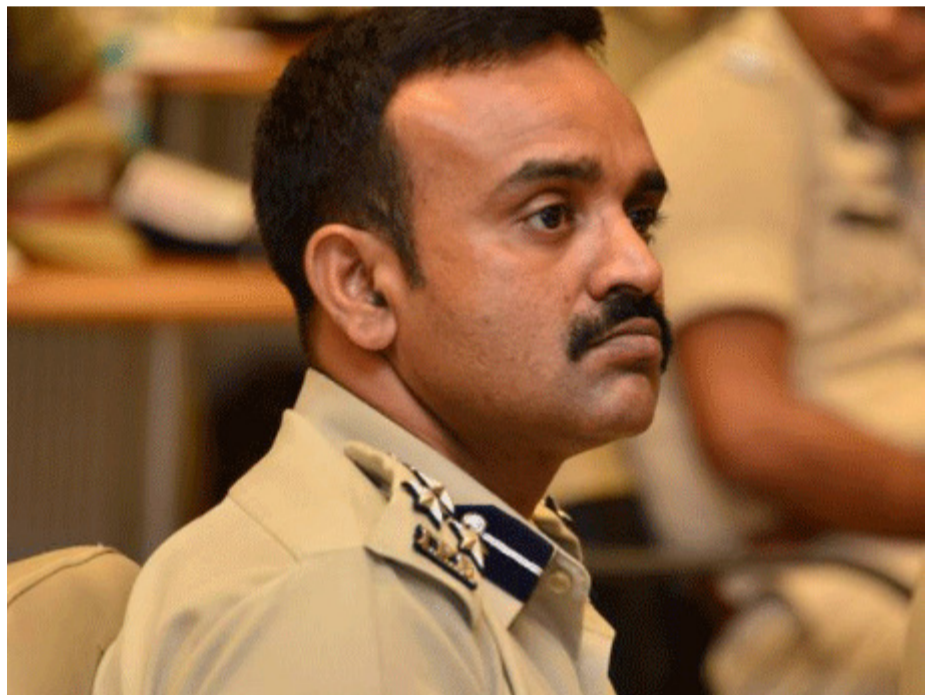
become the number one district in the state and create an example for all," said the Chief Minister. District Council Chairperson, Naliniprabha Jena,

MLA Ms. Sunanda Das gave their keynote speech and praised the development program of Chief Minister. MLA Pranab Prakash Das said

that Chief Minister has special blessings and love for Jajpur. "Today, Jajpur is renowned for its development. He said that under the leadership of the

Chief Minister, Jajpur has seen rapid development in the field of communication along with the establishment of Steel Complex and Medical College in Jajpur," he said. Science & Technology Minister Ashok Chandra Panda, Revenue Minister Pramila Mallik, Rural Development Minister Pritiranjana Ghadai, MLAs Amar Prasad Satpathy, Pranab Balbantarai, Ashok Bal Major attended the event.

e-Abkari Bags CSI Award



Cuttack: e-Abkari computerization of State Excise, Government of Odisha has been selected for the award of recognition under project category for Twentieth Computer Society of India, Special Interest Group on e-Governance Award, thanks to overdrive of Commissioner Excise, Ashish Kumar Singh. A team of Officers shall participate and received the prestigious award in one day event full of e-Governance track sessions at Netaji Subhash University of Technology, New Delhi on Saturday on 25 March, 2023. It is pertinent to

mention here that Computer Society of India is a non-profit society and Computer Society of India, Special Interest Group on e-Governance Award is being organized by them each year. The Award has been presented to Department of Excise for computerization and IT initiatives, said a senior official of Team Excise. Team Excise led by Top Cop Shri Singh has been implementing reform program tune with 5T initiatives of Government of Odisha. Department of Excise has switched over to the digital work place "eAbkari" with the

technical support of NICs since 2019-20 developing and implementing more than 30 online modules. Those include e-Lottery, Instant issue and renewal of Excise Licenses, Brand Label Registrations with 100% online payment, DPR, CCIS, SIR and mobile app development for tracking of raid spots and excise shops etc. As on date bringing transparent, hassles free, real time, seamless and timely service delivery eliminating physical touch points, reducing discretion and providing faceless service at door steps. This has led to proper

monitoring and strengthening of enforcement activities, curbing of illicit & spurious liquor, timely service delivery at different levels, proper supply chain management with regulation of production and manufacture and above all, change of public perception and transformation in the Department of Excise. This year the Department of Excise has bagged the prestigious Digital India Gold Award for ease of doing business and Hon'ble President of India has conferred the Award on 7 January, 2023. Further, the Department has bagged Skoch Award for the ICT Intervention. This year record 50028 number of cases have been detected till January against that of 33064 in the last year till January with an increase of 51%. Further, 1459 cases have been detected under NDPS Act this year till January against 646 cases in the last year during the same period with an increase of 126%, which is a sort of record.

Odisha Man Carries Wife's Body For 33 Km In Andhra Pradesh

Koraput: Around seven years after the heart-wrenching 'Dana Majhi' incident in Odisha, a man of Koraput district was seen carrying his wife's body on shoulder for about 33 km in Andhra Pradesh due to lack of money for hearse. According to reports, Guru and his wife of Pottangi area in Koraput district were working as labourers in Visakhapatnam of the neighbouring state. Few days ago, the woman was admitted to a private

hospital at Sagarbalsa as her condition deteriorated. However, she breathed her last during treatment, yesterday. Guru, who had run out of money due to his wife's treatment, requested the hospital authorities to make arrangements for transporting the body to his village for last rites. However, the hospital authorities didn't extend any help to the bereaved man. Being optionless, Guru later decided to carry the

body all the way to his village in Koraput. Though many noticed the unusual scene of a man carrying a body on his shoulder, none of them came forward to help him as he headed towards his destination on the National Highway. Some passersby spotted Guru near Vijayanagar and informed the local police. On knowing about the plight of Guru, Kiran Kumar, as ASI of Vijayanagar Rural

Police, came to his aid. The cop arranged an ambulance, in which the body was carried to the village. The exemplary act on the part of the police has been drawing praise from all quarters. It may be recalled here that Dana Majhi of Odisha's Kalahandi had carried his wife's body on his shoulder for around 10 km in August of 2016 as he was not provided a vehicle by the district headquarters hospital.



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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 Advantz 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 home and cooking category and we're glad to offer this state-of-the-art, practical space where buyers can get a first-hand experience of our innovation-fueled appliances across all three brands Bosch, Siemens and Gaggenau. This is our sixth experience center in India and the only one to house all our three brands. We look forward to continued growth momentum in the city and we're confident that this space will also boost our presence in key neighboring cities as well."

*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

like deposit and withdrawal transactions to consumers but it is now high time for rural people to save money. We are focusing on Financial Inclusion the flagship project of Modi government, by helping lot of beneficiaries to open bank accounts under the 'Jan Dhan Yojana'. We are also emphasizing on rural women because they are the ones who run households. Our vision for 2022 is to offer women the service of recurring deposit." says Mr. Ram Shriram, CEO, Mahagram.

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-

lending is a priority area for the Bank and we believe that this state-of-the-art platform will help to achieve significant milestones in the coming years. The Bank is targeting to partner with at least 10 NBFCs and also to build a Rs. 10,000 crore co-lending loan book through the digital platform in the next two years."

Shri Akhil Handa, Chief Digital Officer, Bank of Baroda added, "The Digital Co-Lending Platform is an agile tech-driven multi-dimensional solution that provides an end-to-end solution for the complex accounting issues which are common under co-lending."

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. Lenovo Tab M10 FHD Plus Tablet, Platinum Grey - Make way for the stylish 8.1 mm Tab M10 FHD Plus.

Vedanta Aluminium launches 12mm Aluminium Wire Rod for the Electrical Industry

Bhubaneswar: Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, launches 12mm Aluminium Wire Rod for the electrical industry at International Aluminium Conference (IAC) 2023. With a production capacity of 560 kilo tonnes, equipped with state-of-the-art technologies of Southwire (USA) and Continuous-Properzi (Italy), Vedanta Aluminium is the largest producer of high-quality electrical conductor (EC) grade wire rods which find crucial applications in the electrical industry, such as in the form of wire and cables for transmission & distribution networks, coils & windings, heating & cooling tube, and more. Vedanta's 12 mm Wire Rods are manufactured using the state-of-the-art

Properzi Continuous Casting technology at the company's aluminium smelters in Jharsuguda (Odisha) and BALCO (Chhattisgarh). They can be used by extrusion, drawing and rolling industries for electrical applications in transformers, automobiles and more. 12 mm wire rods are the latest addition to Vedanta's top-of-the-line offerings in the wire rod segment, which include 7.6 mm, 9.5 mm and 15 mm EC-grade wire rods, alloy wire rods (8xxx series) and flip coils.

With high-precision automation built into its mills, the wire rods produced by Vedanta Aluminium offer superior surface finish, customised winding patterns and flexibility in lubrication based on customer

requirements. Produced with 100% primary aluminium, Vedanta's wire rods offer unparalleled metal purity and excellent metal hygiene, making them stand out amongst global peers. Reviews of the 12 mm wire rod in the Indian market have been extremely encouraging, and the company is now looking to expand to export markets for this product. Launching the product, Mr Rahul Sharma, CEO - Aluminium Business, Vedanta Limited, said, "We are delighted to launch the 12 mm Wire Rods as our latest offering for the electrical industry. Access to reliable and clean energy will be crucial to the socio-economic development of any country and its people. Aluminium is a critical raw material for the electrical

industry, from generation to last-mile delivery. With a robust portfolio of offerings in the wire rods segment, Vedanta Aluminium has long been a supplier of choice for the electrical industry. Our customers are at the heart of all our products, our production and our innovation. And hence, we offer them a bundle of advantages in the form of 360-degree holistic solutions to support them at various stages of their business aspirations. The launch of the 12 mm Wire Rods stands testimony to the way we work with customers to co-create customized products for their current and emerging needs." Aluminium being a dynamic and rapidly evolving industry with potential for greater

applications in a sustainability-conscious world, Vedanta Aluminium is also focusing its efforts on building a Centre of Excellence in aluminium. The Centre of Excellence brings together R&D, innovation, operations, marketing and global technical expertise to invent the next big thing in aluminium. Vedanta Aluminium is constantly augmenting its value-added product portfolio by introducing application-based products to give customers an unmatched competitive advantage and is constantly leveraging next-generation technologies to boost its manufacturing excellence.

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 Chandol, 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 Chandol main road, in collaboration with its channel partner Jagannath Electronics.

Convenience and comfort are priorities 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 Chandol through its unique offerings from Godrej Appliances."

The exclusive brand outlet will display the

entire range of Godrej appliances including refrigerators, washing machines, air conditioners, dishwashers, air coolers, deep freezers, microwave ovens, thermoelectric technology-powered Godrej Qube and UV-C technology-based Godrej Viroshield. To top it, there are inaugural assured gifts on purchase of select models for customers. Consumers will also be able to avail one-year free extended warranty on select models and one year of product insurance, exclusively, at every Godrej Appliances' exclusive brand outlet. The brand also provides priority after-sales service to every Godrej exclusive store customer.

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. 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'.

LV Prasad Eye Institute Organizes a Retinoblastoma Awareness Walk

Bhubaneswar: L V Prasad Eye Institute's Mithu Tuls 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 Tuls 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.

Ravindra Jadeja Marks International Comeback With A Five-Wicket Haul As India Dominate Australia

Nagpur: In a dramatic return as India ruled the opening day of the first Test against Australia on Thursday. Jadeja returned figures of 5-47 and fellow spinner Ravichandran Ashwin took three wickets to bowl out Australia for 177 in the final session on a turning Nagpur pitch. In reply, India were 77 for one at stumps, with skipper Rohit Sharma on 56 and Ashwin, yet to score, at

the crease. The hosts still trail Australia by 100 runs. Rohit began by hitting three boundaries off Australian skipper Pat Cummins' first over, and put on 76 runs with opening partner KL Rahul, who made a laboured 20.

The Indian captain reached his fifty with a four off Nathan Lyon and remained sharp to see off the day's play.

Rahul fell caught and bowled off debutant spinner Todd Murphy, who celebrated his first Test wicket.

Jadeja, a left-arm orthodox bowler who came back into the Indian side after a knee injury, stood out with his guile, taking key wickets including those of Marnus Labuschagne (49) and Steve Smith (37).

Both Australians had launched a fightback with their third-wicket 82-run stand after losing openers Usman Khawaja and David Warner early in the day.

Peter Handscomb (31) and wicketkeeper-batsman Alex Carey (36)



also put on a partnership of 53 before Ashwin ended Carey's spell at the crease to record his 450th Test wicket.

Jadeja's double strike on successive balls soon after lunch rocked the tourists as he sent back Labuschagne and then trapped Matt Renshaw for a first-ball duck.

He later bowled Smith with a delivery that went through his bat and pad. Ashwin and Jadeja kept up the charge to get into the Australian tail when the tourists took tea at 174-8, and added just three runs in the final session.

Earlier, seamer Mohammed Siraj struck on his first ball to get Khawaja trapped lbw for one with a delivery that swung in to the left-hander, after the tourists elected to bat at the start

of the four-match series.

An appeal was turned down by the on-field umpire but India successfully reviewed the decision.

Mohammed Shami raised the noise in the next over when the seamer bowled the left-handed Warner for one.

Australia controversially left out in-form left-hand batsman Travis Head, while India handed Test caps to Twenty20 sensation Suryakumar Yadav and wicketkeeper Srikanth Bharat.

Turkish Goalkeeper Ahmet Eyup Turkaslan, 28, Dies in Turkey Earthquake



New Delhi: The deadly earthquake in Turkey has killed the Turkish goalkeeper Ahmet Eyup Turkaslan, the manager of the club for which he plays confirmed on Wednesday (February 8). "Our goalkeeper, Ahmet Eyup Turkaslan, lost his life after being under the collapse of the earthquake. Rest in peace," the Yeni Malatyaspor announced on Twitter. "We will not forget you, beautiful person," they wrote. Ahmet was reported missing after the country was hit with a 7.8 magnitude earthquake.

Later, his dead body was discovered when the debris were cleared. Another footballer named Christian Atsu, who has previously played for Premier League clubs Chelsea and Newcastle, has become one of the victims of the natural disaster in Turkey. Atsu was lucky to survive the massive earthquake and was rescued from the debris. He hails from Ghana and plays for Turkish club Hatayspor. He was reportedly in a building that was demolished by the 7.8 magnitude earthquake.

His whereabouts were unknown before a Ghana FA posted on Twitter that he has been successfully rescued.

As per an IANS report, the death toll from the devastating 7.8-magnitude earthquake that struck the two nations - Turkey and Syria - earlier this week has increased to 7,926, authorities have confirmed.

In an address to the nation early Wednesday, Turkey's Vice President Fuat Oktay said at least 5,894 people have been confirmed dead so far, while 34,810 others were injured, CNN reported. A total 16,139 teams were currently continuing with the search and rescue operations, with additional international teams to be deployed in the coming days, he added. In Syria, the death toll has increased to 2,032. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan declared a three-month state of emergency on Tuesday in 10 of the country's hard-hit provinces.

Richa Ghosh Smashes 91 as Indians Thrash Bangladesh

New Delhi: Team India wicketkeeper Richa Ghosh smashed a whirlwind unbeaten 91 as India Women cricket team defeated Bangladesh by 52 runs in a warm-up match ahead of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2022 on Wednesday (February 8). Opting to bat, India made an imposing 183 for 5 riding on Ghosh's exploits with the bat and then restricted Bangladesh to 131 for 8. Coming on to bat at No 4, Ghosh's knock came off just 56 balls with the help of three boundaries and nine hits over the fence. Besides Ghosh, Jemimah Rodrigues made a fluent 27-ball 41 during which she hit six fours and a six. India, however, did not have the best of starts, losing three wickets for 35 runs with Yastika Bhatia (10), U-19 T20 World Cup-winning team skipper Shafali Verma (9) and Harleen Deol (10) all departing cheaply. Ghosh then took the attack to the opposition along with Rodrigues, adding quick 92 runs for the fourth wicket to lay the platform



for India's imposing total. Left-arm spinner Nahida Akter picked up two wickets for Bangladesh. In reply, Bangladesh kept losing wickets at regular intervals and never looked to be in the hunt.

Captain Nigar Sultana top-scored with a 36-ball 40, while opener Murshida Khatun made 32. Leg-break bowler Devika Vaidya (2/21) scalped two wickets for India, while Shafali (1/

13), Radha Yadav (1/17), Deepti Sharma (1/15), Rajeshwari Gayakwad (1/20) and Anjali Sarvani (1/22) picked up a wicket each.

The Women's T20 World Cup 2023 begins in Cape Town on Friday and India will open their campaign against arch-rivals Pakistan on Sunday.

Orla Prendergast put on a fine all-round display as Ireland chased down 169 runs to defeat

Australia by three wickets to head into the World Cup on a high. The right-arm medium-pacer dismissed opener Beth Mooney for a first-ball duck on her way to figures of two for 19 from her four overs.

Alyssa Healy and Tahliia McGrath then combined for a 135-run stand which ended with McGrath retiring on 56 to give other batters time in the middle, with Healy following suit having

reached 62. Ellyse Perry's 40 not out from 20 balls steered Australia to 168 for three, which Amy Hunter and Gaby Lewis gave Ireland a fast start in chasing down, putting on 39 runs in 3.5 overs. Lewis's dismissal brought Prendergast to the crease whose 26 from 15 runs gave Ireland fresh impetus before Laura Delany's top score of 32 helped to see Ireland home with two balls to spare.

Hardik Pandya Close to Becoming World No. 1 All-Rounder, Shubman Gill at Career-Best in T20I ICC Ranking

New Delhi: Team India all-rounder and T20I skipper Hardik Pandya is close to reaching the summit in the ICC T20I ranking for all-rounders. Pandya's match-winning show in the third and final T20I against New Zealand earlier this month - he claimed 4/16 with the ball and smashed a 17-ball 30 - has taken him to within touching distance of Bangladesh's Shakib al Hasan on the T20I ranking for all-rounders.

The Gujarat Titans skipper is now at 250 rating points, just a couple of points behind Shakib, who has 252. Afghanistan's Mohammad Nabi, Wanindu Hasaranga of Sri Lanka and Namibian JJ Smit



complete the top-five in the all-rounder's list. Pandya's teammate Shubman Gill also made a massive jump in the T20I batter's list. Gill, who scored his maiden T20I century - 126 not out in the third T20I vs NZ, has zoomed up a massive

168 positions in the ranking. Gill is now up to a career-best 30th position on the ICC T20I batters' ranking after the third and final T20I in Ahmedabad. Gill's 126 not out off 63 balls that contributed to India's huge 168-run victory

and helped seal the series 2-1. Gill, who has now slammed centuries in all three formats of the game, is ranked sixth in ODIs and 62nd in Tests.

Left-arm fast bowler Arshdeep Singh, Gill's teammate in the ICC U19 Men's World Cup-winning squad of 2018, is another one to move up the rankings, gaining eight slots to reach a career-best 13th position after finishing with two for 16 in Ahmedabad.

Daryl Mitchell, who top-scored for New Zealand with 35 in their total of 66, has gained four spots and is in joint-25th position in the latest weekly update that considers performance in the Ahmedabad match for T20Is and the final

match of the South Africa-England series for the ODI rankings. England captain Jos Buttler's match-winning 131 in Kimberley has helped him progress six places to 20th position while South Africa fast bowler Lungi Ngidi has advanced five places to reach 19th position after finishing with four for 62 in the high-scoring match.

Dawid Malan (up 31 places to 58th among batters) and fast bowler Jofra Archer (up 13 places to 22nd among bowlers) are other England players to move up in the ODI rankings. South Africa's Heinrich Klaasen is up 11 places to 42nd among batters.

Suryakumar Yadav, KS Bharat get Maiden Test Caps From Ravi Shastri and Cheteshwar Pujara



New Delhi: Team India handed maiden Test caps to world No. 1 T20 batter Suryakumar Yadav and wicketkeeper KS Bharat in the first Test against Australia in Nagpur on Thursday (February 9). Former India head coach Ravi Shastri was the one to hand over the Test cap to SKY.

Australia skipper Pat Cummins won the toss and opted to bat first against India in the opening Test of the 2023 Border-Gavaskar Trophy series here on Thursday. Shastri handed his India

Test cap to Yadav while Cheteshwar Pujara gave it to Bharat at the VCA Stadium in the presence of teammates and the families of both players. KS Bharat's selection as a replacement for the injured Rishabh Pant ahead of Ishan Kishan was expected as Kishan is a top-order batsman while India needed to bolster their part of their batting lineup in the absence of Pant.

Suryakumar also adds more meat to the middle order as he has been in great form in the last

couple of years and has played Ranji Trophy cricket for more than five-six years. At 32 years and 148 days, Yadav is the 15th oldest player to make his debut for India.

Australia also handed a maiden cap to off-spinner Todd Murphy and he was given his cap by fellow-spinner Nathan Lyon. They made two changes to the squad, bringing in Scott Boland for Josh Hazlewood and dropping Travis Head for odd Murphy.