

Urge For Project boost

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik urged the senior officers to see all the development projects are implemented in shortest possible time and our welfare initiatives reach all the legitimate beneficiaries. There should be a competition among districts for realization of goals, and set benchmarks for others. Inaugurating the Senior Officers Conference here on 14 February he said Odisha has been at the forefront of many states for its transformative initiatives. Sports, healthcare, school transformation, women empowerment, skill development, crop production, Covid management are some of the sectors that attract



special mention. The 5T Initiative and 'Mo Sarkar', – these twin initiatives have brought about transformative governance and have enhanced our people's outreach programmes. At the district level, collectors and district administrations are required to reach out to more and more people, find out issues of concern, and use technology to sort out them in a faster and

simple, hassle free manner. CM said Odisha is now a food surplus state contributing to national public distribution system, adding that the agriculture and allied sectors provide maximum employment to people in rural areas. He said that State should focus more on farm mechanization, crop diversification, horticulture and floriculture, dairy development and



fisheries. Our 'Millet Mission' has now been taken up nationally to improve nutrition. This sector has the potential to revitalize rural economy. We need to continue to excel in this sector. Start-ups play a vital role in the economic development of the State. A lot in this regard has been done by the Government. The O-hub is in operation as one of the big incubation centres for the Startups.

We are trying to make Odisha as one of the top three Start-up destinations in the Country. Women empowerment is at the core of all our initiatives. We intend to transform our Mission Shakti groups in to Small and Medium Enterprises. We are providing interest free loan up to Rs 5 lakh so that they can convert their units to flourishing units. Shri Patnaik said that

State has target to provide Rs 50 thousand crore to our Mission Shakti Groups in next five years. Collectors are required to provide all possible support to Mission Shakti Groups in realization of this objective. Other Flagship programs like Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana, School Transformation, Tourism Promotion, Sports also require special attention

Pulwama attack anniversary: PM Modi pays tributes to soldiers who laid down lives

NewDehi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday paid tribute to the CRPF personnel who lost their lives in a terror attack on their convoy in Pulwama on this day in 2019.

He tweeted, "Remembering our valorous heroes who we lost on this day in Pulwama. We will never forget their supreme sacrifice. Their courage motivates us to build a strong and developed India."

On this day in 2019, a suicide bomber of the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) terror group attacked the CRPF convoy in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district in which 40 personnel were killed.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah also hailed the sacrifices made by the CRPF jawans. He said, "I pay homage to the brave soldiers who laid down their lives in the ghastly terror attack in Pulwama on this day in the year 2019. The nation can never forget their sacrifice. Their valour and indomitable courage will always remain an inspiration in the fight against terrorism."



Bhubaneswar to host 3-day Krushi Odisha 2023 from Feb 16-18

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment Department of Odisha Government in association with Federation of India Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) will jointly organise three day long Krushi Odisha 2023 at Biju Patnaik Play Ground, Baramunda, Bhubaneswar from 2023 February 16-18. Theme of this year event is 'Emerging Technology in Agriculture.' Total 212 numbers stall to be set up on different categories of agriculture and allied sectors. Various government undertaking, banks and agri entrepreneurs will participate in it. FPOs, SHGs, NGOs and input dealers will also participate in Krushi Odisha. Farmers will know about recent technologies through 10 thematic seminars. The event will focuses on subjects like production



technology, agriculture mechanisation, application of ICT in agriculture, infrastructure development, marketing linkage, easy access to credit, utilisation of improved agriculture inputs and their distributions and establishment of agriculture enterprises. Through Krushi Odisha to enable farmers with all information about modern crop husbandry and build their self confidence for adoption. At an event organised at Auditorium Hall of Krushi Bhawan today, Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment minister, Shri Ranendra Pratap Swain said that,

"We have organised regional Krushi Mela in four places like Sambalpur, Baripada, Berhampur and Koraput. It has been decided to organise such types of mela at every districts of the state and I am happy to share here that most of these Mela were conducted successfully and remaining Mela to organise very soon. Farmers were immensely benefited. State government consciously decided to increase farm mechanisation. We have earmarked special fund for this purpose. We are ready to increase the allocation if needed. We are also planning to organise Krushi Mela at block level."

On this occasion Principal Secretary, A and FE Department Dr Arabinda Padhee said that, "We have plan for a special session on Millet where experts from international agencies will participate. Special session of horticulture, Fisheries and Animal resources will be also held. We expect more than 1500 farmers from across the state including female farmers. Farmers will get to know about the recent technology adoption in agriculture. Industry partners will demonstrate their new equipments and techniques." Shri Prem Chandra Choudhury, IAS, Director, Agriculture & Food

Production, Govt. of Odisha also present over there. Commissioner cum Secretary, Fisheries and ARD Department Suresh Kumar Vashisth said that, "We have successfully introduced cage culture at Hirakud reservoir which is considered as intensive aquaculture. Biofloc fish farming is the most popular scheme of our department. Genetically improved fish also being developed at Fish Farm of Kaushalayanga. Government is also ready to extend subsidies to women SHG of the state for fish Farming." He added. In every evening, farmers, agri entrepreneurs, SHGs/ FPOs from 30 districts of Odisha who have shown their excellence in achieving successful farming module will be felicitated. Krushi Odisha will live streamed through Youtube and Facebook.

Al-Qaida operative Abdur Rehman arrested from Odisha gets 7.5 yrs rigorous imprisonment

NewDelhi: More than seven years after his arrest from Odisha, Al-Qaida in Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) operative Mohd Abdur Rehman has been sentenced to 7 years and five months of rigorous imprisonment on Tuesday. Rehman was arrested from Jagatpur on December 16, 2015, for his alleged links with terror outfit Al-Qaeda. The Patiala House Court in Delhi, which had convicted Rehman under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) on February 10, pronounced the quantum of punishment today. The court also imposed a penalty of Rs 25,000 on the convict. The court has also pronounced similar sentences for three



other accused- Mohd Asif, Zafar Masood and Abdul Sami. On February 10, Special Judge Sanjay Khanagwal had convicted Mohd Asif, Mohd Abdur Rehman, Zafar Masood, and Abdul Sami under Sections 18 (Conspiracy for Terror Act) and 18B (Recruitment for Terror Act) of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). Rehman was arrested during a joint operation by the special cell of Delhi and Odisha police on December 16,

2015, for allegedly running an illegal Madrasa at Tangi near Cuttack and radicalising the youths who enrolled there for terror activities. Police sources said that he had visited Pakistan illegally and met top militants, including Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi and Sajid Mir, both wanted in the 26/11 Mumbai Terror Attacks, there. As per reports published in 2018, he had admitted his links with the terrorists involved in the 1999 Kandahar plane hijack and 2002 American Centre blast incident in Kolkata. He had provided safe shelter to a Pakistani terrorist involved in the Kandahar plane hijack in Cuttack.

Bhubaneswar witnesses BJP's hartal over law and order, BJD protest against Centre's policies

Bhubaneswar,(KCN)- The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Tuesday hit the streets in Bhubaneswar alleging the deterioration in the law and order situation in Odisha in the backdrop of the recent assassination of health minister Naba Kishore Das. The BJP leaders alleged that there is now absolute lawlessness owing to inefficient handling of the situation by Odisha Chief Minsiter Naveen Patnaik. The State Health Minister and senior BJD leader Naba Das was killed by

Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) and the people of Odisha are unsafe under BJD rule, alleged the protesting BJP leaders. The BJP leaders and activists staged demonstrations at five places in Bhubaneswar- AG square, Jaydev Vihar, Palasuni, Khandagiri and Samantarapur. Bhubaneswar BJP President, Babu Singh said, "It seems that the law and order situation has gone for a toss in Odisha and it can be easily compared to the situation in Pakistan. The way a cabinet



minister was killed in broad daylight and there are other heinous crimes which are being reported almost every day. We demand Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik's resignation."

According to senior BJP leaders, today's hartal was confined to Bhubaneswar and the party will stage demonstration in front of Collector office in all districts of the state

tomorrow and stage a dharna in front of Raj Bhawan on February 16. Countering the BJP, the ruling BJD also staged a demonstration against Centre's policies. The BJD

staged a demonstration and raised issues like reduction in the allocation of funds by Rs 20,000 crore in the annual budget for the year 2023-24, reduction in procurement of rice from 18 lakh MT to 4 lakh MT and discontinuance of 5 kg rice under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY). Senior BJD leader, Debi Prasad Mishra said, "Today's protest is for the poor man's right. Under NFSA, it is Centre's responsibility to ensure

food security. Even though Covid is almost over, its effects are still prevalent. Now a common cold and fever takes 9 to 10 days to subside and inflation is also on the rise. Under such circumstances, the Centre should restore allotment of rice for another two years." According to Mishra, a massive deduction has been made in the budget for the procurement of rice by the Centre. "Farmer is yet to get the desired MSP and if there will no proper food procurement, how the

farmers' income will be doubled?" Mishra said that today we have submitted a memorandum to the President through Odisha Governor. Responding to BJP's protest over the deteriorating law and order situation, Mishra said, "Everybody has the right to protest in a democracy. I think they (BJP) have hit the streets over Naba Das murder and they should have waited for the outcome of the probe and there are also appropriate forums to discuss the matter."

MGM School Of Sports Opening Today Woman murders her two minor children and hung herself

Bhubaneswar: With an aim to groom young raw talents into Champions, MGM Group is setting up MGM School of Sports, Centre of Excellence for Cricket at Kapursingh, Gurudijhatia in Athagarh Subdivision of Cuttack District. The Grand Opening of MGM School of Sports is on 15 February. Former International Cricketer Suresh Raina will inaugurate the Institution in august presence of Ranendra Pratap Swain, Minister Agriculture, Farmers' Empowerment, Fisheries and Animal Resources Development. Guests of Honor, Tusharkanti Behera,



Minister of Sports and Youth Service, Senior Lawmaker and President Odisha Cricket Association, Pranab Prakash Das, Former International Cricketer Pragyam Ojha will grace the Opening Ceremony. Ashirbad Behera, Secretary Football Association of Odisha

& Odisha Athletic Association and Sanjay Behera, Secretary Odisha Cricket Association will be attending as Guests of Honor. MGM Group CMD and Chairman MGM School of Sports, Pankaj Lochan Mohanty will preside over the Opening Ceremony.

The amount of interest sports generates in the State is huge but most of the young boys and girls cannot pursue their dreams because most of them hail from very poor economic backgrounds. This is where the MGM School of

Sports is stepping in with the world class infrastructure and coaches in a bid to chisel the raw talents into champions. The Center of Excellence for Cricket is committed to tapping the potential of the youth for Cricket. The ultimate aim is to get laurels for the state and country and the youth of this region will get scope for it, said Pankaj Lochan Mohanty, Chairman MGM School of Sports and CMD MGM Minerals Limited, who is promoting sports in general and cricket in particular. Shri Mohanty, an ace philanthropist is also the Vice President of Odisha Cricket Association.

Barbil, 14th Feb (KCN): A 36-year-old woman strangled her two minor children to death in Durukulia Village under Champua police station of Keonjhar district in Odisha. The mother kshanaprabhaNaik strangled her two-year old sons Nandan and Jansan of four-year-old son to death. The woman then herself committed suicide. It is learned that the incident took place Monday afternoon when the husband Bhimsen had been to corn field. As per report elder daughter Tapswini if 6 year old returned home after school vacation and knocked their door for a long time. As no one



opened the door, she went to her grandfather's house and told her grandmother about the incident. Grandmother of Tapswini went to their house accompanied her. Taking her grandmother went to their house and found the door locked inside the house. She also knocked and called repeatedly to open the door. Despite her effort no one came out from the house. She called the villagers and conveyed the matter. The villagers reached the spot and opened the door. They found the dead bodies of the two children lying on the ground. They informed Bhimsen and informed the Champua police. Champua IIC Gagan Bihari Naik reached the spot. The police said, the reason behind the crime was not yet known and they are investigating in to the matter.

Barbil Citizen paid homage to martyred of Pulwama attack

Barbil, 14th Feb, (KCN): The citizen of Barbil paid homage to the martyrs of the Pulwama terror attack in a condolence programme held at Vikas Mahal of Barbil in Keonjhar district of Odisha on Tuesday. The tribute ceremony was organized by Ashirbad Welfare Trust and National Day Celebration committee jointly. A two-minute silent prayer was observed in memory of the 49 CRPF men who were killed in the suicide attack by Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) on February 14 at Pulwama in Jammu and Kashmir. They lit lamps and paid floral tributes to the martyred jawans. The



NDCC chairman Pratap Das, Ashokprajapati, RamuKarmakar, Inde Yadav, Parwej Akhtar and members of

Ashirvad Seva Trust namely Anjali Singh, Minu Sharma, JayantiMahanto, Manu Karma kar, Banita Samal, Deepa

Adhikari, PadminiDas, Jayanti Mahakud and many others were participated in the programme.

Arbitrary transfers in Revenue Dept trigger ire

BHUBANESWAR: The 5T initiatives of the State Government have been put on the backburner as the Revenue and Disaster Department authorities are having different set of rules for their two months. While some officials are clinging to their chairs for years some others are transferred within months of joining a new post. This arbitrary and whimsical attitude of the department top authorities has triggered deep resentment among the employees. For example an official was transferred just after two months of posting, though there were no complaints or adverse remarks against her. When she met the department authorities and pleaded to be



allowed to stay in the same post as she has to attend to her ailing old parents and in-laws she was told that, "Government servants can be transferred in two days, leave alone two months." Finding no alternative she joined her new place of posting, where no Government residential accommodation is available.

At a Glance of Young Girl Laxmipriya Sahoo

Bhubaneswar: The 17 years young Girl Laxmipriya Sahoo has achieved or received so many Awards like Little Miss Odisha Winner in Fashion Show in Bhubaneswar, Little Miss India Winner in 2019 in Delhi Fashion Show, Miss Mrs Bengal Supper 2019 in Ladies Fashion Show. She has also entered in Odia Film Industry as actresses, her first Odia Film is Chal Tike Prema Kariba, 2nd Movie is Tu Leila Mu Majnu, 3rd Movie is Tu Mo Valentines, 4th Movie is Nari Nuhe Tu Aradhanari, in this Film, she was in lead or leading Role upcoming Film & now, then she enters or starts in Telgu Film. She is now going to take part in several Films as Heroine or Actress. Her growing or achievement graphs is going ahead and in future, she is planning to enter in Hindi Films or Cenema. She is planning to step in Mumbai Hindi Films Industry. A brief interaction & interview with young beautiful Girl Laxmipriya Sahoo who is the daughter of Social activists of Lipi Sahoo of Bhubaneswar.





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'KGF,' 'Kantara' Team, Yash and Rishab Shetty Meet Honourable PM Narendra Modi



The way Hombale Films took the name of Indian Cinema on the global map with its blockbuster films like the KGF franchise and Kantara is truly exemplary. While these films created examples of its success, they also gave the nation the superstars, like Yash, Rishab Shetty, and many more. While the glory of Hombale films is still on the surge, it has now added a milestone in their journey as the entire team met the

honorable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi for discussing the different aspects of the growth of Indian cinema. The makers of Hombale Films, Producers Vijay Kiragandur and Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar along with KGF star Yash and Kantara star Rishab Shetty met the honorable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi during his recent visit to Karnataka. As the team was seen clicking a

picture with the honorable Prime Minister, they also discussed different aspects of the entertainment industry like the number of theatres in the state, the effect of cinema and how it will help boost in the economy. Hombale Films has truly turned out to be a whole sole ruler of the box office in 2022 with blockbusters like KGF chapter 2 and Kantara. The they introduced the audience to some really

amazing stories, they literally raised the entertainment quotient a notch higher on the big screen. Apart from this, Hombale films are also eyeing up an even stronger lineup as recently the prequel of Kantara has been announced by the writer, director, and actor of Kantara, Rishab Shetty on the occasion of the film completing 100 days. Moreover, Salaar is yet another big project that will be coming from the house of Hombale films.

'Naiyo Lagda Dil' Continues the Legacy of Hit Chartbusters of Salman Khan-Kamaal Khan Collabs

The highly anticipated song 'Naiyo Lagda' from the film Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan has been released and it takes us back to the feels of 90s music.

The soulful melody in the voice of Kamaal Khan, composed by Himesh Reshammiya, starring Salman Khan & Pooja Hegde in the lead is the perfect romantic tune for lovers to rejoice in valentine's week. The song was launched at the Bigg Boss grand finale yesterday and since then it has become one of the most-loved songs on the internet. While some might credit the success of this song to Salman Khan's magnificent screen presence, and his chemistry with Pooja Hegde, some are praising this collaboration of Khan with Himesh Reshammiya, and some with Kamaal Khan.

Salman Khan-Kamaal Khan partnerships for his movies have forever been one of the most hit pairings. Time and again,



both of them have delivered some chartbuster songs.

Here is a look back at all the songs that Salman Khan and Kamaal Khan have delivered.

Oh Oh Jane Jaana 'Oh, Oh Jane Jaana' from Pyaar Kiya Toh Darna Kya is one of the biggest hits from Salman Khan's career. "I love you all" is still one of the most played lines from this song in all the clubs. The song was out and out a chartbuster and the music

lover still hears it on a loop.

Seeti Maar 'Seeti Maar' from Radhe is, without a doubt, one of the most played party songs. This collaboration of Salman Khan with Kamaal Khan gave us one of the most fun, enthusiastic, and energetic songs in the film Radhe.

Munna Badnaam Hua Munna Badnaam Hua from Dabangg 3 is yet another hit song from Salman Khan as reunites

with Kamaal Khan. The energy level in this song is at its height and it was refreshing to hear Kamaal Khan's voice in this famous blockbuster.

Hello Brother 'Hello Brother' from the film 'Hello Brother' starring Salman Khan, sung by Kamaal Khan was one of the biggest hits in the 90s. All the clubs played this song on a loop and eventually became one of the biggest songs delivered by the Salman Khan and Kamaal Khan duo.

Pooja Hegde, Salman Khan Treat Fans with Electrifying Chemistry Ahead of Valentine's Day in 'Naiyo Ladga Dil'

Ahead of Valentine's Day Pan India star Pooja Hegde and superstar Salman Khan treat their fans with the beautiful romantic number Naiyo Ladga which is the first song from the much Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan.

Stealing the show with their incredible chemistry and on-screen charisma, this duo has created a frenzy amongst the fans. Naiyo



Ladga, sung by Kamaal Khan and Palak Muchhal. Shot in the exotic locations of Leh and Ladakh, 'Naiyo Ladga' has a beautiful 90s vibe to it with a melodious tone that shall stay with you once you hear it.

Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan directed by Farhad Samji will have a grand release on the occasion of Eid 21st April 2023 worldwide. The film also stars Shehnaaz Gill, Palak Tiwari, Abhimanyu Singh, Raghav Juyal, Siddharth Nigam, Jassie Gill, Venkatesh Daggubati, Jagapathi Babu, Bhumika Chawla and Vijender Singh.

Pooja Hegde will soon begin shooting for her next SSMB 28 with Mahesh Babu and a few announced projects.

Rubina Dilaik on taking any advise from husband Abhinav Shukla

Rubina Dilaik, who is one of the confirmed contestants of the upcoming season of Khatron Ke Khiladi 12, spoke to ETimes TV exclusively about the reality show. Rubina shared that more than excited she is nervous and had never imagined that she would voluntarily agree to do the show. She refused to talk about her fears, but revealed that husband Abhinav Shukla, who was part KKK 11, told her that no tips or mantra would help her on the stunt-based reality show. Rubina also expressed her happiness about doing the stunts especially designed by India's top most filmmaker and host, Rohit Shetty. "More than excited, I am actually nervous. I am very nervous because this show is one of its kind, I had never imagined that I would voluntarily go and say let's challenge our fears. There's a lot of nervousness," she said. When asked if she has taken any tips from husband Abhinav Shukla, who was one of the contestants last season, she said, "Abhinav told me that I can do the show. He said that any kind of tip on mantra would really not work because everyone has their own fears, strengths and experiences. Kab Kaun sa fear aap ko rok de Aur Kaun si strength aap ko push kar de aage, nobody knows and it's quite subjective." Rubina feels she is mentally and physically, both strong and through KKK 12, she's looking forward to meeting new people, "I feel I am 50-50 mentally and physically strong. But it really depends on the situation. We have done stunts on sets. Harness se Idhar bhi latakke hain sets par, now we will go there and wahan shayad khule mein latkenge harness par... but I am looking forward to being in a country, with a new set of people, share the experiences and get to learn a lot things."

I'm terrified & waiting for my mother to come & stay with me: Devoleena Bhattacharjee

Actress Devoleena Bhattacharjee, who lives in Goregoan East in a high rise building, is terrified after a recent incident in her complex. A domestic help in an adjacent building was killed by a man from the building's housekeeping team. The body was then dumped by him on the railway tracks.

Devoleena says, "I am terrified after this incident and staying at home alone with my pet has suddenly become a bit scary. The incident happened in the same premises where I live.

After what has happened, I salute the cops for taking action so fast but I also feel that gated societies and all residential buildings should have good safety measures and checks on the kind of staff they are hiring."

Devoleena adds, "Mumbai is a safe city and I live alone here. There has never been any reason to feel unsafe. But, sometimes, you do feel unsafe when you go for a walk around your building and because you are an actress, people keep looking at

you and make you feel uncomfortable. Now after this, I would not like to let any new person come into my apartment. It is quite scary. However, at the end of the day, I would like to say that Mumbai is a safe city for women."

Currently Devoleena lives alone but she is hoping that her mother will soon relocate to Mumbai with her. She says, "My brother is getting married soon and so till then my mother will continue living in Assam but after the wedding is over, I would like her to move in with me. It will make me feel good and I will no longer be living just with my pet in Mumbai."

On the work front, Devoleena has a few projects lined up. She says, "I will be part of a short film with Renuka Shahane and there are few more projects, too. I am hoping to land some interesting roles in TV, films or the web."



Environmental Education As a Tool for Inculcating Environmental Sensitivity Among Students



Abstract: Environmental education is a perfect way to integrate academic disciplines, stimulate the academic and social development of young minds and promote conservation of the natural environment. Most of the schools have been focusing on environmental education transmitting knowledge about our current situation and future possibilities of nature. It teaches students to examine all the issues related to the environment and therefore participates in sensible ways of preserving it. But at present due to negative and irresponsible anthropogenic activities, the rate of environmental degradation such as climate change and global warming, ozone layer depletion, greenhouse gas effect, rise in sea level, improper monsoon, acid rain, biodiversity erosion are a handful examples. Though many conferences, seminars and world summits towards the protection of environment for the past two decades were conducted, the present world is environmentally less sustainable than in the previous days. Therefore, in order to

achieve the acceptable level of global environmental sustainability, the citizens must be empowered with essential knowledge and information especially in developing countries



like India. Educational institutions are the places where the contact of the society is more, it is possible to bring remarkable changes in the mindset of the public. To protect children living in polluted regions, environmental education represents a relevant means of prevention because this type of education encourages learner's awareness of their environment's ambient conditions, as well as their active participation in solving local problems. It is the need of the hour to propose environmental education with the essential elements of moral philosophy at

school curriculum in India.

Keywords: environment, education, ethics, philosophy, technology

Introduction

Environmental education has a range of beneficial effects for individuals and communities. It is important in understanding the effects of human activity on the environment and

environmental education

The basic concept of environmental education is education for the environment, education about the environment and education through the environment.

- Education for the Environment: Environmental education is an education that helps people understand the problems confronting their environment and teaches them how to work with technology to address these issues responsibly.

- Education about the Environment: Environmental education encompasses conservation,

outdoor and natural resource education, as well as nature study. It is the understanding of man's relationship with his surrounding surroundings, good or ill. Environmental education is a comprehensive approach to learning about the natural and cultural world around us.

- Education through the Environment: Environmental education is not a separate subject. It should be integrated into all areas of learning from early childhood to lifelong education, since the entire subject falls within the scope of environmental issues. Despite this, separate classes and curricula relating specifically to environment are widely available. This fails to connect course material together in a meaningful way, leaving the topic incomplete at best. A multidisciplinary approach integrating environmental education into all subjects and grades can fix this issue.

Why environmental studies need to be a part of the curriculum?

Can we really blame kids for littering when they're not aware of the consequences of their actions? If our children don't understand how their choices affect the entire ecosystem, then it's no wonder they take little care in leaving a clean environment. This is where Environmental Studies come in- we teach kids about the effects their actions have on the world around them. Closer proximity to nature camps or workshops conducted in natural settings are better approaches for

disseminating environmental education. Photo credit: Saikat Kumar Basu Learning about pollution, climate change, and other environmental and ecological issues that we face on a daily basis is just one aspect of environmental studies. Another important aspect is comprehending the countless, intricate relationships that exist between humans and the environment. We need to be made aware of how our actions have harmed nature, ecosystem and biodiversity by the consequences of the latest COVID-19 pandemic. However, we need to get better in our understanding of our global, regional and global environmental issues and learn from our mistakes to effectively design the contents of the courses to be taught to the children. Aims of environmental education

At the primary level:

- To appreciate true aspects of the environment in general.
- To understand the delicate interactions between human and their environment
- To understand the interactions between the various biotic and abiotic components of the natural ecosystem.
- To develop skills in thinking, reasoning and enquiring about the world around them.

At the secondary level:

- Inculcate the attitude in using the knowledge and skills towards solving problem and issues related to individuals, society and the environment.
- To emphasize the relevance of science, social science and humanities to daily life.
- To build the values and attitudes towards the need and

Genomics, Satellite Technology, Remote Sensing, Nanotechnology, Microelectronics, Precision Agriculture, Robotics, Artificial Intelligence, Sustainability, Green Chemistry, Green Engineering, Green Economics, Green Infrastructure Technology, Green Philosophy, Conservation Biology etc in helping towards successful conservation of nature, ecosystem, biodiversity

- To understand and appreciate the basics of environmental philosophy or green philosophy in finding sustainable solutions to global environmental issues.

Environmental ethics Environmental ethics is concerned with how morally responsible humans should behave toward the environment. It alludes to an ecological conscience or moral

therefore seeks to explain how one should behave or what standards and moral duties one should have when dealing with his environment. The standards for making decisions, choices, and acts are reflected in these moral commitments.

Only education can help one develop these values. As a result, educational institutions must take the initiative in creating the proper kind of future society, one in which every individual is capable of taking action that is both environment- and socially responsible. These call for the values and ethics to be incorporated into the entire framework of environmental education. In order to mould the pupils, it is the role of educational institutions and teacher educators skilled in environmental ethics. Therefore, it is essential to focus on environmental ethics and include it in course curricula so that every student, regardless of their area of specialisation, has the chance to comprehend and internalise the moral principles that are ethical components of environmental challenges.

Conclusion Every subject that has an impact on an organism is covered in environmental education. In essence, it is a multidisciplinary approach that fosters an understanding of the integrity of our natural environment and human impacts on it. It is an applied science since it looks for real-world solutions to make human civilisation sustainable given the limited resources of the planet. In order to do this, a general outline syllabus that covers fundamental moral philosophy concepts must be proposed for both undergraduate students in college level and environmental education in schools. Learning about the environment gives students the ability to take part in a sustainable future. Environmental education thus lays the groundwork for a lifelong learning process.

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- To provides individuals and communities with a basic knowledge and understanding of the environment and the inter-relationship between humans and the environment.
- To promotes awareness and a sensibility in individuals and communities about the environment and its problems.
- To encourage individuals and communities to value the environment and consider it important and tries to inspire participation in the process of improving and protecting the environment.
- To provide people with skills to identify, predict, prevent and solve environmental problems.
- To provides individuals and communities with the chance to actively participate in solving environmental problems and to make educated decisions about the environment.

Objectives of environmental education

necessity to live together in harmony in the context of the heterogeneous society.

- To develop a scientific attitude in the students.
- To develop an outlook that emphasizes the method employed in different science disciplines.

At the tertiary level:

- To understand complex human nature interactions from local, regional and global perspectives.
- To appreciate and understand the various levels of complex interactions of human societies with one another.
- Deep learning with respect to various inter and intra linking chains, cycles and complex patterns of our nature and ecosystem with respect to negative anthropogenic activities.
- To appreciate new technology platforms such as Big Data, Cloud Computing, Information Technology, Biotechnology,

that expresses a commitment and responsibility towards the environment; including plants and animals as well as current and future generations. The basic philosophy behind this concept is focused on enabling human societies to coexist peacefully with the natural world on which they rely for their survival and well-being. It also refers to the obligation to recognise our individual and collective social and environmental responsibilities to preserve natural resources and save the planet for our current and future generations. Fundamentally, environmental ethics is a form of human ethics that prioritises social justice for all people without regard to their ethnicity, gender, religion, ideology, caste, creed, geography and nationality. The majority of today's environmental issues are mostly the result of negative human behaviour and attitudes toward the socio-cultural and natural environment. Environmental ethics

Letter To Editor

Earthquake is due to Climate change!

Earthquakes are one of the many dangerous and destructive natural disasters that can occur anywhere in the world, and as the recent quakes in Turkey and Syria demonstrate, they are definitely cause for concern. To begin with, there is no link between weather and earthquakes. This makes sense because earthquakes occur underground, where surface temperature and conditions have no bearing. However, climate change has the potential to affect earthquakes. This is due to the fact that the only true variable in earthquakes is the amount of stress on a fault line. According to NASA, the most likely scenario is that climate change causes surface water to add to the stress on a fault. There are also droughts. Droughts, according to NASA researchers, can change the size of mountains due to water loss. In theory, this could result in a change in stress on faults. Other studies have found that groundwater extraction during droughts can affect stress by essentially changing the weight of the planet's crust, which can cause changes between both sides of a fault line and causes an earthquake. Then there are glaciers, which move as well. Glacial earthquakes can occur as glaciers shift due to climate change. Therefore to reduce earthquakes lowering stress loads is very much essential. In other words, climate change could play a role in earthquakes.

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The Union Minister for Defence, Shri Rajnath Singh visits to the India Pavilion at Aero India 2023, in Bengaluru

Prashant Kulshreshtha Takes Pune's Interior Design And Architecture Standards A Notch Higher With Ogling Inches

New Delhi: The interior design of a space dictates its first impression on the visitors, leading to the first impressions about the owners/brand associated with the space. Whether you design the interior of their house or a commercial space they own, they keep their identity and reputation at stake. Understanding this need for impeccable interior design, Ogling Inches helps its clients design highly aesthetic spaces. The interior designing and architecture design services offered by Ogling Inches let its clients sport state-of-the-art designs for their spaces, from houses and offices to restaurants and showrooms. Based in Pune, Ogling Inches comprises a team of skilled, experienced, and passionate interior designer who are in sync with the ongoing design trends in the sector. They tailor their interior design services

according to their clients' specific needs and preferences. Especially when it comes to designing commercial spaces, the designers and architects at Ogling Inches strive to extend a business's identity through the designs they create. The expertise of the interior design and architecture company in Pune lies in multiple domains, such as residential properties, restaurants, commercial spaces, and architecture services. Ogling Inches' residential design services revolve around creating lavish and aesthetic interior designs for houses of all types. The restaurant design services are offered according to the customers a business caters to, the items it offers, and the brand it wants to build. Similarly, Ogling Inches helps its clients design commercial spaces according to their brand identities and brand

positioning in the market. The architecture design services offered by Ogling Inches have allowed the team of designers to create hostels, malls, hospitals, and a plethora of different spaces built as per the clients' preferences. Ogling Inches has been offering interior design services to clients in and around Pune for over a decade. It is popular in the sector for offering its services with fixed project fees. The team prefers being 100% transparent with all its clients from the moment they come on board throughout the course of their projects. The designers and architects value their clients' feedback and ensure that their vision is manifested in the best way possible. Another major factor that sets Ogling Inches apart is its seamless cost analysis. For each of its clients, the interior design company in Pune

facilitates extensive cost analysis by focusing on the three major Ms – Men, Materials, and Money. The cost of every project is decided according to the manpower deployed, the materials used, and the money involved in executing the project. The team at Ogling Inches discusses their clients' budgets beforehand and provides them with an ideal package that best suits their needs. Moreover, Ogling Inches believes in continuous innovation and improvement in its approach. Its team of designers and architects does not believe in sticking to first thoughts. For every project it works on, Ogling Inches tries to bring something new to the table to fill in the gaps in the client's requirements as effectively as possible. Whether they are designing a house, restaurant, or commercial office, the designers and architects

focus on making the space look like a million bucks! The company comes up with innovative designs for all its clients to help them stand out from the clutter. Along with building a robust portfolio over time, Ogling Inches has earned a rank amongst the best interior designers in Pune. The passion, dedication, and never-ending zeal of the designers have helped the company create its niche in the industry. Putting its clients' needs above everything else, the company also provides personalized recommendations and suggestions throughout its projects to optimize the designs created. Its architecture services offer an ideal blend of art and science to create sustainable, aesthetic, and relevant designs. Prashant Kulshreshtha, the founder of Ogling Inches, believes that the interior design of a space should be a reflection of its owners.

New Director of CSIR-CMERI, Durgapur

Kolkata: Dr. Naresh Chandra Murmu has joined as the Director, CSIR-Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CMERI), Durgapur recently (February 6, 2023). He is a Fellow of Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE) and National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI). Dr. Murmu was Chief Scientist at CSIR-Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute, Durgapur. Prior to it, he was working as a Scientist in CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories, Bangalore. He also worked as a Visiting Scientist in the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany during 2001-2003 and Research Scholar in Northwestern University, USA during 2011-2012. He is also Dean of Faculty of Engineering Sciences, Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR), An Institute of National Importance - Set up by an act of

Parliament. Dr. Murmu received his Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering from erstwhile Bengal Engineering College in 1992 (currently IEST, Shibpur), Master of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering from Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore in 1994 and PhD in Mechanical Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology (BHU), Varanasi in 2010. He is a recipient of VASVIK Award-2015, National Design Award (2012), CSIR-Raman Research Fellowship (2011), DAAD Fellowship (German Academic Exchange Service) - 2000, CSIR@70 Recognition for Developing Five Axis Micro Milling Machine (2012) and Co-Author of MSEB Best Paper Award, 2014 (Elsevier). Dr. Murmu has published over 100 research papers in SCI journals, four book chapters and has filed

seven patents & 8 copyrights/design registrations. He is currently serving as Associate Editor, Journal of the Institution of Engineers (India) Series-C and Co-Guest Edited the Special Theme (2017): India's Reusable Launch Vehicle Technology Demonstrator: The Future of Space Transportation System with Shri Sivan, K., Chairman, ISRO. He has supervised/co-supervised 9 PhD students and several Master students. His current research interests include Additive and Smart Manufacturing, Graphene Composite, Ink & Lubricants. Some of his notable contributions include development and co-development of 5 Axis Micro-Milling Machine, AM Machine - Direct Energy Deposition System, Foil Bearing, EHD-Ink Jet Printing, Graphene Lubricant for hot forging and Miniature Turbine.

Earthquake of 7.2 magnitude shakes southern Peru, no damage or casualty reported

New Delhi: An earthquake of magnitude 7.2 struck the Tirapata region of southern Peru on Thursday (May 26, 2022), the United States Geological Survey (USGS) said. The quake was at a depth of 212 km (132 miles), USGS said. The U.S. Tsunami Warning System said there was no tsunami warning in place. There were no early reports of damage or casualties. Earlier, the European Mediterranean Seismological Centre (EMSC) pegged the quake at magnitude 7. "The information we have so far is that there is no damage," Hernando Tavera, executive president of the Geophysical Institute of Peru (IGP), told local radio station RPP. "From the level of intensity on the surface, there should be no damage."

Turkey says military operations on southern borders necessary for national security

Turkey: Turkey said on Thursday the military operations carried out on its southern borders are necessary for national security and do not target the territorial integrity of its neighbours. "Current and future military operations being conducted on Turkey's southern borders do not target the territorial integrity of its neighbours, but stem from national security needs and will contribute to their security as well," the Turkish National Security Council said in a statement. The statement came after a three-hour council meeting chaired by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. The meeting, attended by relevant ministers and commanders, discussed the operations and investigations against "terrorist groups" like the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) and the Kurdish People's

Amit Shah Responds To Allegations Of Attempt To Erase Mughal History

Agartala (Tripura): Reacting sharply to allegations of erasing the history of Mughals and changing the names of the cities associated with them, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said that the BJP state governments have taken "well-thought-out decisions" which are within their statutory rights. Mr Shah, however, said that the BJP does not want to remove anybody's contribution to history. The Home Minister's remarks came in response to allegations that the BJP is attempting to rewrite the country's history, in which the BJP-ruled states have renamed or are planning to rename cities whose names are associated with Mughal history. "The contribution of no one should be removed, neither do we want to remove them. But if someone wants to establish the tradition of the country then no one should have any objection," he said in an exclusive interview with ANI. "We have not changed



the name of even a single city which previously did not have an old name. Our governments have taken well-thought-out decisions. Every government has its statutory rights," Shah added. Notably, Bharatiya Janata Party MP Sangam Lal Gupta recently urged Amit Shah to change the name of Uttar Pradesh's capital city of Lucknow to "Lakhanpur or Laxmanpur". Stating that the city was earlier named as Lakhanpur and Laxmanpur in the Treta Yug, the BJP MP claimed that Nawab Asaf-ud-Daula had renamed it Lucknow. Mr Shah, when asked about the allegations of writing a "re-imagined history" of Jammu and Kashmir, and erasing

former prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru's contributions, said that Article 370 was included in the Constitution by the government of the first prime minister of the country and this had caused great loss to India. "Article 370 was implemented because of Nehru ji. Since 1950, it had been on our agenda that it should not have been implemented. It caused a great loss to the country. Now with the manner in which development work is going on in Jammu and Kashmir, the way terrorists and terror attacks are decreasing this is being proved. You can see data. There are many changes which are happening in Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

36 Jharkhand Labourers Stranded In Tajikistan For 2 Months: Official

Hazaribag: At least 36 migrant labourers from Jharkhand have been stranded in Tajikistan for the last two months, and the state government is making efforts to ensure their safe return, an official said. The labourers, while interacting with family members through social media, alleged that the company engaging them in laying of power transmission lines has seized their passports, was providing them with scant food and no money

at all, social worker Sikandar Ali, who brought the matter to the notice of the authorities, said. They had left for the central Asian nation on December 19 last year, after being promised handsome pay by agents of the firm operating in India, he said. The labourers hail from the districts of Hazaribag, Bokaro and Giridih. Hazaribag Deputy Commissioner Nancy Sahay told PTI she has received

complaints from the relatives of the stranded workers that they were forced to lead a life similar to bonded labourers. "On basis of the complaints, I have informed the State Migrant Cell to take up the issue with the authorities concerned, and find avenues for the release and safe return of the labourers to their native places as early as possible," Mr Sahay said.



Protection Units (YPG) in Syria. On Monday, Erdogan said Turkey would soon launch a new military operation in northern Syria. The operation will target the remaining areas of a plan in which Turkey's military would create "safe zones" at a depth of 30 km" along the country's southern borders. Turkey's forces

and the YPG militants often exchange fire in the region and the clashes have accelerated since early this year. The Turkish army launched Operation Euphrates Shield in 2016, Operation Olive Branch in 2018, Operation Peace Spring in 2019, and Operation Spring Shield in 2020 in northern Syria, aiming to

eliminate terror threats and provide a safe zone that will facilitate the return of Syrian refugees to their homes. The PKK, listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, has been rebelling against the Turkish government for more than three decades. Ankara sees the YPG as the Syrian branch of the PKK.

Community Support For Service

Bhubaneswar: G. Mathi Vathanan, Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development said effective delivery of Urban Services are rendered with the support of Technology and Community. Shri Mathivathnan along with Chakravarti Singh Rathore, Collector, Jajpur and Vijay Kulange, BMC Commissioner made a presentation on the Effective delivery of Urban Services through Technology and Community Partnerships for the citizens of all 115 Urban Local Bodies of the State. The senior officials explained the vision of Chief Minister

Naveen Patnaik for urban Odisha to improve the quality of life of urban denizens fuelled by community partnerships and driven by leveraging technological adoptions. Shri Mathivathnan said that there has been a constant drive to improve the liveability of the Cities. With special focus on the underprivileged communities, efforts are on providing them access to liveable habitats, clean drinking water and ensuring livelihood opportunities. Flagship initiatives of Shri Naveen Patnaik's government, such as Jaga Mission – the



world's largest slum land titling and upgradation program is transforming the lives of 17 Lakh slum dwellers. Similarly, under MUKTA the poor and the marginalized are provided with wage employment opportunities to secure their livelihood. Odisha created history when Puri became the first city in India to provide round the clock directly

drinkable quality of water at consumer's taps to all its residents, assuring ISO10500 quality water. These initiatives are a testament to the Chief Ministers' unwavering commitment to improving the standard of living of the common people. The government's belief that slum dwellers are an integral part of the city fabric and deserving

of security of tenure rather than eviction has been acknowledged and rewarded globally. In 2021, Odisha was awarded the PMAY-U award for "Best Policy Initiatives by State" and in 2023, the State was honoured for the record second time with the prestigious "World Habitat Bronze Award" by U N - Habitat. Similarly, MUKTA's exceptional efforts

have been recognized globally, including receiving the Guangzhou Award for Urban Innovations in 2021 and the prestigious World Resources Institute Award for 2021-22. Furthermore, the Governments success in extending Drink From Tap by creating institutions such as WATCO was acknowledged with the Distinction of Global Water Leader Awards 2022 in the Global Water Summit held in Spain. The critical element ensuring the widescale successful implementation and impact of schemes implemented in cities across Odisha is the extensive engagement

with people from the vulnerable communities, that too on a large scale through Mission Shakti Groups and the Slum Dwellers' Association. Participating in the discussions, the Collectors highlighted how the widespread adoption of digital infrastructures and technology, has improved the quality of service delivery and enhanced citizen satisfaction in cities & towns across Odisha. Some of the technology tools & applications covered during the presentation involved Ama Sahara for SWM across 115 cities, Safa Application of

Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, SUJOG – Odisha's e-governance portal for delivery of urban services, smart water management system and Biju Adarsh Colony portal – helping track progress in Jaga Mission and mapping assets & services in urban poor communities. It was also indicated that initiatives in the pipeline such as MUKTA soft App for quickening the release of payment under MUKTA and Digital door and street numbering for the cities are going to revolutionise the urban governance in the coming days.

CMC tussle over 'officer raj' escalates as corporators hold night-long protest



Cuttack: The tussle between Mayor, corporators and officers of Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC) escalated further with BJP and Congress corporators staging a night-long protest in front of the civic body office since Monday night. The corporators launched the protest alleging that Cuttack-Barabati MLA Mohammad Moquim was not invited nor his name mentioned on foundation stone plaques of several

welfare projects and other issues. The local MLA joined the protesting corporators in the night and alleged that 'officer raj' prevails in the civic body. "The corporators, both men and women, are holding a night-long protest without taking food. The CMC commissioner should have come to the site and held a discussion with them," Moquim said. "There is the monopoly of officers here. The residents of Cuttack will not

tolerate this. A politician having self-respect will not tolerate this. The protest will continue till a fruitful decision is taken and all cooperation is extended to the corporators," he added. Moreover, the protestors also demanded the transfer of CMC chief executive engineer DR Tripathy, cancellation of bills passed in the absence of opposition. They also demanded an apology for Md Moquim. Mayor Subash Singh

said, "The corporators are not protesting for the interest of the residents of Cuttack. The city residents want the council meetings to be held and their views to be presented and development works will take place. Instead of that, the corporators are protesting over the non-invitation of one person." "I have personally invited the MLA," Singh claimed and dismissed the allegations that the plaques did not have the name of the local MLA.

Preparation meeting for 75 years platinum jubilee of G.S. Vidyapitha.

Cuttack Sadar(KCN) : Cuttack Sadar ancient institution Gopal Smruti

Mr. Prafulla Kar presiding the meeting in presence of Headmistress

Pradhan, Prdip Mishra, Srikanta Datta, Saroj Patra, Ramakanta Nayak,

by coming November Month. In this platinum jubilee will invite Honorable President Of India Droupadi Murmu, Honorable Governor of Odisha Professor Ganeshi Lal, Honorable CM of Odisha Naveen Patnaik & some respected personalities respectively. Second get together for preparation meeting will held by coming month 5th March as declared.



Vidyapitha was established in 1948 at Sidheswarpur preparation meeting held at school campus for the celebration of 75 years Platinum jubilee. Old student

Jyashree Biswal, old students Manamohan Parida, Sadhu Jena, Pradip Kar, Akshaya Bhyun, Journalist Tapash Routray, Raghunath Prusty, Rabindra Mishra, Bharat

Niranjan Lenka, Piyush Parida, Manas Swain, Pramananda Rout, Tapan Ojha, Prafulla Bhoi, Senior teacher Nikunja Kishore Panigrahi & all other old students with fixed program

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Tata Steel Parivar Scholarship awarded to 18 students.

Kalinganagar, (KCN) (sapan kar) February 14, 2023 : - Eighteen students from displaced families of Tata Steel Kalinganagar have been awarded 'Tata Steel Parivar Scholarship' for 2022-23 on Monday at Corporate Services Hall of Tata Steel Kalinganagar near Duburi in Jajpur district of Odisha. Sankar Biswas, Chief, Mechanical Maintenance, TSK graced the occasion as chief guest along with Prakash Sanjay, Chief, Security, TSK & TSM, Subrat Mahapatra, Head, Rehabilitation & Resettlement, TSK and Subhransu Sekhar Panda, Head, Corporate Communications, TSK & TSM. The dignitaries awarded the scholarships to the students in presence of



other officials, leaders from the community and family members of displaced persons. Out of the total 18 students, 5 are new students to receive the scholarship and have opted to pursue Diploma courses. While six of the candidates are pursuing Engineering, eleven students are undergoing Diploma courses in different Engineering streams and one is pursuing MBA. The scholarship entails full tuition fee, admission fee and hostel dues of the students for the entire

course duration. Hill Congratulating the students for the scholarship, Sankar Biswas said "That Steel is committed towards the development of the people in and around in areas of operation and this scholarship is one such step towards this commitment. With this initiative, Tata Steel aims to groom and support the youngsters for a better career that would transform the life of their families. Benefits of industrialization must reach the displaced

families who have partnered in the development of Kalinganagar." Playsee Google Play Introduced in 2007, the Tata Steel Parivar Scholarship, is over and above the mandates of Rehabilitation and Resettlement policy. It aims to fulfil the dreams and aspirations of hundreds of meritorious students from the relocated families of Tata Steel Kalinganagar plant who were otherwise getting deprived of higher education due to lack of awareness. The scheme is

widely recognized as an international best practice in ensuring that the next generation does not merely get employed in un-skilled jobs but get to avail opportunities to compete with the best. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to students who have secured admissions in various recognised institutions to pursue professional courses like B-Tech, MBBS, MBA and Diploma in engineering streams. It may be noted here that since 2007, Tata Steel has provided this scholarship to 210 students from the displaced families. Tata Steel seeks to encourage more and more children from displaced families to take advantage of the programme and develop skills for a better future.

India Says China Should Take Losses On Loans To Struggling Economies

New Delhi: India called on China to be willing to take losses on loans to struggling economies, and asked the world's biggest bilateral creditor to developing countries to avoid taking positions that would block relief for nations such as Zambia and Sri Lanka. "China needs to come out openly and say what their debt is and how to settle it," said Amitabh

included in restructuring of struggling nations' loans, a move that the World Bank has firmly rejected. Western lenders - including the Paris Club of creditors - have asked China to stop going solo on debt relief. The International Monetary Fund, World Bank and India will host an inaugural meeting to deal with global debt

has the "potential to push things." Mr Kant's comments come after Yellen last week deepened her call for an overhaul of the World Bank, urging the lender to more aggressively extend its balance sheet and to work harder at mobilizing private-sector money to help address global challenges like climate



Kant, the sherpa for India during its presidency of the Group of 20 forum of the world's biggest economies this year. "It can't be that the International Monetary Fund takes a haircut and it goes to settle Chinese debt. How is that possible? Everybody has to take a haircut." About 60% of the world's poorest nations are in or at high risk of debt distress, IMF data show. The G-20 has set up a blueprint for restructuring struggling countries' loans - known as the Common Framework - that brings the Paris Club of traditional rich debtor countries together with China to try to restructure the debts of low-income countries on a case-by-case basis. Disagreements on how to handle some debt have delayed resolution using the framework. Beijing has called for debt of multilateral lenders to be

issues Friday, bringing together creditors including China with borrowing countries to try to hash out solutions for nations with unsustainable debt levels. Talks will be held before the meeting of G-20 nations' fiscal and monetary leaders in Bengaluru, India. The 75 poorest nations owed their creditors about \$326 billion at the end of 2021, World Bank data released in December show. "Debt recast will be one of the issues" that India will focus on in its draft communique following the G-20 meeting, Mr Kant said in an interview Monday. Finance ministers and central bankers will also discuss the World Bank's plan to expand lending, said Mr Kant, adding that support from US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen

change and pandemics. "These institutions need to be redesigned," Mr Kant said. "You need World Bank and IMF to do a lot more credit guarantees. They need to do first-loss guarantees. They need to do a lot of blended finance, which is not happening." He added that multilaterals should focus on indirect lending. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said that rebuilding trust in multilateralism will be the nation's priority during its G-20 presidency. India will also focus on "inclusive and sustainable" growth and sustainable development goals during its presidency, Mr Kant said, as well as a global regulatory framework for cryptocurrencies and climate financing.

Coal consumers highlight spiralling coal auction prices, seek urgent relief

The average bid price of coal at a recent spot e-auction conducted by Mahanadi Coalfields Limited rose more than 800% above the notified price, according to a representation by the Coal Consumers Association of India (CCAI), which has pointed this out as an example of how coal buyers in the country are being forced to secure coal supplies at appallingly high prices just to keep their plants running. In its representation addressed to the Minister of Coal, CCAI has now sought urgent support in providing relief to beleaguered coal buyers in the country, many of

whom have been compelled to idle their captive power plants in the absence of sufficient supplies. Citing the example of exorbitant auction prices, CCAI said the soaring bid prices had prevented multiple industries from participating in the auction. Many of them have now resorted to drawing expensive power from the exchange while nearly idling their captive power plants, consequently increasing power demand and tariffs even further. According to CCAI, this practice was resulting in heightened system inefficiencies across the country's Captive Power Plant (C P P)

infrastructure. While applauding the ongoing efforts by the government to ensure consistent coal supplies to power utilities amid skyrocketing demand driven by the early onset of summer and searing heatwaves, the CCAI acknowledged that the effective and timely steps taken so far have helped avert further outages. The CCAI representation however observed that the nation's industrial sector has continued to struggle for coal supplies especially via rail mode, an issue that has continued to persist since September last year and has worsened in the last few months. At present,

CIL and its subsidiaries are allocating coal at a trigger level of 75% of the Monthly Scheduled Quantity (MSQ). CCAI contended that this was aggravating the coal crisis, which may lead to production cuts and imminent closures. However, when it comes to actual supplies, CIL is not even supplying 30% of the MSQ, according to industry sources. Even as industries struggle to secure the minimum quantities assured to them under Fuel Supply Agreements, CIL is conducting spot e-auctions where spot prices routinely spiralled up to unprecedented levels, putting it out of reach of many

consumers who were then forced to purchase less than sufficient quantities. To rein in the spiralling prices at e-auctions, the CCAI has suggested placing a cap on coal premiums at least till the ongoing situation normalised, which would help avoid additional financial burdens on industries. The Association also suggested that inter plant transfer of coal stocks within the same group company be permitted to allow for optimal utilization of existing supplies. For companies operating multiple units with separate coal linkages, this measure would help balance coal stocks in the short term.

Apna collaborates with Truecaller to ensure Identity, Trust, and Safety

New Delhi:- Taking a step ahead towards providing a seamless and secure user experience, Apna, India's largest jobs and professional networking platform, has collaborated with Truecaller, the leading global platform that enables safe communication for instant onboarding of customers. The partnership is in sync with Apna's objective of enhancing the overall user experience by leveraging Truecaller's expertise, to connect people with hyperlocal opportunities. Through this partnership, Apna has been able to improve the overall calling efficiency by about 15% in less than a year. The platform has

also seen around 40% of its users verify their identity seamlessly via Truecaller's 1-tap verification SDK, leading to faster activation of their users. Truecaller's verification SDK (the developer-focused tool) enables mobile number-based instant and frictionless user verification for onboarding new users to the Apna mobile platform. Talking about the association, Shantanu Preetam, Chief Technology Officer, apna.co said, "In the last two years, Apna has grown to be India's most trusted jobs and professional networking platform with 22 million users across 70 plus cities. The trust has been

based upon the safety and seamless experience we aim to provide and Truecaller has been an invaluable partner supporting us with the same. We look forward to our journey with Truecaller as we strengthen our mission of empowering more lives and #AcceleratingIndia" "Truecaller focuses on developing solutions for businesses and developers that increase the efficiency from user onboarding to last-mile communication. With Truecaller Verified Business Caller ID, Apna has added more context in its user-calling communications, enhanced their brand reputation, and delivered considerable value and safety to end consumers.

Celebrate Sabitri Brata with Kalyan Jewellers in traditional style!

Bhubaneswar: Sabitri Brata is considered among the most auspicious festivals, which is widely celebrated by women in Odisha, signifying the embodiment of a marriage. On this auspicious day, women observe the age-old tradition of day-long fast for the long life of their spouse. To mark this occasion, Kalyan Jewellers' refined collection, which are a perfect blend of India's artisanal heritage and craftsmanship, truly symbolises the essence of an Indian woman through an extensive range of designs that include gorgeous gold jewellery, splendid polki designs, dazzling diamonds and so much more. Kalyan Jewellers has introduced 3 ways for customers across the state to invest in gold jewellery. These include Kalyan Jewellers' Digital Gold, Gold Ownership Certificate Initiative and the gold coins as well as its extensive range of popular house brands available at the Kalyan Jewellers' showroom. Customers can avail of these online and offline mediums to purchase jewellery, making the occasion of Sabitri Brata truly special for their loved ones. Below are a few elegant jewellery gifting options that hold cultural significance and are ideal for the festive occasion. Check out the top 7 jewellery picks below, each piece more alluring than the other.

The increase in tariffs has had an impact on the export of iron or coal



Chandikhole, 26/5 : The central government has reportedly increased the excise duty on iron ore exported from the country by 50 per cent on Sunday, which has increased the excise duty on iron ore by 50 per cent, while the excise duty on iron ore has increased by 50 per cent on various steel products. Nickel products are valued at Rs 2.5 lakh. Vehicles transporting thousands of vehicles per day due to rising tariffs are now found to be parked on the National Highway through the state highways. It is unknown at this time what he will do after leaving the post.

L&T named Second Strongest Global Engineering & Construction Brand

Mumbai: Larsen & Toubro (L&T), an Indian multinational engaged in EPC Projects, Hi-Tech Manufacturing and Services, has been named as the 'Second Strongest Brand' among the top 50 Global Engineering and Construction (E&C) companies - by Brand Finance, the world's leading brand valuation consultancy. L&T has also been ranked as the 'Third Fastest Growing Brand' by the London-based consultancy in its 'Engineering &

Construction 50 - 2022' report. It is the only Indian company among the 'Most Valuable Global E&C Firms'. L&T with its footprint across 50 countries has gained 44% in its Brand Value over last year. Commenting on this achievement, an L&T spokesperson, said: "Brand is about so much more than just a name or a logo. It's about trust, reputation, value systems and credibility. We are honoured to be recognized as the Second Strongest Global Brand in the

Engineering and Construction space by Brand Finance. This recognition is a testament to our team's commitment to excellence and our clients' trust in our ability to deliver on our promises." "We are excited to see what the future holds for our brand and our business. With continued growth and expansion into new markets and new sectors, we are confident that we will continue to build on our strong foundation and solidify our position as a leading player in the global industry."

grown exponentially to currently procuring around 150,000 MT of mango fruits into high quality mango pulp; increasing their consumption of mangoes by 150 times. Parle Agro's range of fruit-based products currently utilize around 210,000 MT of fruit collectively. Over the past decade and a half, the company's consumption of fruits has increased fivefold. Approximately one third of the fruit pulp produced in India is consumed by Parle Agro. After its successful foray in creating a robust mango processing supply chain, Parle Agro envisioned the creation of a similar network for apple juice concentrate due to the immense popularity of its apple based drinks like Appy, Appy Fizz and B Fizz.

Parle Agro builds further growth opportunities for Farmers and its Fruit Processing Partners across India

Bhubaneswar : India's largest beverage company, Parle Agro has always been at the forefront of innovation in the development of iconic fruit-based beverages like Frooti and Appy which have captured the hearts of India. In order to cater to the massive demand of their products nationally and globally, Parle Agro is focused on updating their internal infrastructure and also aggressively building capabilities and capacities of their fruit processing partners across India. Since 1985, Parle Agro has worked consistently with Fruit Farmers and Processors within India with a vision to encourage their development and give them opportunities to elevate their earnings. Parle Agro continues on this path and has

invested heavily in their processing partners to help them extract their highest potential. Subsequently, the company has taken a determined stand to source 100% from India itself. Historically, Parle Agro has always sourced fruits from India while importing from China too, to meet their apple juice content needs. But now, the company has completely stopped sourcing apple juice imports from China and are sourcing them entirely from India alone through its network of Indian farmers. Parle Agro's foray into the fruit based category in 1985 began with procuring 1,000 MT of mango fruit from their local fruit processing partners to create the company's popular mango based drink, Frooti'. Parle Agro has

Jamieson ruled out of England series; Henry to miss first Test



New Delhi: New Zealand pace bowler Kyle Jamieson has been ruled out of the upcoming two-match Test series against England due to a suspected stress fracture of the back. His pace colleague Matt Henry will miss the first Test in Bay Oval as he awaits the birth of his first child. Jacob Duffy and Scott

Kuggeleijn have been named as their replacements.

Incidentally, Jamieson's injury is a recurrence of the back injury that he sustained during the England tour last year. Jamieson did return from that setback as he went on to play for the Auckland Aces in the Super Smash and Ford Trophy, alongside

partaking in New Zealand XI's practice game versus England in Hamilton. However, after the practice game, he underwent a scan, which revealed a suspected stress fracture of the back.

"It's really gutting for Kyle to have this happen after he'd put so much hard work in to getting himself back on the park.

Since the injury in June we've certainly taken a cautious approach to managing his return with regular monitoring by our medical staff which has included scans," New Zealand coach Gary Stead said.

"While Kyle's not feeling any pain, the evidence is pretty clear he has a stress-fracture and so he'll return to Christchurch today and have a CT scan on Friday before we decide on the next steps," he added.

Meanwhile, Duffy has been a part of couple of New Zealand's Test tours to England. He is also currently the second highest wicket-taker in the Plunket Shield with 22 wickets. On the other hand, Kuggeleijn has 274 first-class wickets at 32.52. The pace pair are set to arrive in Mount Maunganui on Tuesday ahead of the first Test of the series against England starting on February 16.

Irani Cup fixture set to be moved out of Indore

Mumbai: The Irani Cup fixture is all set to be moved out of Indore, BCCI secretary Jay Shah confirmed. The annual fixture, between Ranji champions and Rest of India, needed a shift because of the relocation of the third Test between India and Australia to Indore from March 1 to 5 the very dates when the match between Madhya Pradesh and Rest of India was scheduled to be played.

"The match will be moved out of Indore, inevitably," said Jay Shah on Monday, on the sidelines of the Women's Premier League (WPL) auction in Mumbai.

As part of the procedure, the MPCA will write to the BCCI requesting the board to allow them to play the game in Gwalior. The Rest of India squad for the game has still not been named.

This is the second



Irani Cup game of the season, the first one having been played between 2020 Ranji champions Saurashtra and Rest of India in Rajkot from October 1-4. This match had to be played at the beginning of the current domestic season as it could not be played in 2020 because of the pandemic.

Meanwhile, the BCCI said the retention policy for the WPL will be finalised in due course as the teams will have the option of

signing the current set of players for three years. "As you know, the women's FTP is not finalised yet. We are having 22 matches for now. The moment ICC finalises the FTP, we will decide on the future course of action. The current squads will be for the first three years, then it will be decided," Shah said and noted that the BCCI could provide a sufficient number of quality players for the teams to pick from, which was difficult to

imagine at one stage.

"A few weeks ago, we became U-19 champions, we were also confused about how we will get into a 100-player pool. But, one of the most important aspects of the auction was that we got appropriate players and teams are also satisfied. That's the biggest thing. Earlier, people were asking how you'd get a pool of players, so this auction is the answer to your question," Shah explained.

Rajeev Shukla revealed that the existing IPL teams wanted WPL directly. "They were very keen on getting women franchises directly, but we did not allow that and ensured that there was a fair and transparent auction," the BCCI vice-president explained the reason for the board getting over Rs 4660 crore through franchise auction.

Smriti Mandhana Most Expensive buy in 1st WPL Auction, MS Dhoni Holds Record for 1st IPL Auction

New Delhi: Comparing the inaugural WPL auction to the first IPL auction ahead of the 2008 season, there is just a three

India women's cricket team vice-captain Smriti Mandhana becoming ecstatic after being picked by Royal Challengers Bangalore for Rs 3.4 crore during the Women's Premier League (WPL) auction 2023 was a moment that exemplified the excitement among players for the big day. After all, the women were seeing the occasion as the beginning of a new dawn where they would also be able to call themselves millionaires like their male counterparts in the Indian Premier League (IPL).

While it will most



likely continue to be the precursor to the 'big event', the IPL 2023, women cricketers will finally have a niche window in the first-ever WPL 2023, which they will be able to call their own in a milieu overcrowded with men's T20 leagues. While in terms of money and clout, the WPL and IPL,

will never be comparable, the new baby of Indian cricket will at least add a lot of glamour to women's cricket, which was so far lacking, and also bring in hordes of fresh Indian and foreign faces, hoping to make big bucks through WPL. As India women cricketer set foot into hitherto



uncharted territory, it would be fair to say the auction has gone way beyond expectation for several of them if one compares it with the IPL. Mandhana getting Rs 3.40 crore, spinner Deepti Sharma being bought by UP Warriorz for Rs 2.60 crore and Jemimah Rodrigues and young India opener

Shafali Verma earning Rs 2 crore-plus deals, certainly bodes well for the women cricketer in the country, given that the salary cap for each of the five franchises was just Rs 12 crore compared to the IPL mega auction last year where the total budget per franchise was increased from Rs 90 crore to Rs 95 crore. Comparing the inaugural WPL auction to the first IPL auction ahead of the 2008 season, there is just a three-fold difference between what CSK dished out for Mahendra Singh Dhoni (Rs 9.5 crore) and what Mandhana got on Monday. Dhoni was immediately made the captain of CSK as well, as position he continued to hold till date.

WPL Auction: Richa Ghosh Hits the Jackpot, Hopes to buy Flat for Parents

New Delhi: Team India wicketkeeper Richa Ghosh emerged as one of the costliest buys at the first-ever Women's Premier League (WPL) auction held in Mumbai on Monday (February 13). One of the stars of India's win over Pakistan Women cricket team in their opening match of T20 World Cup 2023, Ghosh was bought for Rs 1.9 crore by the Royal Challengers Bangalore.

The 19-year-old wicketkeeper was also part of the victorious U19 India World Cup team that defeated England in the final on January 29. The wicketkeeper now hopes to buy a flat for her parents in Kolkata after the auction.

"All my parents wanted me to achieve was to play for India. I want to captain my team and win a major trophy



for India. I want to buy a flat in Kolkata. I want my mother and father to settle down there. I want them to enjoy their life now. They have struggled a lot in their life, and they have worked hard a lot for me. Even now, my father does umpire. After the auction, I hope he doesn't have to work so hard," Richa Ghosh, who hails from Siliguri, said.

Richa's father Manabendra Ghosh does umpiring in Kolkata club matches. Manabendra had promised to buy his

daughter an SUV after she returns from the World Cup in South Africa.

Speaking ahead of the auction, Manabendra said the WPL will only help in massively improving the state of women's cricket in the country and will provide financial stability to plenty of up-and-coming cricketers. "I don't have personal expectations for Richa. It's going to be the start of something wonderful.

Nepal pins League 2 hopes on home advantage against Namibia and Scotland

New Delhi: World Cup hopes and ODI status are on the line as CWC League 2 heads into the home stretch; Nepal welcoming Namibia and Scotland to Kathmandu for the ante-penultimate trilateral series of the ICC's second tier ODI competition. Returning after a two month break, the last three trilateral series of the league (and two catch-up games between the UAE and Namibia later this month) will see the final 20 matches in the ICC's second-tier ODI competition completed in the space just five weeks.

Nepal will host two of those series, but are currently twenty points short

of a crucial top-three finish and have only the slimmest chance of making the initial cut for progression to the World Cup Qualifier, and will first be aiming to overtake the UAE and USA and thus safeguarding their ODI status for another cycle. Front runners Scotland will be aiming to seal the title in their final series, while third-placed Namibia will be looking to widen the gap between themselves and the UAE, who are currently in 6th place, ten points behind Namibia but with four more matches remaining.

A step below the CWC Super League, CWC League 2 is the

successor to the World Cricket League Championship and the highest level of Associate 50-over competition, featuring seven of the eight ODI-status Associates (the Netherlands, as WCL Champions, currently competing in the Super League). Trilateral series are the name of the game - each of the teams play three series at home and six abroad, facing each opponent in two matches per series, for a total of 36 ODIs apiece. Starting in August 2019, the competition was intended to conclude last year, but the Covid pandemic disrupted the schedule



significantly. As a result, some teams have a significant number of matches still to play while others such as Oman and the USA have already completed all their fixtures. Nonetheless, the full slate of matches

looks likely to be completed, with each team thus playing every other a total of six times before the cycle ends next month.

Three automatic berths at the World Cup Qualifier will go the top three

sides. With Scotland already assured of a medal finish and both Papua New Guinea and the USA out of contention, the coming four weeks will decide which of the remaining four sides join the Scots on the

podium. Oman are currently in second place on 44 points, but could yet be caught by both Namibia and the UAE if results go against them. The bottom four sides will join Challenge League champions Canada and Jersey at the six-team Qualifier Play-Off at Windhoek in late March to contend for the final two spots at the WC Qualifier. Absent any drastic changes to the current structure for 50-over international cricket outside the top tier, Canada and Jersey will also have the opportunity to earn ODI status for the coming cycle at Windhoek, and potentially a place in the next edition of

League 2 (or its replacement).

Conversely the two sides placed 6th and last in League 2 will risk losing their place in the Associate top tier, along with ODI status, should they finish below Canada or Jersey at the Qualifier Play-off. A top-five finish is already impossible for PNG, thus placing their status in jeopardy come the play-off. Three other teams are still at risk of winding up in the same situation; the USA are currently in fifth place on 35 points but have completed all of their matches, so both Nepal and the UAE could yet overtake them.