

## Krushu Odisha-2023: CM Naveen Asks Farmers To Adopt Latest Technology

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Inaugurating the 3-day Krushi Odisha-2023 at the Bermuda ground here, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik laid emphasis on farm mechanisation and crop diversification and asked farmers to adopt the latest technology.



The 3-day event, organised by Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment department will continue till February 18. The theme of this year's event is "Emerging Technology in Agriculture". Addressing the farmers present on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that technology is the basis of development. There is a great need for technology in the field of agriculture as well. The Chief Minister said that all the farmers would

learn about the new technology, use it and be successful in the field of agriculture and contribute significantly to the development of themselves and their state. The Chief Minister further stated that the development of agriculture and farmers is the most important program of my government. Odisha has become a leading state in

the field of agriculture. He said that we have gone from being a food-deficient state to being a surplus state in food grains and supplying rice to the public distribution system of the entire country. Expressing that the farmers have got job security through KALIA Yojana, he said that efforts are being made to increase crop

productivity by emphasising on farm mechanization. Through special missions such as Panas Mission, Chathu Mission, importance is being given to farmers' livelihood and nutrition security. Stating that the Millet Mission has attracted the attention of the entire country and the world today, he said that it has also helped in increasing the income of

our Mission Shakti Groups. Welcoming the representatives of organizations like WFP, IFAD and FAO present at the 'Agriculture Odisha', the Chief Minister thanked them for their continuous cooperation in the field of agriculture. On this occasion, Ranendra Pratap, Minister for Agriculture, said that under the direction of the Chief Minister, the Agriculture Department has taken many innovative steps. Among others, Odisha Skill Development Authority Chairman Subroto Bagchi and Additional Chief Administrative Secretary Anu Garg, Agriculture and Farmers Empowerment Development Principal Secretary Dr Arvind Padhi and Director Premchand Choudhury were present.

## BJD Protests Mishra's Act



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Demanding removal of Leader of Opposition Jaynarayan Mishra from his constitutional position for alleged misbehaving with a lady police officer, Governing Biju Janata Dal (BJD) on Thursday staged a mass protest here at Lower PMG. The BJD leaders alleged that BJP senior Lawmaker Shri Mishra physically assaulted Dhanupali police station IIC Anita Pradhan during a program protesting in Sambalpur on Wednesday. The women wing of BJD staged a protest at

the Lower PMG, outside the Circuit House in Sambalpur and his house demanding his removal from the post of LoP. The ruling party workers have also organized similar protests in other places like Berhampur, Baripada, Cuttack and Bargarh. BJD leader and Bhubaneswar Mayor Sulochana Das alleged that Shri Mishra not only manhandled the lady IIC, he also physically assaulted her. Such behaviour to a lady police officer on duty is not acceptable and BJD strongly

condemned such act of the BJP leader, she said. Shri Mishra should resign from his position as Leader of Opposition of Odisha Assembly on moral ground. If he is not doing so, the State BJP leaders should convince him to resign, said BJD Spokesperson Shreemayee Mishra. Reacting to BJD's protest, Leader of Opposition Shri Mishra said, "As I am continuously exposing the State Government on Naba Das murder case, a conspiracy was made to wipe me out. Law and order situation has totally collapsed in the State and no one is safe in Odisha." Shri Mishra also refuted the allegations about assaulting the lady police IIC. "Even I don't know her. She was staying somewhere else and suddenly appeared before me and pushed me."

## BJD 'Goons' Came To Kill Me: BJP MLA Jayanarayan Mishra

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** At a time when the incident of BJP MLA Jayanarayan Mishra allegedly manhandling a woman police official has snowballed into a political slugfest in Odisha, the veteran leader today claimed that some 'goons' of the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) had come to the Sambalpur Circuit House with an intention to kill him. "As I have been raising the issue of minister Naba Das' murder, the State Government and the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) have become furious and they are trying to attack me. I was staying in the circuit house for few days due to leg fracture. On knowing about my stay, some 'goons' of the BJD today came to the circuit house with an intention of killing me. All of them



are criminals. They also vandalised the place," said Mishra. Many BJD workers today staged demonstration in front of the circuit house over the manhandling incident. However, Mishra was not present in the circuit house during the protest. On the other hand, hundreds of members of Biju Mahila Janata Dal staged a protest at the Lower PMG in Bhubaneswar. Holding placards, they demanded action against Mishra. Tension ran high at the Sambalpur Collectorate yesterday as Mishra

allegedly manhandled Dhanupali police station IIC Anitarani Pradhan while the party was staging a protest over deteriorated law and order situation. As the saffron party leaders and workers were heading towards the office of the collector, police stopped them. The activists then scuffled with the cops. In the meantime, Mishra, who is also the Leader of Opposition in the Odisha Legislative Assembly, was seen shouting at the woman IIC and threatening to slap her. The legislator also manhandled the IIC, which led to an untoward situation at the spot. Multiple videos of the incident have come to fore. However, Mishra refuted the allegations saying that the IIC manhandled him.

## 1000 Cold Storage Centres To Be Established In Odisha: Agriculture Secy

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Around 1000 cold storage centres will be created in Odisha soon, said Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment Department Secretary Arabinda Padhee at the Krushi Odisha 2023 event here today. The storage capacity of each unit will be 10-15 metric tonnes, said Padhee. "The Chief Minister has been emphasizing four aspects for development of agriculture sector in the state. First one is crop diversification which is cultivation of crops other than paddy. Second one is agriculture mechanization— use of farming machinery. Thirdly, importance is being given to allied sectors like horticulture, animal resources and fishery. Lastly, creation of agriculture entrepreneurship," he said. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today inaugurated the two-day event at the Baramunda Ground here. It will conclude on February 18. Patnaik encouraged the farmers to use technology for better agricultural output. "The KALIA scheme has provided income security to the farmers. Efforts are on to improve output with farm mechanization. Special programmes like Jackfruit Mission and Mushroom Mission are being undertaken to better the income of farmers. Our Millet Mission has drawn the attention of the country as well as world," the CM said.

## Software Engineer Sweta Utkal Kumari Death Case: Boyfriend Soumyajeet Arrested

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** In a major development in the software engineer Sweta Utkal Kumari death case, the Twin City Commissionerate Police today arrested her boyfriend Soumyajeet Mohapatra from his residence in Sambalpur. According to reports, a team of Chandrasekharpur police reached his house at Bansidharnagar in Sambalpur and apprehended the accused. He was being brought to Bhubaneswar. Notably, Sweta was found hanging inside her apartment in Sailashree Vihar area here on August 21, last year. The software engineer hailed from Bhadrak and was working as a Technology Analyst with Infosys here. Her brother alleged that Soumyajeet was threatening her to make photos of their intimate moments viral, for which



she took the extreme step. "Soumyajeet had kept photos of intimate moments between him and my sister. He was demanding money from her by threatening her to make the pics viral if she didn't agree to his demands," said Sweta's brother. "They met each other in 2018 while both were working with an IT major in Bhubaneswar. It was an one-sided love affair from Soumyajeet's side for the first 7-8 months. He then threatened my sister that he would end his life if she didn't love him. This

is how the relationship came into existence. We came to know about it after 1.5 year," the deceased's brother said. Levelling similar allegations against Soumyajeet, Sweta's father said, "He had quit job for pursuing MBA. He then started extorting money from my daughter, over which she died by suicide." "I had gone to Soumyajeet's house to meet his family members for his marriage with my daughter. However, they harassed me and demanded Rs 30 lakh for the marriage.

## PRESIDENT OF INDIA INAUGURATES INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR 2023

**New Delhi:** The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the International Engineering and Technology Fair (IETF) 2023 in New Delhi today (February 16, 2023). Speaking on the occasion, the President said that this year, the event is not only a celebration of India's growth story in the engineering and manufacturing sector, but also a testimony to the nation's collaboration with the best in the world in advanced technologies. The President said that

India has come a long way in the 48 years since the first IETF, and the engineering industry has achieved new heights during this period. Today, it is a robust, multi-level, diversified segment of India's industry, playing a critical role in driving growth, creating jobs, and boosting exports. The policies adopted in the recent past have given fillip to an unprecedented inclusive growth. Rapid digitisation of the economy and its acceptance at the social level has unleashed a new potential which has



created new pathways for high growth. The President said that India is on a mission to expand its global engagement taking advantage of its excellent manufacturing

experience, high-quality talent and cutting-edge advanced technology attainments. There are many critical areas where international collaboration in engineering and

technology would bring about changes to make the world a prosperous and safer place for the posterity. The President said that India has significant potential to engage with the international

markets. Our commitment to clean energy has been driving our green growth. India has been marching ahead steadfastly to attain the net zero emission target in 2070.

Noting that IETF-2023 covers 11 areas of emerging technologies which would have profound impact on our economy and society, the President said that there is no doubt that technology is going to change the way we live. She said that we should strive to use technology for social change. Any technology that confines itself to a section of people would gradually wither away. On the other hand, the technologies that change the lives of ordinary people in a positive manner get traction. The wide acceptance of the world's biggest

digitisation drive in India is a prime example of the society readily embracing technologies that bring about positive changes in people's lives. The President was happy to note that there is a determined attempt in IETF-2023 to showcase feats of engineering and technologies that promote harmony between nature and science. She said that human ingenuity should be put to its best use when it is oriented to nourish the nature. She said that if the knowledge of science is combined with the pursuit of spirituality, it can do miracles.

# BSI Celebrates 134th Foundation Day

**Kolkata:** The Botanical Survey of India (BSI), established in 1890, celebrated its 134th Foundation Day and on this occasion BSI organised a two-day International Symposium on Plant Taxonomy, Ethnobotany and Botanic Gardens at Kolkata. More than 400 participants from various universities, colleges and research institutions of India and around 22 participants from New Zealand, Japan, Thailand, UK, USA,

Nepal and Bangladesh participated in the event and showcased their research work under four sub themes 1. Floristics and Revisionary studies; 2. Ethnobotany and Traditional knowledge; 3. Applied Research and 4. Botanic Gardens and Conservation. The symposium was inaugurated by Ms. Nameeta Prasad, Joint Secretary, Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in presence of Dr. Ashiho Asosii Mao, Director General, Botanical Survey India and

Dhriti Banerjee, Director General, Zoological Survey of India on February 13, 2023. The Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shri Bhupender Yadav visited the event on February 14, 2023 and interacted with the participants and scientists. The objective of the symposium is to bring together all botanists, taxonomists, ethnobotanists, conservationists, policy-makers, students and research scholars across the country and on global scale to share,

discuss and learn the recent trends and developments in the field of Plant Taxonomy, Ethnobotany, Ex-situ conservation and Botanic Gardens. The Union Minister appreciated the efforts made by BSI in exploration, assessment, analytics on Forests, Flora, and Fauna, research in in-situ Conservation, Development and Maintenance of ex situ Conservation. He said, to disseminate the doctrine of Mission Life, a world wide programme has been

launched by India under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi, to practice such lifestyle to be recognised as Pro Planet People and is all about leading a healthy lifestyle for sustainable development. He added, Symposia like this add value to national policy as well as bring a wide range of researchers to a common platform for interaction and creation of awareness as we join hands together. Dr Mao, informed after inauguration of "Indian Virtual Herbarium" in which more than 3

million herbarium specimens were curated by BSI, the digital images of 1 lakh specimens were made available on the virtual platform. Since then, the Indian Virtual Herbarium has been largely referred all over the world with visitors from across the globe. On an average, more than 80 thousand visitors are viewing the website and getting their desired material every month. People from 83 countries have so far visited the virtual herbarium. The number of visitors to the website has exponentially increased

after the popularity gained with the Union Minister's visit and the mention in the "Man Ki Baat" talk by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on July 31, 2022. Dr S. S Dash, Organising Secretary in his talk informed that, the main targets of the department and Ministry are to achieve the sustainable development goals like biodiversity, significant action to reduce the degradation of natural habitats, halt the loss of biodiversity, promote fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the

utilisation of genetic resources and ensure the conservation, restoration of the threatened species and the like. BSI is contributing significantly to the floristic inventory as we undertake intensive survey, documenting the biodiversity, documenting the plant-based traditional knowledge and also conserving wild germ-plasms of the country, he said. During the symposium Prof. C. R. Babu, Dr. M. Sanjappa, Dr. P. Singh Dr. R. R. Rao, Dr. D. K. Singh and many eminent personalities were present.

## Taxi driver of Barbil kidnapped and looted

**Barbil:** Five unidentified persons, who hired a taxi posing as passengers from Barbil for Keonjhar town in Odisha kidnapped the taxi driver and fled with his money, phone and other belongings. As per driver, the incident took place on Wednesday evening. When the taxi was standing in the stand two people booked the taxi saying they would go for Keonjhar and three more will be accompanied them from Joda. After the negotiations they all went for Keonjhar. On the way near Jhumpura town they again told the driver to go for Ukhunda village to carry another

person. According to their instructions driver Rahul Roy took them to Ukhunda. They all together went some where with the person of



the back seat while an accused took over the wheels. During their journey, they robbed a petrol pump and a tea seller at the gun point. Said Rahul. They tied Rahul with a rope and pushed out of the vehicle in a jungle near Kandara village. All the accused sped away in the taxi. Rahul became unconscious and got up early in the morning. He went inside the village and approached people to help. They helped him contact his father and reached Barbil police station to lodge complain. A case of robbery and kidnapping has been registered against unidentified persons. No arrest has been made so far.

## Father, 5-YO Son Die In Biju Expressway Road Mishap In Odisha's Nuapada

**Nuapada:** In a tragic incident, a motorcyclist and his 5-year-old son died in a road accident on Biju Expressway at Lakhana area in Nuapada district today. The deceased persons have been identified as Kamal Patakinara (35) and his son Dipak Patakinara (5) of Michhapali village. According to reports, a speeding truck hit the motorcycle on which the duo was travelling on Biju Expressway at Kusadahana area under Lakhana police limits. Both father and son died on the spot. After getting information, Lakhana police reached the spot, recovered the bodies and detained the truck for investigation.

## Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Urges all to Create Harmony with Nature

**Kolkata:** Botanical Survey of India (BSI) celebrated its 134th Foundation Day during February 13-14, 2023 at 'Bhasha Bhawan', National Library Campus, Kolkata. To commemorate this important day, a two-day International Symposium on Plant Taxonomy, Ethnobotany and Botanic Gardens was organised. The Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupinder Yadav graced the occasion on February 14, 2023 and interacted with the scientists, professors, students and participants. During the Inaugural session on February 13, 2023, two publications from BSI [The genus Calanthe R.Br. (Orchidaceae) in India; The Flora of Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal, India] were released by the dignitaries on the day. On February 14, 2023, the Union Minister also released three books published by BSI [Mangroves of India - A Pictorial Field Guide;

Flora of India, Volume 24; Rhododendrons of Sikkim and Darjeeling Himalaya] and two books published by Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) [Morpho Taxonomic Studies of Syrphid Pollinators (Insecta: Diptera) from Lesser Himalayas; Malacofauna of Pennera River Estuary, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh]. The Union Minister released the books in presence of Ms Namita Prasad, the Joint Secretary, MoEF & CC; Dr. Dhriti Banerjee, Director, ZSI; and Dr. A. A. Mao, Director, BSI. While congratulating the BSI on its foundation day, Shri Yadav appreciated the research activities and publications of BSI and commended the efforts of BSI for documentation and conservation of the country's rich floristic wealth. In his address, the Union Minister highlighted the success stories of BSI during the past 133 years of journey and emphasised the importance of plant taxonomy in fixing the identity of plants and

how taxonomy as a specialised branch of science can contribute in developing identification standards which in turn would be useful in conservation, bio-prospection and sustainable utilisation of our floristic resource. The Minister urged everyone to follow and imbibe the message of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' by healing the earth, creating harmony with nature and developing hope for the future. He also highlighted the efforts of the Centre in bringing back Cheetahs to India and in increasing the Leopard population in the country. The importance of recording the traditional knowledge associated with plants was mentioned in his address and so also the role of botanical gardens in ex-situ conservation and outreach activities. He urged everyone to focus on collaborative studies and follow the wisdom of convergence between institutes of similar mandates and activities. While appreciating the

achievements of BSI on the field of documenting floristic diversity of the country, the Minister encouraged the scientific fraternity to make India as 'Viswaguru' and achieve the 'PanchPran' concept of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during the next 25 years which has been termed as 'Amrit Kaal' to celebrate the centenary of India's independence. The Organising Secretary Dr. S. S. Dash informed that more than 400 delegates from India and different countries had participated in the symposium and deliberated on their respective fields of research. They also shared the research results in this common platform so that everyone would be updated in the field of plant science research. During the symposium, BSI used electric vehicles to contain carbon emissions and promote the use of electric vehicles under the NITI AYOG e-Amrit initiative and Mission LIFE.

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## Joker 2: Lady Gaga Stuns in First Picture as Harley Quinn, Fans Predict 'Oscar Coming'

Lady Gaga sets social media on fire as her first look from 'Joker: Folie a Deux' tickled fans' curiosity across the globe. Director Todd Phillips has shared a new look from "Joker: Folie a Deux," depicting star Joaquin Phoenix in the arms of Gaga.

"Happy Valentines Day," Phillips wrote in the caption. It's the first time that the makers revealed the look of Gaga from the film. Gaga also shared the image on her own Instagram account, reported Variety.

Fans flooded the comment section of

Gaga with their ecstatic comments. Many of them predicted that 'Oscar coming'...Gaga is reportedly playing a version of the DC Comics character Harley Quinn, a psychiatrist who finds herself smitten with the Joker before taking on his villainous ways. Margot Robbie had previously portrayed Quinn in the "Suicide Squad" films and "Birds of Prey." Kaley Cuoco voices the character on the ongoing HBO Max animated series "Harley Quinn."

Gaga announced that she is going to be a part of "Joker" sequel last



August. The film has been described as a musical.

Phillips' original "Joker" was a critical and commercial hit in 2019, becoming the

highest-grossing R-rated film in history. It won the Golden Lion at the Venice Film Festival and was a major competitor at the year's Academy Awards,

earning 11 nominations. Phoenix won his oscar for best actor and Hildur Gudnadottir for best original score for 'Joker'.

The dramatic success

of "Joker" quickly spurred speculation regarding a sequel. Although the landscape of DC media has shifted in the years since the original film, Phillips' project has remained largely untouched by the newly formed DC Studios and its co-chiefs James Gunn and Peter Safran. The "Joker" sequel will not play a role in the narrative continuity of other upcoming DC films, reported Variety.

Warner Bros. will release "Joker: Folie a Deux" in theatres on October 9, 2024 -- five years to the day after the release of the first film.

## Akshay Kumar, Emraan Hashmi-Starrer 'Selfiee' Second Trailer is Out, Makers Tease Boycott Bollywood Trend

Akshay Kumar and Emraan Hashmi are raising the temperature high as their upcoming film 'Selfiee' is about to hit the theatres. Amid promotions all over the country, the makers of 'Selfiee' unveiled the second trailer of the film on Wednesday.

Fans already know that the film is a tussle between a superstar and a super fan. In the second trailer, the situation gets grimmer and the fight between Inspector Om Prakash (played by Emraan) and superstar Vijay (played by Akshay) takes an ugly turn involving their families.

Taking to Instagram Akshay posted the trailer with a caption, "Aam aadmi ki kahaani toh bahot sun li, ab Vijay Kumar ki bhi sun lo.. D e k h i y e #SelfieeTrailer2. And watch #Selfiee in cinemas on 24th Feb."



Sharing the same trailer Emraan wrote, "Superstar ke saath #Selfiee nahi, panga le li y a . W a t c h #SelfieeTrailer2 Now. Aage ki story - only in cinemas, Feb 24."

There's another treat for the fans. In a new teaser of the movie, 'Boycott Bollywood gets featured. 'Boycott Bollywood' is trending for quite some time on social media, as Bollywood is repeatedly attacked for diverse

reasons. Taking a hilarious stand on the burning subject, the teaser shows, when 'Boycott Bollywood' is mentioned by a producer, Akshay points fingers at himself suggesting if he were the reason or not. The producer in the teaser promptly replies to Akshay's gesture, 'No, Sir.'

'Selfiee' is the official Hindi remake of the Malayalam film 'Driving License', which starred Prithviraj and

Suraj Venjaramoodu in lead roles. Akshay and Emraan will reprise their roles in the remake.

The film will also showcase the recreated version of the 90s hit song 'Main Khiladi Tu Anari', sung by Udit Narayan, and Abhijeet Bhattacharya and recreated by Tanishk Bagchi.

Helmed by Raj Mehta, Akshay and Emraan have collaborated for the first time in 'Selfiee'.

## 15 Years of Jodhaa Akbar: Makers Celebrate the Journey of an Eternal Love Story

Regarded as one of the most spectacular visual experiences on the Indian screen, Ashutosh Gowariker's Jodhaa Akbar clocks 15 years today. Celebrating the epitome of love, respect and royalty, AGPPL offered a recap of the essence of Jodhaa Akbar with a special video.

Taking to their social media, AGPPL posted the video saying, "Jodhaa and Akbar's love continues to shine brightly through the ages as a symbol of mutual respect, tolerance and open-mindedness between a man and woman, husband and wife. Today we are



proud to celebrate the 15th year since our journey that brought their eternal romance to the silver screen."

Incidentally, today also marks the birthday of the director and producer of Jodhaa Akbar, Ashutosh Gowariker. The leading man of the film Hrithik Roshan took to his social media to wish the filmmaker along with a few glimpses of the film. He wrote, "Happy Birthday @AshGowariker. Thank you for trusting me with the monumental responsibility of being a part of Jodhaa Akbar. Your direction & my incredible co-stars will forever be cherished. #15yearsOfJodhaaAkbar".

## Shoaib Ibrahim buys his first property in Mumbai; wife Dipika Kakar beams with joy

Shoaib Ibrahim is currently over the moon as he has finally fulfilled his long awaited dream. The good-looking actor has bought his first property in Mumbai and made the big announcement with wife Dipika Kakar in a new video. Dipika also couldn't control her excitement and was beaming with joy.

Shoaib shared the news and said, "I want to share some good news with you all. I've finally bought my own property in Mumbai. I came to Mumbai in 2009 and finally in 2022, I've managed to buy a house. The 13 year old dream is now going to get fulfilled. Main Mumbai mein ek property le raha hoon apne naam se... (Dipika beams with joy and hugs him, she even calls him cute). The most important thing is that I am buying this house for my mother."

Dipika, who was sitting beside him while



sharing the news added, "The building and flat where we are staying, the best part about it is that we bought my first property in Mumbai which is this flat. And when Shoaib shifted Ammi and everyone to Mumbai, the flat which is below ours was available on rent and we took it. From that time till now, Ammi and everyone have been

staying in that same flat on rent."The couple explained how Shoaib had an opportunity to buy the rented flat 4 years ago, when the owner was selling it, but at that time he couldn't afford it. Finally, he is able to do it. Shoaib further explained in the video how he doesn't want his family to locate to some other wing in the same

society as he used to spending time with his family and don't want them to shift anywhere else. He said, "Every man dreams of buying his own house and has a name plate on his name. I tried doing it early but it did not happen as I had and still have many responsibilities. But things are better now and my sister Saba is

also growing in her life. The dream has been possible because of your support and prayers. You all have also been an important part of my journey."

Shoaib went on to praise Dipika how proud he is of her as she is self-made and at the same time he mentioned about his happiness of buying a property on his own,

"Everyone knows Dipika is very popular as compared to me and I happily accept this and I am very proud about it. She has already achieved so much in a short span of life and it is incredible. People like her who do everything on their own and independently, hats off to them and I am proud that my wife is one of them who is self-made. At the same time, I am very happy that I've bought something of my own. Everything is our own. A relationship is strong when a couple supports each other."Dipika added, "I feel really proud because Shoaib is not one of those men who just say things for the heck of it. He practices what he preaches. He makes me feel in day-to-day life how proud he is of me. We don't have ego between us at all and I am proud about that because it is not an easy thing for a man."

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As we make a shift from cosy sweaters to cool tees, it's time to update your skincare routine because what worked in winter might be different from what works now.

**Not sure where to start? Follow these expert tips .**

If the skin is very dry,

with rough reddish patches, avoid applying soap. Instead, use a cleanser morning and night. Apart from daily cleansing, give the skin some nourishment. As a home remedy, you can try applying a little sesame seed (til) oil and pat the skin with a hot moist towel. Or, you one can apply a little milk, with a few drops of honey, leave it on for 10 to 15 minutes and wash off with water. These treatments are especially good for normal to dry skins. If you have oily skin, add one teaspoon of pure glycerin to 50 ml rose water. Put it in a bottle and shake well. Apply this on the face. You will find that glycerin and rose water provide enough moisture to the skin. The coming of spring often brings problems for people with allergies, including skin problems like itchy, rashy or inflamed skin. Sandalwood is an ideal ingredient for such conditions. Sandalwood paste can

easily be applied on the skin to soothe inflammatory conditions. It also helps to relieve itching. However, if there is excessive itching, it is best to consult a doctor. **Here are some home remedies:** Mix sandalwood with a little rose water and apply on the face. Wash off with plain water after 20 to 30 minutes. Simmer a handful of neem leaves on a very low fire in 4 cups of water for one hour. Leave it overnight. Next morning, strain the water and make a paste of the leaves. Apply it on inflamed and rashy areas. The water can be used for rinsing the area. Neem contains organic sulphur compounds, with versatile healing actions that are of particular benefit to the skin. Add a pinch of turmeric to milk and apply on the face. Wash off after 15 minutes. Clays like fuller's earth (multani mitti)

have a cooling and soothing effect. Mix one tablespoon Fuller's Earth with rose water. Apply the paste on affected areas and wash it off after 15 to 20 minutes. **Spring Hair Care** During winter the hair becomes dull and dry. For spring hair care, heat pure coconut oil and apply once a week. Remember to apply on the ends too. Leave it overnight and wash the next day. Applying curd or egg on the hair 15 minutes before shampoo helps to add body to fine hair. A beer rinse after shampoo also helps to add body. After shampoo, apply a creamy conditioner, taking less quantity and massaging it lightly into the hair. Leave on for two minutes and rinse off. Or apply a "leave-on" type of conditioner or hair serum. Or, mix some water with creamy hair conditioner and put it in a spray bottle.

lime green, lemon, yellow, cream, light brown, pink, mauve, turquoise blue, light blue would be suitable. Floral prints, checks and dots look pretty, or you can use lace or light embroidery on your clothes. For make up, leave out foundation, if the skin is clear. Apply a light liquid moisturizer and a touch of baby powder for a translucent look. Or, use compact powder. For the night, a light, liquid foundation would be appropriate. If the skin is too dry, use a creamy one. When you apply make-up, remember not to smear too much or rub it. Whether it is foundation or blusher, it is best to dot it with a light touch, using a finger tip, or an applicator. It can also be applied lightly and evenly with a damp sponge. If you wish to cover a pimple or spot, it should be done

before applying foundation or powder. Concealing sticks are available for this. Using a thin brush, paint over the spot with a little concealer, or a shade lighter you're your normal foundation. Then, apply a little powder. For the natural look, use lip gloss, instead of lipstick, during the day. At night, you need more colour. Applying a lipstick with a lip brush helps it to last longer. The lip colours for spring can be light brown, rose, mauve and pink for the day, while bronze, coral, copper, burgundy and even red would look good for the night. **Apply a hint of lip gloss after applying lipstick. This gives a fresh and youthful look.** A hint of blusher should be used on the cheeks. A powder blusher is easier to apply. Use it after you have applied powder and at the end of your make-up. Apply on the cheekbones and blend it outwards and slightly upwards. Exercising regularly is great for your overall health and skin. It gets the blood circulation going and helps flush out the toxins ruining your plans of getting beautiful skin. When you sweat, you expel dirt and grime from our pores, making the skin moist and hydrated. Applying eye cream at night is investing for future good skin. The skin under the eyes is extremely thin and your regular moisturizer might not work. Use an eye cream to hydrate the skin under your eyes and promote younger-looking skin. Perfume is also a part of make-up. During spring, use light floral perfumes. A cologne would be ideal during the day.

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## Letter To Editor

### No more chances

India was the 7th worst- hit country due to extreme air pollution and extreme rainfall in 2021 and it's only been getting worse every year. We're racing towards further and further climate disasters and we need to pull the chain now. Though we hoped it would not reach this point, climate wisdom has constantly advised us about the deadly consequences of climate change. But we've caught the malefactor red-handed. The grim burning of fossil energies for energy and transportation has turned our metropolises in to poisonous gas chambers. In 2022, India was set up to be home to of the world's 10 most business- congested metropolises. According to reports over two lakh Indians died from air pollution last time but this could have been prevented. Through the Detox City crusade, we're working to impact the transportation systems across India, over the coming many years. However, we can demand better structure- better public transport, further green spaces, If further citizens borrow sustainable transportation. Eventually, these small but significant conduct will restate into metropolises that are cleaner, healthier, more equal and accessible to all citizens. We're losing precious time in the fight for a safe and healthy future. No more chances left to take action and change the course of our earth.

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Dear Editor

One of the largest land mammal elephants are migratory animals; and they need to move between forests for the purpose of foraging, resting, breeding and locating other resources such as water and mud bath points for their healthy existence. Unfortunately, due to anthropogenic impacts, elephant corridors across Africa and Asia have been rapidly destroyed, disrupted, damaged and altered for making way to agriculture, industry and infrastructural developments. Unplanned growth and development in premier elephant habitats for selfish human need and greed has restricted the pachyderms in small isolated pocket habitats detrimental to both good health and genetics of this majestic mammalian species. Elephants crosses state and provincial boundaries and often international borders for their annual migrations. Not respecting the needs of the pachyderms has thereby increased unwanted human-elephant conflicts that are detrimental for both species resulting in death, destruction and damages. The helpless animals are being forced to enter human settlements as their traditional migratory routes are being blocked, transformed and destroyed and are then blamed for their destructive behaviours throughout their native range. To avoid such unwanted interactions, we need to respect the wildlife coordination and traditional migration routes of elephants; and seriously need to accommodate their life style requirements within our development projects. Unmonitored and unplanned, legal and illegal economic growth will only destroy our common future. We need to act judiciously to cater to the needs of our wild coinhabitants of this planet.

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## Child Beggary- a Complex Social Problem

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Nowadays begging in India has become almost a profession. Wherever you go, a beggar stares you in the face. Child beggary as stated above has become a menace and a barrier in the development of the nation. Pandit Nehru had once said that children are the future of the nation and the future is at stake. We need to eradicate the social evil of child beggary and put up those laws and regulation who would prove to be fruitful for the future of our children and for our nation. In Metropolitan cities like Mumbai, Ahmedabad & Delhi, one would have noticed everywhere - hovering around the crossings, shining shows, washing automobiles, working in the fields or worse, working in inhuman conditions in the factories. It is reported that the child beggars are part of a forced beggary racket. They are trained how to appear disabled on

road and later paid Rs 10 or 20 as commission out of their daily earnings. Child beggary is still a burning problem in India and we must combat the evil which is spreading its wings day by day. Child beggary is a complex social problem that has been existing in this country from time immemorial. There is no uniform law in our



country to prohibit begging as such. No doubt, the code of criminal procedure and the Indian penal code contain some important provisions which have a bearing on the prevention of begging. Child exploitation is defined as taking a child's advantages in an unfair manner. Child beggary is a massive problem in all countries of the world. They often

come shoeless, dressed in dirty, scruffy, smelly clothes. Poverty is the primary cause of this issue. It is claimed that it is poverty that makes parents send their children to prostitute, it is the poverty that make parents sell their children for child trafficking, it is the poverty that makes parents deny

family, that their parents have no income, they usually send their children to beg or even sell them off. Children become profitable tool for supporting family life. Besides that, increasing numbers of trafficking organization causes increase numbers of child beggars. A beggar's life is far more tragic than we

can imagine. Standing at traffic signals, begging for that elusive rupee or two in exchange for a flower or a balloon can be anything but personal choice. Children welfare organization should do something to alleviate their plight instead of just giving money to child beggars. Government should think to develop a system in which an

individual beggar is helped to acquire specialised skills and craftsmanship to enable him to lead a normal life in the community/society. Every child has dream of his own...a dream which keeps him going through the daily toils. Time has now come when we need to organize "Workshops-cum-training" centers for poor children so that they can earn while learning some skills. Most begging children don't actually have a choice. They just have to work irrespective of fever or any other disease. Teenager girl beggars suffer the worst. It is our moral duty to help the weak, the hungry and the suffering people but while giving alms to any beggar, one should always keep in mind that giving a little money or food will not end his poverty. Charity may be given but there should be poor houses for such disabled persons who really deserve charity.

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Voters standing in the queue to cast their votes, at a polling booth during the Tripura Assembly Election 2023, in Agartala, Tripura

### Bengal Bureaucrat Officer Targeted By BJP Moved Out Of Governor's Office

Kolkata: Bengal Governor CV Ananda Bose will set up a new team at the Raj Bhavan to handle his affairs and in the first move in that direction, his Principal Secretary Nandini Chakravorty has been moved to the Tourism Department from the Raj Bhavan. Ms Chakravorty, an IAS officer, has been repeatedly targeted by the BJP. The Raj Bhavan requested her transfer on Sunday and relieved her from her duties. An order from the Home Department issued on Wednesday evening read: "The Governor is pleased to appoint Smt. Nandini Chakravorty, IAS (WB: 1994), Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Governor West Bengal, as Principal Secretary, Tourism Department, until further order. This is issued in interest of public service." The BJP has been upset over the Governor maintaining a cordial relation with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, including his high praise for her in a speech at St. Xavier's University and his address to the state assembly. The party has accused Ms Chakravorty of "misleading" him on many issues and alleged that it was she who was driving the state government's agenda in the Raj Bhavan. The local unit of the BJP kept demanding her removal. Sources said the situation had become such that the Governor felt compelled to replace her. The action from the Governor's House comes after state BJP chief Sukanta Majumdar met Mr Bose on Saturday. Sources said he had requested the Governor to remove the officer.



The Governor's office had listed several issues raised by the BJP leader in the meeting, but this matter was not mentioned in the press release that followed. The BJP wants the new Governor to take the path adopted by his predecessor and current Vice-President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar, who had frequent run-ins with the state government on several issues. During his tenure, the relationship between the Raj Bhavan and the government had completely broken down. The ruling Trinamool Congress accused Mr Dhankhar of turning the Raj Bhavan into an extension of the BJP office.

## How Coffee's Aroma Is Changing Bastar's Violent Maoist Narrative

Bastar (Chhattisgarh): Changing the narrative of Maoist violence, lack of development and unemployment associated with the worst-hit Bastar region is now witnessing a positive transformation and progressing on the path to becoming a hub for production of coffee. The Bastar district, an underdeveloped region known for Maoist violence, is now witnessing a transformation as coffee production being carried out by the Horticulture College in association with the Coffee Board of India. This is providing employment opportunities to villagers and playing a significant role in doubling their income. Four varieties of Coffee Arabica and one variety of Coffee Robusta were planted on 20 acres on an experimental basis in 2017-18, horticulture scientist Krishna Pal Singh said. "Coffee plantations started in Bastar in 2016 are now emerging as a business model. In 2016, the district administration had initiated a move for

proper utilisation of forest lands to the holders of Van Adhikar Patta (Forest Land Deed) at Darbha block and the plantation of coffee was started," said Dr Singh. Darbha is the same place where a Maoist attack virtually wiped-off the Congress leadership of Chhattisgarh. On May 25, 2013, ultras attacked the convoy of Congress leaders during the party's 'Parivartan Yatra' at Jhiram Valley under Darbha block killing around 29 people, including the then state Congress chief Nand Kumar Patel, former Leader of Opposition Mahendra Karma, former Union Minister Vidyacharan Shukla and others. The entire idea of coffee cultivation was shared with the then Collector of Bastar Amit Kataria and impressed by the innovative plan, the district administration granted funds under District Mineral Foundation (DMF), said Dr Singh. He further elaborated that under this initiative, the plantation of four separate

varieties of coffee Arabica and a variety of coffee Robusta was started respectively in 2017 and 2018 while the first production was commenced in 2020. As of now, the coffee plantation has been completed in around 100 acres of land and its aroma in brand name 'Bastar Coffee' is spreading across the country. First harvesting was done in 2020-21, he said. Efforts are being made to ensure maximum benefits to farmers of the district through production of coffee and by installing unit for its processing, said the scientist, elaborating that the farmers, who were getting few benefits from the forest land, are now drawing annual income of ? 40000-50000 each. To promote coffee being cultivated in Bastar, the Chhattisgarh government is setting up Bastar Cafe and this is attracting coffee lovers, he said. Recalling the employment opportunities available in the area, a resident of village Darbha, Basanti Yadav, said, "Earlier, we had to go out of the village in search of employment.

Now the situation has changed remarkably with the launching of a coffee plantation project and this has provided us employment at the native village itself." "Earlier, I was earning ? 1500 per month by working at a shop and now drawing ? 6000 as monthly income by working at a coffee field," she elaborated. After extensive survey and study of climate, it was learnt that the Bastar region is suited for the cultivation of coffee and the project commenced at Darbha in 2016, said Dr Singh. Earlier, the farmers here did not have employment opportunities, but the introduction of coffee projects has created immense job prospects, he said. By opting for coffee as a crop, the villagers will reap the benefits for around 40 to 80 years, he claimed. "With production of coffee, an attempt is being made to change the negative narrative associated with Bastar. The taste of Bastar

coffee can be enjoyed by a person sitting in Delhi, who only knows the place as an insurgency-hit region," said Dr Singh. To erase middle-men from this initiative, women self-help groups have been involved in the processing task while marketing is being done by opening outlets of 'Bastar Cafe', said Dr Singh. Through Bastar Cafes, employment will be provided to unemployed educated youths, he said. "Darbha has definitely been a very sensitive area of the district and it has always been a challenge for us to link people with the mainstream by ensuring them employment so that they could move ahead towards prosperity," said Bastar Collector Chandan Kumar. Coffee cultivated here will be the new identity of Bastar and to connect people with its taste as well as aroma, the concept of Bastar Cafe was drafted and 'Bastar Cafe' has been established here, said collector.

### BJP Worker Injured By Ball Hit By Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia During Cricket Match



Bhopal: A friendly game of cricket at the newly-constructed Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association stadium at Itaura, Dheeraj Dwivedi, a local BJP functionary, told news agency PTI. The friendly was played after the stadium had been inaugurated earlier that day. The game was stopped immediately after Vikas was injured, and he was rushed to the Sanjay Gandhi Medical College Hospital. The game was stopped immediately after Vikas was injured, and he was rushed to the Sanjay Gandhi Medical College Hospital. The incident took place at

Gandhi Medical College Hospital. Jyotiraditya Scindia, along with former minister Rajendra Shukla and Rewa MP Janardhan Mishra, visited him at the hospital. Earlier today, Jyotiraditya Scindia laid the foundation stone for an airport in Madhya Pradesh's Rewa district for which Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan was also present. The airport is estimated to cost around ? 240 crore. Chief Minister Chouhan also announced the construction of the Vindhya Expressway at the foundation-laying ceremony, which would connect state capital Bhopal with Singrauli, a distance of around 660 kms, and development of industrial clusters around it.

## ICAR-CIFRI Scientists Urge People to Refrain from Throwing Plastic & Other Trash into Ganges to Save River Bio-diversity

Kolkata :Dolphins are the ideal ecological indicator species of a healthy aquatic ecosystem. Therefore, protecting Dolphins would contribute to the survival of both the species and the people who rely on the aquatic habitat for their way of life. Being the most economically valuable fish, Hilsa also significantly contributes to riverine fisheries in the lower stretches of the Ganga River. Recent research indicates that overfishing and other anthropogenic activities are seriously threatening the Ganga River's Hilsa and Dolphin populations. To make people aware of this very truth, as a part of the National

Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) flagship initiatives, ICAR-CIFRI carried out a series of awareness programmes on "Dolphin and Hilsa Conservation" in February 2023 to enlighten the river-dependent fishers. More than 250 active fishers, including social activities, and students residing on the banks of the lower stretches of river Ganga participated in this awareness programme. The awareness programmes were conducted at Budge Budge ferry ghat, Pujali fish landing sites, Birlapur, and Godakhali fish landing sites (February 6,



2023), Burul, Raichak, and Falta fish landing sites (February 7, 2023), Diamond Harbour fish landing sites (February 8, 2023), and Tyangra char fish landing sites

(February 9, 2023). Dr. Basanta Kumar Das, Director, ICAR-CIFRI and PI of the NMCG project spearheaded efforts to conserve Dolphin and Hilsa in the river

Ganga. Dr. Das emphasised the need of educating people about Dolphins in his conveying message because they encounter many difficulties in

India. The lower parts of the Ganga River are used to catch the valued fish Hilsa with gill nets in the monsoon season (June to mid-October) and the winter season

(mid-January to mid-April) (mesh sizes ranging from 65-110 mm). To ensure the long-term sustainability of this highly commercially important species, he advised the fishers to refrain from using gill nets smaller than 90 mm, as prescribed by the State Government. The local fishers were informed of various river conservation measures during the awareness campaign, such as refraining from using pesticides on horticultural and agricultural lands adjacent to the river, reforestation of the riverbank to prevent bank erosion, refraining from throwing plastic and other trash into the

river, maintaining riverine bio-diversity using scientific fishing gears, etc. Additionally, flyers on 'Dolphin and Hilsa conservation' were distributed to the fisheries, and villagers living along the riverbanks in various locations, along with a pictorial poster showing Ganges River fishes. The programme was put together with the help of the NMCG team, and officials from the State fisheries department. It was supervised by Dr. B. K. Das, Director, ICAR-CIFRI, Barrackpore and coordinated by Dr. Dibakar Bhakta, Scientist of the institute.

# Amid free rice politics, huge stock of foodgrains found buried on panchayat premises in Sundargarh

**New Delhi:** At a time when the Centre and the Odisha government are at loggerheads over the free distribution of rice, a huge quantity of the food grain was found buried under soil and in a safety tank behind Gogua Gram Panchayat office under Bonai block in Sundargarh district on Wednesday.

Then they discovered huge amount of wasted rice full of insects buried in a safety tank and under the soil in the nearby area. However, it is yet to be ascertained when the rice was buried at the place. Tension erupted among the villagers following the incident. Some of the villagers put a question mark on the intention behind burying such a huge



quantity of rice when poor people are not getting the foodgrains. "I am a day labourer

and I often struggle hard to get two square meals a day. I have not got any rice from the Gram

Panchayat for the last one year. However, I found to my utter dismay and frustration that a

huge amount of rice has been dumped," complained Gouranga Patra, a villager. However, the Sarpancha of Gogua Gram Panchayat feigned his ignorance over the incident. "I had no knowledge that huge quantity of rice has been buried. I just came to know about the incident now. However, I have been informed

earlier that some old stocks of rice have got damaged due to heat wave conditions," said the Sarpanch. "Not a single beneficiary has complained before me that he is not getting his quota of rice," he added. Some beneficiaries lamented that the rice could have been distributed among the poor people. "I came to know the

unfortunate incident now. In hindsight, the rice could have been distributed to poor people before getting wasted and buried," said another beneficiary. Meanwhile, the Supply Officer said that the old stocks of wasted rice have been buried. "Some sacks of old stocks of rice were wasted due to heat conditions as those were piled in one corner of a room. The wasted rice has been disposed of," he said.

## Odisha teacher remarries on school premises, first wife lodges FIR after pics go viral



**Kandhamal:** In a bizarre incident, the headmaster in-charge of Sujamaju High School under Dariginibadi block in Kandhamal district allegedly got married for the second time even as the divorce case with his first wife was pending. The incident came to light after the purported photographs of the marriage that took place on the school premises surfaced on the internet.

In the photographs, the headmaster in-charge, identified as Sri Pati Nayak, along with another woman with 'varmala' can be seen cutting a cake in the storeroom of the school in the presence of other teachers. Meanwhile, Nayak's first wife Nirupama Dakua has lodged a complaint in this regard at Baliguda police station and questioned how a teacher can remarry on the school premises when the divorce case is still sub-

judice. According to sources, Nayak had married Nirupama in 2003 and they have a 12-year-old daughter. "The headmaster of Sujamaju High School, Sri Pati Nayak is my husband. He has been physically and mentally torturing me for the last seven years. He had filed for divorce in a family court and later withdrew it," Dakua said. "My husband remarried another woman on February 6 and living with her at

the storeroom of the school," she alleged. Meanwhile, Nayak refuted all the allegations levelled against him and said the photographs were taken during his birthday celebrations. "The allegations are baseless. I have already filed for divorce and it is pending in court. The photographs which have gone viral are taken during my birthday celebrations. I threw a feast for the staff on my birthday after the school time," Nayak said.

## Maha Shivratri 2023: Mahadeepa to be lifted atop Lord Lingaraj temple at 10 pm

**Bhubaneswar:** Lord Lingaraj Temple, the famous Shiva shrine in Ekamra Kshetra in Bhubaneswar, is gearing up for Maha Shivratri celebrations scheduled on February 18 this year.



The mahadeepa of Lord Lingaraj will be raised atop the temple at around 10 pm on Maha Shivratri. A decision in this regard was taken during a preparatory meeting held on Tuesday. Maha Shivratri also known as Jagara Yatra will be celebrated by devotees across Odisha on 18 February. Meanwhile, the temple administration has made elaborate arrangements and is leaving no stone

untuned for the smooth conduct of the rituals during Shivratri. Expecting a huge footfall of devotees, the Commissionerate Police is planning to put all arrangements in place for the smooth movement of traffic and to ensure a hassle-free darshan for devotees. "A preparatory meeting was organised ahead of Jagara Yatra of Lord Lingaraj which was attended by the

members of nijogs, locals, MLA and political leaders and concerned officials. Everyone gave their commitment to the smooth conduct of Lord Lingaraj's rituals," said Twin City Police Commissioner Saumenra Priyadarshi. "We also had a discussion on all necessary arrangements including traffic management and provision of water for

devotees, parking and toilet facility," Priyadarshi added. In Dhabaleswar temple in Athagarh Cuttack, the Mahadeepa is scheduled to be raised atop the temple between 1.30 am and 2 am on Maha Shivratri marking an end to the day-long fasting of devotees. The shrine will be opened for the devotees at 3 am on Maha Shivratri, which falls on February 18. As many as 15 platoons of police force including seven DSPs and one additional SP will be deployed at Dhabaleswar during the Jagara Yatra for crowd management and to avoid any untoward incident.



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### CFA Institute in India Expands Student Accessibility with a New Exam Center in Bhubaneswar

**Bhubaneswar :** CFA Institute, the professional body for excellence and thought leadership in finance, has opened registrations for their upcoming February 2023 intake. Additionally, with the rising demand to increase candidate accessibility and convenience, the institute will have 4 new exam centers in Kochi, Chandigarh, Bhubaneswar and Guwahati for the CFA Program. These centers will take the total number of test center cities for the CFA exam to 16 across India and over 400 worldwide.

The recent CFA Institute Investor Trust survey showed that Indians place a high level of trust on the potential growth in job opportunities in the financial services sector. However, in the post-pandemic era, students as

well as professionals are prioritizing safety, accessibility and ease of travel while accomplishing their life and career goals. Ease of accessibility to exam centers is expected to improve a candidate journey through the program and reduce costs associated with travelling to take exams.

The CFA Charter continues to be the global gold standard for professionals aspiring to work in the investment management industry. We constantly work to make the CFA Program affordable, accessible, meritocratic and relevant. During the pandemic we moved our examinations to Computer Based Testing from Paper Based Exams and started offering examinations four times in a year. By expanding of our test center

network, we are taking one more step to bring the CFA Program within the reach of aspiring professionals and students in India." Said Arati Porwal, Director Society Relations at CFA Institute in India.

India has a robust banking, insurance and investment industry It has a diversified financial sector undergoing rapid expansion, both in terms of strong growth of existing financial services firms and new entities entering the market. With such rapid expansion, there is a growing demand for professionals with relevant competencies and high standards of ethics. The CFA Institute works closely with the industry and regulators to support an inclusive and secure financial services industry in India.

### SBI now offers Real Time Xpress Credit on YONO app

**Mumbai :** With an aim to digitally empower customers and offer additional convenience, the country's largest lender, State Bank of India (SBI) has announced the introduction of Real Time Xpress Credit (RTXC) on YONO. The bank's flagship personal loan product for salaried customers - Xpress Credit has a Digital Avatar now. Customers can now avail RTXC from the comfort of their homes through YONO - which is going to be 100% paperless and digital. The end-to-end 8 step journey would be easy and instant for the customers.

Under Real Time Xpress Credit, Central/ State Government and Defence salaried customers of SBI will no longer be required to visit the branch for availing a personal loan. The credit checks, eligibility, sanction & documentation will now be done digitally in real-time.

Shri Dinesh Khara, Chairman, SBI said, "We are pleased to introduce Real Time Xpress Credit (RTXC) Loan facility for our eligible salaried customers on YONO. The Xpress Credit product will enable our customers to experience a digital, hassle-free, and paperless loan process. We at SBI constantly endeavour to offer technology-led enhanced digital banking experience to the customers in order to simplify banking." The digitalization of Xpress Credit delivery will also help the bank to do away with the need to handle and store enormous paperwork.

### Blenders Pride Fashion Nights arrives in Bhubaneswar

**Bhubaneswar :** Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, a unique travelling experiential property, arrived in the City of Temples - Bhubaneswar - celebrating the authentic spirit of the city through fashion and style. A spirit that echoes with Pride and inspires the creators of today to become icons of tomorrow. Bhubaneswar's 'Made of Artistic Flair' edition for Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, brought together an eclectic evening that blended fashion, culture and dance, celebrating a symbolic amalgamation of homegrown artistry and the unwavering spirit of local talent.

Exemplifying the region's signature weave through a curated evening at the majestic Vivanta, Bhubaneswar, DC Square was Odia designer Sabyasachi Satpathy, whose intricately crafted ensembles drew inspiration from the multicultural city and its colourful history. In a true celebration of Odisha's distinct and masterful craftsmanship, the show was elevated with a captivating performance by the Prince Dance Group - from the small Odisha town of Berhampur - widely lauded for their artistry. The show drew to a finale with none other than actor Diana Penty, who captivated the audience in a beautiful ensemble by the designer. The 'Made of Artistic Flair' edition of Blenders Pride Fashion Nights was a beautiful embodiment of the rich craft and cultural heritage of the city in a modern and contemporary setting.

Taking us on a 'Jatra' - The Journey of a Young Woman - the show encapsulated the journey of a woman from post adolescence to her nuptials, navigating the various challenges, trials and significant moments that come her way. The enigmatic journey was captured through the array of colours and textiles that Odisha Bandha/Ikkat offers. Truly encapsulating the spirit of 'Made of Pride', the designer made use of Odisha weave, which is sustainable, hand-woven, organic and a homegrown initiative of design, painstakingly woven by the weavers of Odisha. The upbeat set was a composition designed to narrate the spirit of Bhubaneswar along with the flair of the designer. The evening was attended by the city's A-listers & influencers. The fashion walk truly left the guests mesmerized and engaged.

Through this unique showcase of Pride encompassing diverse talent across creative fields, Blenders Pride Fashion Nights 2022, encourages everyone, especially youth at large to celebrate & take pride in their authentic and individual journeys. The evening spotlighted individuals who take Pride in their choices, are comfortable in their skin and, most importantly, embrace their authentic selves - truly living a life that is 'Made of Pride'.

### India is pushing for green initiatives lead job creation for sustainable development



**Kolkata, (Partha Roy)-** India is pushing for green initiatives lead job creation & future economic development to tackle climate change challenges as well as long term sustainable development. Union Minister Shri Bhupender Yadav addressed a special session on "Vision East-Green Initiatives led Growth & Employment" organised by Indian Chamber of Commerce in Kolkata on 14th February 2023.

Union Minister of Labour and Employment and Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India, Shri. Bhupender Yadav, said, "India, in the post-Covid era has become the fastest growing economy, attaining 30.6 percent of the GDP growth, which is still a challenging concept for many other countries. Indian economy has strengthened due to the ease of doing business and the rapid growth of the unorganised sector and MSMEs. According to last year's government initiative, 39,000 unnecessary compliances were removed, along with several legislative reforms. Union Budget 2023 promotes a technology- and knowledge driven economy. The budget is based on the seven principles, which emphasise inclusive development, reaching the last line, youth power, the financial

sector, infrastructural investment, unleashing the potential, and green growth.

The development model implemented under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's visionary leadership has been an exemplary development model. This model reflects the vision of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikash, and Sabka Prayas", which is why this green initiative and new innovations have been taken into account. The government is working on our culture and various spectrums for our country at the same time, such as the new Vishwakarma Kaushal Yojna, contribution for strengthening women's self-help groups and creating a single district for product promotion. These are several unique ideas introduced by the government that will help the country fulfil its necessary requirements in the development spectrum."

Director General, ICC, Dr. Rajeev Singh, said, "Our honourable chief guest has been working to solve relevant environmental issues by taking full authority, starting from the ground level. The green initiative as discussed in the budget has shown us a clear path to work on reducing carbon emissions and climate change that would eventually lead to sustainable development for our country."

Addressing the session,

President, ICC Shri. Mehul Mohanka, said, "As we all know, the effects of climate change are no longer a prediction of the future but today's reality, as we have been affected by droughts, frequent cyclones, and prolonged heat waves, among others. Climate change has been a major topic of discussion and action not only in our country but throughout the G20 countries. The budget prioritised energy transition and climate action. To that end, India has taken some noteworthy initiatives. Green growth was recorded as one of the Saptarshi which reflects the government's commitment to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2030 and aligned climate growth."

Shri Sudhir A. Merchant, Industrialist, said, "I would like to appreciate the government's initiative to go green as this would have a meaningful impact on the growth of our country across the world. We all must give our inputs to make this initiative successful."

The session witnessed valuable insights on the central government's initiatives for a greener economy from Shri Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister, Ministry of Labour and Employment and Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India, Shri. Mehul Mohanka, President, ICC and Dr. Rajeev Singh, Director General, ICC, and Mr. Sudhir A. Merchant

### Experience the best-in-class customer services at 11 new Alpha Service Centers across India

**Bhubaneswar :** Sony India is expanding its Alpha Service Network across 11 cities in India including Mumbai, Coimbatore, Jaipur, Pune, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Trivandrum, Chennai, Indore, Bhubaneswar and Guwahati. This is expansion for Alpha Camera body and lens repairs facilities is a testament to the brand's continued dedication to customer satisfaction. Sony now has the widest service network of after sales support for Digital Imaging products with 8 service centers for lens repairs, 18 service centers for Alpha Camera body repair, 40+ service centers which can offer basic services like CCD

Imager cleaning and firmware updates and 220+ collection centers pan India.

The service centers are equipped with necessary jigs and tools to deliver best quality repair of Alpha camera body, Camera Lens, Professional Cameras and other digital imaging products like Digital Still Cameras and Camcorders. Customers can also avail instant services for basic supports like CCD Imager cleaning and getting the latest firmware update to enjoy best performance from their products. The friendly customer care staff at these service centers will help customers to register their in-warranty products on

Sony Alpha Community portal to enable them avail free of cost additional one year warranty on applicable products.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Mukesh Srivastava, Head of Digital Imaging Business at Sony India, said, "By supporting and assisting partners in local markets, Sony aims to ensure customers receive exceptional service and satisfaction along with quicker and faster turnaround at all outlets across the country. The new service centers will offer customers a seamless experience across multiple touch-points to provide a consistent brand experience that surpasses expectations."

### ATLAS OF AFFLUENCE - INDIA'S FIRST EVER WHITE PAPER ON LUXURY LAUNCHED AS A YEARLY FEATURE

**Mumbai:** Amidst leading luminaries of industries spanning across the business of luxury, the Atlas of Affluence (AOA) 2022 has been launched in Mumbai. Created by The Voice of Fashion (TVOF), a division of Reliance Brands Limited, the daily digital magazine that tracks and leads conversations on Indian fashion, design, crafts and retail, AOA 2022, is

the first such wide and deep white paper from India that dissects consumer behaviour studied through the prism of luxury.

A collective reflection on what affluence means in India spiked during the two years of the pandemic. Charting the post-pandemic market and the clearly altered consumer mindset through a specially commissioned study

across six cities and markets of India, AOA 2022 has been published as a book with exclusively commissioned artworks. This study uses the time graph of "pre-pandemic" and "post-pandemic" months to specify a comparative matrix. It also helps debunk long-held ideas about what affluence and luxury have meant to Indians.

### NSDL launches "Market ka Eklavya- Express" in 75 cities to mark 75 years of Independence

**Mumbai:** India's largest depository, National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) launched 'Market ka Eklavya- Express', an online investment awareness program for students that will be conducted in 8 different languages including Hindi. The program would serve as a beginner's guide for investing for the youth.

To mark the significance of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, an

initiative of Government of India to celebrate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of our people, culture and achievements, NSDL has launched a new initiative towards investor awareness 'Market Ka Eklavya - Express' across 75 cities, especially aimed at the college students who would very soon be entering the phase where they would start earning and naturally,

look for avenues of investment.

Earlier this month, Market ka Eklavya (5-hours program) was launched by the hon'ble Finance Minister of India, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman at the silver jubilee event of NSDL.

On the launch of the initiative Ms. Padmaja Chundurur, MD & CEO, NSDL said, "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is a special initiative launched by

our Prime Minister to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of India's Independence. Our program has been particularly aimed to create awareness about the financial markets to the young minds who will be the future of our country. In this Amrit Kaal, our digital education initiative focuses on building a path towards Financial Freedom for our youth, symbolizing the spirit of

Atmanirbhar Bharat." Students across India will benefit from this program as it does not restrict to just an area of the population. The program will be conducted for 1 hour and mainly educate the students on demystifying the jargons, 3I's - types of Income; Inflation and its impact, types of Investment; 3S - Start early- Power of Compounding, Spread wide, Stay long etc.

### BOB Financial and HPCL launch co-branded contactless RuPayCredit Card

**Mumbai:** BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda (BoB) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL) - a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise in partnership with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), have announced the launch of HPCL Co-branded contactless RuPayCredit Card. The card is designed to reward customers for spends at HPCL fuel pumps as

well as the HP Pay app. It also offers accelerated rewards for spends on utilities, grocery and departmental stores. This card can be used across merchants and ATMs globally through the JCB network.

Cardholders of HPCL BoBRuPay Contactless Credit Card will be able to earn up to 24 reward points (per INR 150 spent) for spends at HPCL fuel pumps and on the HP Pay app. In addition, cardholders will also benefit from 1% Fuel

Surcharge Waiver on fuel purchases at HPCL pumps or on HP Pay. Customers who spend INR 5,000 or more within 60 days of card issuance will get 2,000 bonus reward points.

The co-branded credit card will offer 10 reward points (per INR 150 spent) on utilities, grocery and departmental stores and 2 reward points on other categories. The card also offers attractive discount on movie ticket bookings.

### Jindal Stainless signs MoU with SCTEVT, Odisha to train future-ready stainless steel professionals

**Bhubaneswar:** Odisha's State Council for Technical Education & Vocational Training (SCTEVT) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jindal Stainless to promote technical education in the field of stainless steel and its various applications. Under this MoU, stainless steel courses will be introduced in all the Polytechnic colleges in Odisha from June 2022. The MoU was signed by Vice Chairman,

SCTE&VT, Shri Reghu G (IAS) and Unit Head, Jindal Stainless Limited (JSL), Shri Deepak Agrawal. Dignitaries present at the ceremony included Chairman, SCTE&VT and Principal Secretary to Government, Skill Development and Technical Education (SDTE) and Industries Departments, Shri Hemant Sharma (IAS); Additional Secretary, SDTE, Govt of Odisha, Shri Tapan Satpathy (OAS); Resident Director, JSL, Mr SS

Upadhyay, and General Manager, Sales & Distribution, Mr Ranit Rana.

Commending the development, Chairman, SCTE&T and Principal Secretary to Government, SDTE and Industries Departments, Shri Hemant Sharma (IAS) said, "This collaboration with Jindal Stainless will enhance the learning experience for students and faculty both, as it will give them insights about and practical exposure to the stainless steel industry."

## Premier League 2023: Manchester City Hammer Leaders Arsenal 3-1 to Grab Edge in Title Race



New Delhi: Manchester City seized the momentum in the Premier League title race after Jack Grealish and Erling Haaland scored second-half goals to secure a 3-1 win at Arsenal on Wednesday (February 15). Having trailed Arsenal by as much as eight points just weeks ago, City suddenly finds itself atop the table after the defending

champions extended their recent dominance over the Gunners and showed they won't relinquish the title easily.

The win puts City in first place ahead of Arsenal on goal difference, although the Gunners still have a game in hand. More importantly, perhaps, it maintained a psychological edge over its title rival as City has now beaten Arsenal in 11

straight league matches. "We can all agree that (Arsenal) has been the best team this season, so to come to their place and play against them is not easy," Haaland said. "But we played an amazing game and we got the three really important points, and we're in it again." In a game that lived up to the billing of the biggest Premier League match of the season so far with moments of end-to-end action, City took the lead when Kevin de Bruyne capitalized on a defensive error in the 24th minute, before Bukayo Saka equalized from the penalty spot in the 42nd.

## RCB rope in Ben Sawyer as head coach for WPL

New Delhi: Royal Challengers Bangalore have named Ben Sawyer as their head coach for the inaugural season of the Women's Premier League, starting March 4. The New Zealander is currently also the coach of the national women's team and will reunite with White Ferns captain Sophie Devine, who was bought by RCB among their three signings from the marquee player set at Monday's player auction.

The ex-assistant coach of the Australian women's team, Sawyer, led Sydney Sixers to back to back WBBL titles in 2016-17 and 2017-18.

While Mike Hesson will continue in the role of

the RCB Director of Cricket, Malolan Rangarajan, who was the head of scouting, has been appointed assistant coach. Former India opener Vanitha VR, who was also a part of the scouting side, has been named the team's fielding coach while RX Murali has been roped in as the batting coach of the side for the 2023 season. "He (Ben Sawyer) has been part of Women's cricket over 20 years now, knows the cricketers thoroughly, understands the game and has been involved in our preparations right from the beginning," Hesson was quoted as saying in the club



statement. "I am really delighted to have him and he is as excited to join us. We also have Malo who has been part of our men's system and scouting team and he will bring a lot of value as Vanitha and RX Murali who have extensive experience of working in Karnataka with the women players

and are highly sought after. We have a great team of talented support staff too along with the coaching team who we want to grow and develop too," he added.

RCB earlier today also announced tennis ace and just-retired Sania Mirza as the team's mentor. In all likelihood,

Indian vice-captain Smriti Mandhana will lead the RCB side in WPL after the club shelled out a whopping INR 3.4 crore on the southpaw, making her the most expensive buy at the auction. RCB will open their campaign against Delhi capitals on March 5. The inaugural season of the WPL will be played in Mumbai - across two venues - in a double round-robin format between March 2 and 21. The top-placed team at the end of the league games will get a direct ticket to the final, on March 26, while the second and third-placed sides will fight it out in an eliminator, on March 24, for the final berth.

## Dravid confirms Shreyas Iyer's return if passed fit

New Delhi: Should his fitness assessment prove he is capable of handling the load of a Test match, Shreyas Iyer will return to the Indian eleven for the second Test against Australia in Delhi, confirmed head coach Rahul Dravid, who stressed that the performances of a player before being sidelined due to an injury are valued a lot by the team management when they look at the team composition.

Iyer has been out of action since featuring in the ODI series against Sri Lanka last month, with a back injury forcing him to miss the New Zealand series as well as the first Test in Nagpur. In his absence, Suryakumar Yadav was handed a debut but Iyer, who has now become an integral part of the Indian middle order in

Test cricket, has been cleared by the BCCI medical team and is all set to replace his Mumbai team-mate for the Delhi Test that starts on Friday.

"I'm glad that he's back and he's fit. We'll take a call after a couple of days of training. He's had a long session today, he's done some training today. We'll assess it tomorrow as well once he comes in for a light hit, and see how he feels in the evening. But certainly if he's fit and ready to go, and ready to take the load of a five-day Test match, then without doubt his performance means he'll walk straight into the side," said Dravid at the press conference on Wednesday (February 15).

"Without it being written in stone and without it being a rule, certainly we value the

contributions of people who've been there and if they've missed out due to injury then they really deserve the right to be able to come back in. If they have performed, irrespective of what has happened in the time they have been injured...it's something that I can't answer for everyone but that's certainly the outlook of the team management.

"So it'll be nice to have him back and he's certainly been one of our better players, so he deserves it. And I think people in the team understand that as well, they know that if they are replacing someone injured and if that person comes back, and he will probably come back, then the same thing will be followed for them as well. If they get injured then hopefully we'll be able to give them the same treatment as well,"



added Dravid.

Iyer, who made his Test debut against New Zealand in Kanpur in November 2021, has played seven Tests in which he has scored 624 runs, including 1 hundred and 5 fifties. While Iyer's ability to play spin well is considered a key skillset in Asian conditions, Dravid also pointed to his temperament in

handling pressure, citing the example of the Bangladesh Test in which he and Ashwin led India to victory from a precarious situation.

"Shreyas has played well against spin but what's really stood out has been his temperament," said Dravid. "We've been in quite a few pressure situations with Shreyas

around. Right from the first Test match, his debut game in Kanpur, in the last year and a half and every time we've been in some tough situations, he, Rishabh and Jadeja really have been the ones who have been bailing us out and playing those critical knocks. His temperament in Bangladesh when we

were under pressure, along with Ashwin, so I think that's something that is a really good sign.

"Obviously along with his skill of playing spin very well - he's spent a lot of time in domestic cricket before getting in, so he obviously understands, he knows how to get runs - but I think at this level also what really counts is your ability to deal with those pressure situations, the temperament, the ability to find solutions and find answers when you're under pressure, and I think from the little sample size that we have, he's been very, very good at that," said the coach.

India have a good record in Test matches in Delhi where they have been undefeated since losing to the West Indies in 1987. But Dravid isn't looking into the past

records, insisting that even the first Test is past them now and they are looking to concentrate on the present.

"After just one Test, our mindset doesn't change because we know that in one Test, you can play very well. We also know that Australia will be looking to fight, they would have learned from the Nagpur Test. They will be keen on using the learnings from the Nagpur Test. We will also look to continue the good cricket that we displayed in Nagpur. We won't go too much into history. We want to stay in the moment. By history I mean leave 1987, we are not even resting on the laurels of the Nagpur Test win. That's in the past. We have now come to Delhi. Whatever has happened has happened in Nagpur. We have to play good Test cricket here."

## West Indies announce Powell and Hope as T20I and ODI captains

New Delhi: Shai Hope and Rovman Powell have been named as West Indies' ODI and T20I captains respectively. Hope and Powell will take over from Nicholas Pooran, who resigned from his post as the limited-overs skipper after West Indies bowed out of the first round of the T20 World Cup last year. Hope and Powell will lead the West Indies in the forthcoming ODI and T20I series against South Africa, starting on March 16.

Hope was named the vice-captain of the West Indies ODI side in 2019 and was re-appointed as the vice-captain in June 2022. The top-order bat has played 104 ODIs, scoring 4308 runs at an average of 48.08. Meanwhile, Powell was the captain of Jamaica Tallawahs that won the Caribbean



Premier League last year. He also led the Jamaica Scorpions to the CG United Super50 Cup title in November. Powell has also led the West Indies in three ODIs and one T20I.

"It is a tremendous honour and privilege to be appointed captain of any West Indies team. To lead a team that is of such incredible significance not only to

myself and my teammates but to our legion of fans the world over, is something one dreams of as a child. The rich history and legacy that our region and our brand of cricket is so famous and loved for, requires no intricate explanation," said Hope.

"I would like to thank CWI for entrusting me with this

immense opportunity. To navigate West Indies cricket in the right direction will be my fundamental priority and a task that I shall be unwaveringly committed to. With the support of my teammates and our dedicated fans, I look forward to a long and fulfilling tenure as captain of the West Indies One-Day International team," he

added.

"I'm truly humbled and grateful to be given this amazing opportunity to lead the West Indies. For me, this a huge vote of confidence and I see this as the greatest honour of my career. To be asked to 'carry the flag' for the people of the Caribbean, there's no bigger role in cricket in the region - a job previously held by some of the greatest servants of West Indies cricket," Powell noted.

"I also want to thank CWI for allowing me to guide the team in the coming years as we set sights on the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, which we will be jointly hosting with the USA next year. I'm a passionate cricketer who believes in leading from the front and always giving 100 percent."

## ICC Website glitch puts India ahead of Australia in Test rankings; rectifies later

New Delhi: The International Cricket Council (ICC) seems to have done a major ranking goof-up. After officially declaring Rohit Sharma's side as No 1 across formats - Tests, ODIs and T20Is -- on Wednesday afternoon, India were back down to No 2 in Tests, with Australia at the top of the tree.

The sudden change in the ranking status has not gone down well with the officials of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and they are certainly not amused. "Either they have done a serious goof-up or they have jumped the gun and neither is amusing," said a BCCI official.

With India currently leading the four-Test series against Australia 1-0, it is almost certain that they will overtake Australia in the Test rankings but the ICC seems to have jumped the gun. As per the rankings on Wednesday



afternoon, India were at No 1 position in the Tests with a rating of 115, while Australia followed them with four points less at 111. England (106), New Zealand (100) and South Africa (85) were the next three positions.

As per the current rankings, India have unchanged rating points of 115 with Australia having 126 points. The ICC said the glitch was a technical error. "For a short period of time, a technical error meant India were erroneously

displayed as the No.1 Test team on the ICC website, which has since been corrected." Sources have said the digital team in the ICC's Dubai office may have committed the error in calculation.

India continue to remain on top in the other three two formats - ODIs and T20Is - with the Men in Blue just one point ahead of world champions England (266) in T20Is. India (114) have two points more than Australia (112) in the ODIs.