

House Begins On Stormy Note

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Budget Session of Odisha Legislative Assembly began with a stormy note on Tuesday with Opposition BJP and Congress created a ruckus in the House over Minister Naba Kisore Das's murder case and staged walk out during Governor's address. Both the opposition parties also criticised the BJD Government over the assassination of Minister in his home constituency of Jharsuguda and also on the prevailing law and order situation in the state.

As soon as the House assembled for the day, Congress Legislature Party leader Narasingha Mishra stood up and targeted the state government for "failing" to protect the life of a sitting Minister following which his party MLAs rushed to the well of the House. Alleging 'jungle raj' prevails in the State, Shri Mishra wanted to know what steps have been taken by the Government for protection of Members of the Assembly and public at large in the wake of the Minister's murder. The Opposition BJP



Members who were protesting by standing near their respective seats, later joined the Congress Members in the Well and raised anti-BJD slogans. As the Governor went on delivering his address to the House, BJP Members first

walked out of the House followed by Congress Members. "We boycott the Governor's address as he (Governor) is giving a rosy picture on the development of the state. The law and order situation has completely collapsed," said BJP

Chief Whip Mohan Majhi. Senior Congress Member Suresh Kumar Routray said outside the House: "We have no objection to the Governor. He is a good man. But, the Government narrates a wrong picture in his

mouth. Therefore, we boycott the governor's address." The saffron party legislators then staged a sit-in at the entrance of the House holding placards. Later, both the Opposition parties joined the House and participated in the obituary references passed on demise of the Minister along with two ex-MLAs, Gangadhar Das and Arjun Charan Das. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, Leader of Opposition Jaynarayan Mishra, CLP leader Narasingha Mishra and CPI(M) leader Laxman

Munda participated in the obituary reference. Speaker Bikaram Kesari Arukha announced the adjournment of the House till 10.30 AM of Wednesday as a mark of respect to the departed members of the House. Commenting on the Opposition's boycott of the Governor's address, senior BJD MLA Debi Prasad Mishra said, "The Governor is not belonging to any political party or government. He is the constitutional head of the state. It is not a good manner to boycott his address when sufficient time is there to raise

various issues in the House." Meanwhile, Naba Das's daughter Dipali Das requested all political parties not to politicise his father's murder case. "Crime Branch investigation is going on under the supervision of a retired Judge. We have faith in the Chief Minister that we will get justice," she said. Notably, the Budget session which began today will continue till April 6 in two phases. Finance Minister Niranjan Pujari will present the Annual Budget for the year 2023-24 on February 24.

Odisha emerged as one of international sports destinations: Guv

Bhubaneswar(KCN): With the setting up of high-performance centres and world-class sports infrastructure, Odisha has emerged as one of the international sports destinations, Odisha Governor Ganeshi Lal said here on Tuesday. Addressing the Odisha assembly, the Governor said Bhubaneswar was the co-host venue for FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup India, 2022. It gave a major boost to the game of football in the state. To promote football among children, over 43,000 footballs were distributed to schools across the state, he said. The state government has hosted the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup twice in a row. The last edition of the Men's Hockey World Cup which was held in both Bhubaneswar and Rourkela also saw the



construction of world's largest fully seated Birsra Munda Hockey Stadium with 20,000 seating capacity along with other infrastructural facilities within a record 15 months, Lal pointed out. To further boost infrastructure in the hockey heartland and nurture talent from the grassroot level, he said, 20 hockey training centres with synthetic turf are being constructed. "My government's effort has transformed the state's sports infrastructure to nurture champions for tomorrow and promote sports in a big way," the Governor further said.

It is heartening to see players and visitors from around the globe coming to the state to celebrate their favourite sports and make their stay in Odisha memorable with the hospitality, he added. On development of state-of-art tourism infrastructure, Lal said his government has taken up integrated master planning of 16 priority destinations. Additionally, 69 tourist destinations have also been identified in the interior parts of the state for development of scenic spots at less explored locations with focus on provision of basic

amenities and facilities, he said. He said the state government has allocated more than 5 per cent of GSDP during 2022-23 for continued thrust on creating quality infrastructure. Odisha has set up more than 5 lakh MSMEs with more than Rs 24,341 crore investment, said the Governor, adding, "Our state is now ranked No.1 with lowest unemployment rate in the country with a score of 0.9 per cent, as per the report of the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy." Besides, the state government has taken up cyclone resilient saline embankment project for raising and strengthening of 199 km of saline embankment at an estimated cost of Rs 763 crore in coastal districts of Balasore, Bhadrak, Kendrapara and Puri, he added.

MP SRIKAKULAM APPRECIATES the Dynamism of DRM WALTAIR and praises tge hard work put in by the Waltarian Officers

Vizag(KCN) : Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Srikakulam Shri K. Ramamohan Naidu unequivocally lauded the Divisional Railway Manager, Waltair Shri Anup Satpaty for his commendable performance, dedication and support in improving passenger amenities and facilities for the rail users of this region. MP Shri Ramamohan Naidu met the DRM at his office today (21.02.2023) along with his followers and constituents to discuss several issues of rail users and the ongoing developmental activities. Hon'ble MP Shri K Ramamohan Naidu along with his supporters came with number of proposals like stoppages of Gunupur train and other passenger trains at Harischandrapuram station and at many other



stations in his constituency, issue of underpass, pathway at Amudalavalasa and other locations etc. Elaborate discussions were held for various developmental activities, issues, concerns raised by Hon'ble MP. Also, the MP felicitated DRM for his relentless efforts in initiating various developmental activities in this region, resolving long standing & pending issues, spontaneous response to public demands. He was one of the public representatives

who had earlier labelled this DRM as People's DRM for his round the clock availability to solve public grievances and for showing exceptional responsiveness. Divisional Railway Manager and Branch officers of Waltair Division were moved by the Hon'ble MP's politeness, humility and smart approach characteristic of a down to earth charismatic leader. Speaking on the occasion DRM/ Waltair said that the Hon'ble MP,

always approaches with a list of realistic issues pertaining to public grievances, needs & demands and extends all possible support to the railway administration. The genuine issues raised by him during the Divisional Committee meeting held recently, stand mostly addressed. Other issues which are to be dealt at higher levels are also expected to be taken up at the appropriate levels, DRM said. The meeting was cordial and productive for both sides.

Govt Extends Support to Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation's Child Marriage Free India Campaign run Will Make Child Marriage History: Smriti Irani

New Delhi(KCN) : A National Consultation on Child Marriage Free India was organized by the Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation at the Constitution Club of India in the national capital of Delhi. Union Minister for Women and Child Development & Minority Affairs, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani was the Chief Guest at the event while Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi presided over the event. Social evil like child marriage has been prevalent in our society for centuries. Serious discussions took place in the program regarding the steps to be taken to make India child marriage free.

Chairperson of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) and Chairpersons of State Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCRs) of 14 states and their representatives and more than 100 voluntary organizations took part in this Consultation. In this program, a special action plan was also made to stop child marriages in districts where it is most prevalent. Shri Kailash Satyarthi had launched the Child Marriage Free India Campaign on 16th October last year, with the aim of eradicating Child Marriage in the country by 2030. It is the world's largest grassroots movement

against child marriage till date. The campaign was the result of the clarion call given by Shri Satyarthi to initiate collective action against the social evil of child marriage. The highlight of the launch of Child Marriage Free India Campaign was that it was led by more than 75,000 grass-root women leaders across 10,000 villages representing 26 States of the country. The goal of Child Marriage Free India Campaign is to reduce child marriages from 23.3% to 10% by the year 2025. Extending Centre's support to Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation's Child Marriage Free India campaign, Union Minister Smriti Irani said, "Child marriage is



a crime and we have to end it completely. We will make child marriage a history. We should aim to bring it down from 23 percent to zero percent. The government is committed to this." Referring to the efforts of Shri Kailash Satyarthi in the fight against child marriage, she said, "He is a grassroots person.

During Covid-19 Satyarthi ji worked closely with the government for the welfare of orphaned children. When the government was trying to search and rehabilitate such children, Kailash Satyarthi found many such children. Law is doing its job to stop child marriage, but people

have to come along with the government for this. Men also have to be brought together in the fight against child marriage. To weed out social evil like child marriage from India, Government, all voluntary organizations and people have to work unitedly and cohesively. We have to create more people like Kailash Satyarthi so that we can speed up our efforts for eradication of this social evil." The program was inaugurated by lighting the lamp by girls running awareness campaign against child marriage themselves. These girls have not only stopped their own child marriage but also of others. Expressing happiness over this, Union Minister

Smriti Irani further said that, "Usually a minister and Nobel Laureate would light the lamp and inaugurate the event. But here it is heartening to see the girls lighting the lamp themselves. This shows how serious Kailash Satyarthi is towards the children." On this occasion, appealing to the august gathering including Chairpersons and Members of Child Rights Protection Commissions from all over the country, and voluntary organizations, Kailash Satyarthi said, "Child marriage is a cruel attack on human freedom, dignity, social morality, equality and inclusiveness. We as a country need to take proactive steps to provide victims with

financial assistance, legal support and rehabilitation. We demand from the government and all political parties to promote education of children, especially girls, by increasing the age limit of compulsory free education to 18 years." Kailash Satyarthi further added, "We consider child marriage as a social evil and legal crime. In the country there are more than 23 percent women of the age group 20 to 24 years who got married before the age of 18 years due to Child Marriages. We aim to reduce the same to 10 per cent by the year 2025 and to make India child marriage free by 2030."

NIA busts multi-state terrorists-gangsters-drug smugglers nexus

Raids conducted at 76 locations in 8 states including Punjab, Rajasthan, UP, MP, Haryana & Delhi

New Delhi (KCN) :In a major crackdown on gangsters, working in tandem with terrorist groups and drug smugglers based in foreign countries including Pakistan and Canada, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) conducted raids at 76 locations across 8 states on Tuesday and seized a large cache of arms and ammunition and cash to tune of Rs 2.3 crores.

Three cases have been registered by the NIA since August 2022 and several people, including some

Kabbadi players, have been identified and booked for their alleged involvement in terror and other criminal activities, including targeted hits and extortions from leading businessmen and professionals. Incidentally, the investigations have revealed that conspiracies for several such crimes, including the sensational killing of Maharashtra builder, Sanjay Biyani, and Sandeep Nangal Ambia, an international Kabbadi organizer, in Punjab

last year, were being hatched in jails of different states and were being executed by an organized network of operatives based abroad.

Tuesday's raids, the fifth in the series of such crackdowns, were conducted in Punjab, Delhi, Haryana, UP, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. These raids, focused on arms suppliers and hawala operators working with these gangs, led to the recovery of 9 illegal weapons, including pistols, revolvers and rifles, and Rs 1.5 crores



in cash. Incriminating material, including documents, hard drives and mobile phones, were also seized.

The raids were conducted at 76 locations in Abohar,

Bhatinda, Muktsar Sahab, Moga, Fazilka, Ludhiana, Mohali, Ferozpur, Tam Taran, Ludhiana, Faridkot, Sangrur and Jalandhar Districts of Punjab; Gurugram, Yamuna Nagar, Rohtak,

Mahendragarh, Sirsa and Jhajjar districts of Haryana; Sri Ganga Nagar, Sikar, Jodhpur and Jaipur districts of Rajasthan; Baghpat, Bareilly, Pratapgarh, Bulanshehar, Lucknow and Pilibhit of Uttar Pradesh; Ujjain and Ratlam districts of Madhya Pradesh; Byculla in Mumbai; Gandhidham in Gujarat; and Dwarka, Central and Outer North Districts of Delhi/ NCR.

Searches were conducted at the premises of Lakhvir Singh of Gidderbaha at

Muktsar, Naresh at Abohar, Surender @ Cheeku at Narnaul in Haryana, Kaushal Choudhary and Amit Dagar at Gurugram and Sunil Rathi at Bagpat, UP. Some hawala operators, kabaddi players, weapon suppliers, gun houses, businessmen and their alleged financiers, were also raided.

The investigations have revealed that many criminals, who were leading gangsters in India, had fled to countries like Pakistan, Canada,

Malaysia and Australia and were planning their crimes from there in association with criminals lodged in jails in different states. These groups were carrying out targeted killings and raising funds for their nefarious activities through smuggling of drugs and weapons, hawala and extortions.

Further investigations are on to dismantle such terror networks and their funding and support infrastructure.

Mercury touches 37.6 degrees Celsius in Bhubaneswar: IMD

Bhubaneswar: It seems that summer has already arrived in Odisha in the month of February. This was evident after the state capital Bhubaneswar recorded the highest maximum temperature of the year in the State. Uma Shankar Das, scientist at India Meteorological Department's (IMD) Regional Centre tweeted that Bhubaneswar recorded a maximum temperature of 37.6 degrees Celsius by



2:30 pm on Tuesday. It is pertinent to mention here that not only Bhubaneswar, several places in Odisha have been witnessing sudden rise in the maximum temperature in the past few days. Earlier

Malkangiri had recorded the maximum temperature of 36 degrees on Monday. As per IMD, there will be no large change in the minimum temperature (night temperature) over the districts of Odisha

during the next five days.

IMD Bhubaneswar director, HR Biswas today informed that Phulbani recorded the lowest minimum temperature of 12 degrees Celsius in the past 24 hours. The maximum temperature in the twin cities of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar is likely to remain between 35 to 36 degrees Celsius in the next five days, tweeted IMD Bhubaneswar.

My family is disturbed, don't politicise my father's death: Naba Das' daughter Dipali

Bhubaneswar: Amid the ongoing slugfest between the ruling BJD and Opposition over the daylight assassination of Minister Naba Das, daughter of the deceased minister, Dipali, on Tuesday urged all not to politicise the matter. Speaking to the media, the daughter of the slain minister said, "We have never thought that something like this will happen. My family is really disturbed. So, I request everyone not politicise the matter as it



is a very sensitive case. Asked about the progress in the probe, she said, "The Crime Branch is probing the case under the supervision of an able judge. I cannot comment on the investigation as the probe is yet to be completed. But, we have faith in CM Naveen Patnaik and are hopeful of getting justice." "I extend my gratitude to

entire Odisha for supporting my family during the tragic time. After my father's demise, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has also stood by my family. I am also obliged for the sympathy of Jharsuguda residents, BJD leaders and other political parties," she added.

When asked if she will step into politics, she said I cannot comment anything on it right now. "I cannot comment on this. But, we will respect whatever decision CM

Naveen will take," she stated.

Notably, the Opposition and the ruling BJD are at loggerheads over the killing of minister Naba Das. While the Opposition has been targeting the Naveen Patnaik-led BJD government for alleged deterioration of the law and order situation in the State and demanding CBI and SIT probe, the ruling BJD has accused the BJP and Congress of politicising the matter.

Like Raghuvir Sarkar, Hemant Soren is also doing the work of suppressing the movements by lathicharge which will not be tolerated

Ranchi (KCN): Like Raghuvir Sarkar, Hemant Soren is also doing the work of suppressing the movements by lathicharge which will not be tolerated.



The above things were said by Vijay Shankar Nayak, the Central Vice President of Adivasi Moolvasi Janadhikar Manch and former candidate of Kanke Vidhansabha constituency. He also said that Panchayat Sachivalaya Swayamsevak Sangh sitting peacefully in dharna near Raj Bhavan was brutally lathi-charged by the policemen and other women were also

beaten after running, due to which men as well as women were badly injured, which is auspicious for a healthy democracy. It is not .

Mr. Nayak further said that in the past, during the tenure of Raghuvir Das, the head of the BJP government and co-chief minister, lathi charge and firing was done to suppress the movements against the government, this

government is also working on the path shown by the BJP. Mr. Nayak told the government in clear words that if the government's attitude continues to be oppressive like this, then the way the anti-people government of the previous Raghuvir government was thrown out of power by the people in a democratic way, in the same way the public will not hold back from uprooting the Hemant government. Will be removed He demanded from the Hemant government that action should be taken against the culprits by identifying the police

with outsider mentality who are defaming the government by conspiring to destabilize the government so that the forces that defame the government can be curbed and peaceful movements can be started. But unnecessarily lathi charge can be stopped. Panchayat secretariat volunteers who have suffered serious injuries should not be neglected in their treatment and the government should consider sympathetically to fulfill their legitimate demands.

Man dies after being hit by BDO's vehicle in Odisha

Paralakhemundi: A 50-year-old man died after the two-wheeler he was riding was allegedly hit by Mohana BDO's vehicle near Podani chhak in Jajpur village under Paralakhemundi police limits of Gajapati district on Tuesday.

The deceased has been identified as T

Prabhakar who hailed from Satamail village in the vicinity.

While the police have seized the vehicle and detained the driver, tension prevailed at the spot after the BDO, who was inside the vehicle at the time of mishap, allegedly did not stop and fled from the spot.

The police reached the spot after getting information from the locals and pacified them.

"Mohana BDO's vehicle was involved in an accident while he was returning to Paralakhemundi this morning. The bike-rider died on the spot. We have shifted the body to the hospital

and seized the vehicle and detained the driver," said IIC of Paralakhemundi Police Station, Bibekananda Swain.

"Though the vehicle had fled the spot after hitting the bike, we seized it afterwards," he added. The police have launched a probe into the case.

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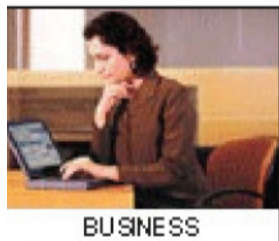
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Dadasaheb Phalke Awards 2023: Alia Bhatt wins Best Actress as Gangubai, Ranbir Kapoor Bags for Brahmastra

Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor swept the Dadasaheb Phalke International film festival awards 2023, held at a five-star hotel in Mumbai on Monday. Alia won the best actress award for portraying the iconic character Gangubai in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's 'Gangubai Kathiawadi', while Ranbir was named the best actor for 'Brahmastra'.

Ranbir was not present at the occasion. Alia received the award on his behalf. Varun Dhawan won the Critics best actor award for 'Bhediya'. Vivek Agnihotri's 'The Kashmir Files' was awarded the Best film award. For this film, Anupam Kher received the award of most versatile actor of the year.

It's a proud moment



for Neetu Kapoor as two awards came to her home. Taking to Instagram, Neetu shared the screenshot of recipients on her story.

Anupam Kher posted a long note saying, "Thank you #DadasahebPhalkeAward for honouring me with the #MostVersatileActor of the year award for #TheKashmirFiles #Kartikeya2 &

#Uunchai. I dedicate this award to my audiences who have loved me for the last 38 years. I will continue to dream and work hard. Also proud that #TheKashmirFiles got the #BestFilmAward. Jai Ho!"

As per their official website, the festival celebrates the brilliance of the Indian film industry by making an effort to acknowledge

and aid nascent projects by bringing them to mainstream audiences. Other celebs present at the event included Varun Dhawan, Ronit Roy, Shreyas Talpade, R Balki, Sahil Khan, Natalia Barulich, Jayantilal Gada, Sachet, Parampara, Vivek Agnihotri, Rishab Shetty and Hariharan among others.

Here is the complete

- list of the winners:
Best Film: The Kashmir Files
Best Director: R Balki for Chup: Revenge of The Artist
Best Actor: Ranbir Kapoor for Brahmastra: Part 1
Best Actress: Alia Bhatt for Gangubai Kathiawadi
Most Promising Actor: Rishab Shetty for Kantara
Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2023 for Outstanding Contribution In The Film Industry: Rekha
Best Web Series: Rudra: The Edge of Darkness
Critics Best Actor: Varun Dhawan for Bhediya
Film of The Year: RRR
Television Series of The Year: Anupamaa

High Court Bans the Release of Hansal Mehta's 'Faraaz' in Bangladesh

The Bangladesh High Court on Monday banned the promotion and screening of "Faraaz", a film directed by Indian filmmaker Hansal Mehta, in the country's cinema halls and online platforms.

Based on the real-life terrorist attack that ravaged a Dhaka cafe in 2016, 'Faraaz' is a hostage drama starring Juhi Babbar, Aamir Ali, Zahan Kapoor and Aditya Rawal, among others. After hearing a writ petition, the high court bench of justices Md Khasruzzaman and Md Iqbal Kabir delivered the order to ban the screening of the film in Bangladesh.

The writ petition was



filed by Ruba Ahmed, the mother of Abinta Kabir who was killed by militants in the attack on the Holey Artisan cafe on July 1, 2016. The Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has been made the defendant in

the writ petition. The film is yet to be approved by the Bangladesh Film Censor Board.

On January 19, Ruba Ahmed had raised the same demand to stall the release of the film in Bangladesh claiming

that it could tarnish the reputation of Bangladesh. Later, the petitioner's lawyer, Ahsanul Karim said the petition was filed to stop projecting the film on cinema halls in Bangladesh as well as on online platforms, Dhaka

Tribune reported. "The footage in the movie shows two militants talking, one of whom was or is in a relation with Abinta. Her dress up was shown in such a way that educated families in our civilised society would never wear. The character of the girl was degraded in the movie," said Karim, according to Dhaka Tribune. "Also, the movie showed the failure of the law enforcement officers which poses serious questions about our sovereignty. For these reasons, this movie should not be shown on any platform in Bangladesh," Karim added.

Shah Rukh Khan Reveals why his Next is Called 'Jawan' and it is Hilarious

After his action entertainer 'Pathaan' turned out to be a blockbuster, superstar Shah Rukh Khan is gearing up for his next 'Jawan'. He gave a hilarious reason behind the title of his upcoming movie, directed by Atlee.

On Monday, SRK treated his fans with a question-and-answer session. A user said that an FIR should be filed against the star for saying that he is 57-years-old. The fan also shared a picture of the actor flaunting his well-chiseled body.

To which, SRK replied: "Please mat karo yaar. Theek hai main hi maan jaata hoon I am 30 years old. There I have now told you the truth..and that's why, even my next film is called



Jawan."

A fan asked him about his book, he replied: "Not yet but after I finish final shoot of Jawan and Dunki I will get back to it."

A netizen wanted the key to a happy married life from the superstar.

"Gauri has the most simple heart and mind. She has just kept us all

believing in the goodness of family and love," said Shah Rukh.

One asked about what keeps him occupied when he does "absolutely doing."

"Yes, I spend a lot of time doing nothing...it clears the mind for things that I need to do later. "Jo kuch nah karte woh kamaal karte hain."

Cancer survivor Chhavi Mittal shares she is getting 'tired of the pain in her stitches'

Chhavi Mittal is inspiring women each day with her cancer recovery story. The actress, who underwent breast cancer surgery last month, has shared how she is dealing with the painful healing procedure.

In her latest social media post, Chhavi shared a series of pictures along with a



note wherein she updated fans about her current recovery stage. The actress shared how she is dealing with the sickness and pain while doing what she loves the most, gymming. She further added how she manages to feel great even about the most painful and sick days.

In her note, Chhavi wrote, "Yesterday was a not-so-good day. I had slight fever, throat ache, body ache and I basically realised yet again that more than "being" sick I hate "feeling" sick. So I got up, went to the gym, came back, finished writing a script, went to see one of my cancer surgeons.. who told me healing is happening just the way it should.. and I felt awesome about my day! I'm just getting a little tired of the pain in one of the stitches and wish that it went away soon.. the doc said, the more I improve my mobility, the faster the pain will go.... So here I am putting pepper on my physiotherapy.... Phew! Chhavi, this too shall pass

Chhavi revealed how she managed to make her kids understand about her situation. The actress added that she didn't want her daughter to see her in pain. Talking about how she broke it to her daughter, Chhavi said, "I sat her down and told her that I am very unwell. She looked at me quizzically and wanted to know what it was. I told her it's a problem and I am going to fix it. I added that if I am not here for a few days, then she should not worry as nani (maternal grandmother) would be coming down and staying with her. She knows about cancer as I had lost my Nani to esophageal cancer. She turned around and said, 'Mummy, is it that?' I said, 'Yes'. And, she started crying."

Disability-inclusive business models for an enabling environment



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I have led many groups of visitors to our "chocolate factory" run entirely by persons with disabilities. The expressions of awe and amazement on the faces of my guests never fail to warm my heart. Enter our training centre for chocolate making and you will see to your left, visually impaired staff, meticulously wrapping chocolate bars with high precision, due to their heightened sense of touch and space. Turn to your right and you will see hearing impaired employees, stirring and pouring different chocolate mixtures into chocolate molds, monitoring these molds while they bake in the oven, and then taking them out of the oven for further processing. Every time I observe them busy at work while explaining to my guests the different steps involved in chocolate making, I always feel proud, not only of their achievements but also how they continue to inspire others. Every branch of 60+ Plus Bakery and Café was established with the aim to provide a space for training persons with disabilities, and to serve as a model for coffee shops, or restaurants, successfully run by persons with disabilities.

Over the years, I have seen the power and impact of coming together to create opportunities for people in society – opportunities that allow everyone to realize their full potential, and to be able to live independently with dignity. This is our aspiration at the Asia-Pacific Development Centre on Disability (APCD) when we design training courses and brainstorm career opportunities for persons with disabilities, mostly persons who are visually or hearing impaired, and autistic people. We have demonstrated that they are fully capable to contribute to the food business with our 60+ Plus Bakery and Café

staffed and run entirely by such persons. The Café in particular, together with our "chocolate factory," is a success story that I am always pleased to share with others and one that I have been personally committed to.

60+ Plus Bakery and Café by Yamazaki is a collaborative project between the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security of Thailand, the Embassy of Japan, Thai-Yamazaki Co. Ltd, and APCD. It is a project under the royal patronage of HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, established to commemorate HRH's 60th birthday anniversary in 2015. In a very short time after its establishment and due to its immense success, the Café has expanded to include a branch at the Royal Government House and a restaurant run and serviced entirely by persons with disabilities.

Most recently in 2019, we had the honour to produce chocolate for world leaders during Thailand's ASEAN Chairmanship that year and Thailand's APEC Host Economy Year in 2022. It was a special opportunity to showcase the potential and talent of persons with

disabilities to policy makers worldwide and a great source of pride for the men and women behind 60 Plus Café. My only hope is that with each new project and activity, their work will continue to inspire others to see beyond our limitations and to contribute whatever they can to society.

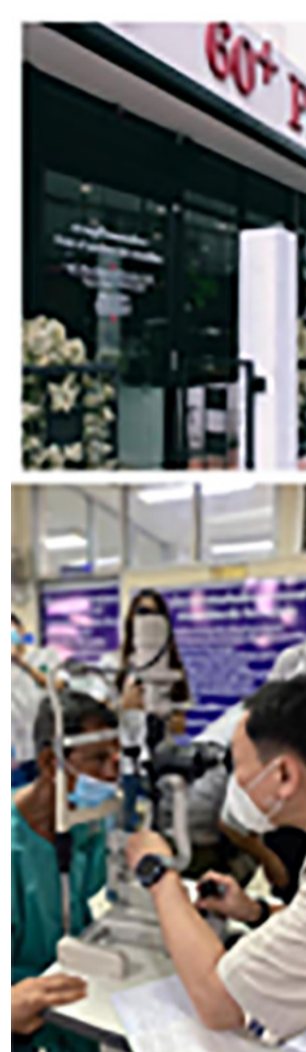
The Importance of a Disability Enabling and Disability Inclusive Future

As a regional development centre on disability, we strive to communicate the importance and necessity of working towards a disability enabling and disability inclusive future.

Since the 1970s, it was estimated that 10% of the world's population was disabled. Some 40 years later in 2011, a first-ever joint report on disability produced by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Bank (WB) put that number at 15%, or approximately one

billion people who were living with some form of disability. By the end of 2022, this figure had increased to 1.3 billion. In Thailand currently, 3.19% of the population, or roughly 2.1 million people, live with some form of disability.

One conclusion that can be drawn from these statistics is that disability is a fact and reality of life. Whether due to an increase in chronic diseases or ageing populations or sadly, war and conflict, disability is not something we can 'eradicate'. Another conclusion is that the



percentage of persons living with some forms of disability is not small and rather a number that must prompt us to action.

And this action must come from having the right attitudes towards and understanding of persons with disabilities. We must continue to find ways to enable and empower persons with disabilities, to live independently and contribute to their communities. This is valuable not only for the disabled population themselves, but for society as a whole, in reducing inequalities that prevent us from reaching our full potential.

Thailand's Journey in Creating an Enabling Environment: From Social Welfare to Development Cooperation

In Thailand, work on creating an enabling environment for persons with

disabilities started well before 2015 and the establishment of the 60+ Plus Bakery and Café by Yamazaki. In fact, it began in earnest decades ago in 1954, when the Foundation for the Welfare of the Disabled was established under the royal patronage of HRH the Princess Mother (HRH Princess Somdet Phra Srinakarintra Boromarajajonani). This was soon followed in 1961 by the

establishment of a service center dedicated for children and a school for



disabled people, "SriSangwan School".

Over the following decades, an expanding network of foundations and organizations with missions to support people with disabilities were either set up or came under royal patronage in Thailand. The Foundation for the Blind and the Foundation for the Deaf in Thailand came under the royal patronage of the HM Queen Sirikit in 1959 and 1964 respectively, the Christian Foundation for the Blind received patronage by HM King Bhumibol in 1978, and the Thailand-Caulfield Foundation for the Blind (TCFB) came under the patronage of HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn in 1980.

In my opinion, what was so distinct and pivotal about the royal patronage behind these foundations was that it gave these organizations much-

needed publicity and support, improving access to critical funding and collaboration with other agencies. This, in turn improved 'access' for people with disabilities to public infrastructure and social services. It was the spark that ignited the engine behind a robust machinery that moved vital work forward in this area.

As these foundations became more established in providing support to the disabled population in Thailand, some even extended outreach to



other countries, especially developing countries in Africa and the South Pacific – adding positive momentum to Thailand's development cooperation. Deserving particular mention is the Prosthesis Foundation of HRH the Princess Mother. Set up officially in 1992, it initially worked with the Princess Mother's Medical Volunteers (PMMV), whose mobile units of doctors and nurses have been in operation since 1969 to reach out to the sick and disabled in remote areas. From the outset, the Foundation focused on using locally-sourced materials for the production of prosthetic legs to reduce costs, based on the principle of self-sufficiency. Over the years and through the support and status lent by the royal patronage, the Foundation was able to collaborate widely with academia

and the private sector in the comprehensive production, design, distribution and practical application of these artificial devices. Towards Sustainable Development through Training and Knowledge Sharing

In 2007, the Prosthesis Foundation started projects with community hospitals to offer all-in-one service for prosthetics wearers, including repairs, refitting of spare parts and training for prosthetics production. It was at this point that the knowledge-sharing

the Foundation of HRH the Princess Mother, donated one hundred artificial limbs to victims of the collapse of the Rana Plaza building in Dhaka, which housed five garment factories. Its collapse on 24 April 2013 killed at least 1,132 people and injured more than 2,500 workers. Our donation of artificial limbs from Thailand gave these workers in Bangladesh a new life and hope.

In Africa, the Royal Thai Embassy in Dakar, in collaboration with TICA, extended the expertise of the Prosthesis Foundation to Burundi and Senegal by creating regular exchanges, and providing training on the production and management of prosthetics-related services. This collaboration also served to boost bilateral relations, with Thailand helping to set up a prostheses centre at a military hospital in Dakar. Officials from Senegal and Burundi also visited Thailand for study visits and further training.

In 2016, the Prosthesis Foundation found exciting new collaborators. This time they were leading companies in the fields of material science and design. Dow Thailand Group, SCG Chemicals and Rubber Soul Company added innovative value by providing specialty urethane, polypropylene, elastomers and ergonomic design for better comfort and durability.

The Foundation had indeed come a long way – from gaining royal patronage to assist the disabled in Thailand's remote countryside, to offering comprehensive learning support to communities and villages in other countries.

Institutionalising Disability Inclusiveness

Efforts to improve the welfare of people with disabilities require constant attention and commitment. There is a need for an established infrastructure of public agencies, foundations, and private sector collaboration to sustain projects. And

this collaboration, as we have seen in this space, does not need to be limited domestically. Rooted in the philosophy of self-sufficiency and the principle of sustainable development, the various Foundations in Thailand whose missions are to empower people with disabilities are now all operating with a vision towards self-reliance, holistic learning, and partnership with the private sector on disability-inclusive businesses, as well as development cooperation with other countries.

We have to recognize that disability, after all, is not inability. Rather, persons with disabilities are differently abled with their own set of unique strengths. They can be empowered through inclusive policies and society will benefit as a result.

Let me end here with a favorite quote of mine, that I always come back to, from the Late King Bhumibol the Great, which he uttered in his remarks at the Foundation for the Welfare of the Disabled under the Royal Patronage of HRH the Princess Mother on 22 March 1984: "Helping people with disabilities is a very important task...because they did not wish to be disabled, but would rather be able to help themselves... So, it is our task, our responsibility to ensure our policies enable them to help themselves, so that they can contribute to society".

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PM interacting with NDRF personnel involved in 'Operation Dost' in Türkiye and Syria, in New Delhi

Land "Sinking" In Jammu And Kashmir's Ramban, 16 Houses Hit

Srinagar: More residential houses and power transmission towers were damaged due to "sinking" of land in the hilly Duksar Dalwa village in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district, officials said on Monday.

The land sinking in the village started on Friday and so far 16 houses have been damaged, with three of them developing cracks on the intervening night of Sunday and Monday. The electricity supply



to a dozen panchayats in Gool was snapped following damage to the 33-kV power transmission line passing through the village. Officials say a team of experts from Geological survey of

India will be visiting the village tomorrow to ascertain the cause behind sinking. Officials say the affected families have been relocated to safer locations. Early this month, 20 residential houses were

demanded in Tantri town of Doda district after land subsidence. Meanwhile, several houses and shops were damaged and Srinagar-Sonmarg road was blocked due to a landslide at Gund area in Ganderbal district of Jammu and Kashmir. Locals say a large number of livestock had also come under the landslide yesterday evening. The affected families blame the construction work for a tunnel in the area which has caused loosening of soil and landslide in the village.

Strict Order of Hon'ble Supreme Court to Odisha Govt In case of recruitment of special educators, to file affidavit within two weeks



New Delhi: Hon'ble Supreme Court in a public hearing case W.P. (C) 132; 2016 on 28/10/2021 passed a judgment ordering the appointment of one special teacher in each general government school in each state and union territory. But unfortunately the government has not yet appointed any special teacher. Again the Hon'ble Supreme Court heard this case on 21.07.2022 and ordered that one special teacher for every 10 Differently abled students in primary schools and 15 Differently abled students in higher primary, secondary and higher secondary schools. It has decided to appoint a special teacher and if there is even one disabled child in a school then a special teacher is mandatory. The Ministry of Education of the

Central Government has also amended the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009 (RTE Act 2009). According to this law, the ratio of one special teacher for every 10 Differently abled students from first to fifth class and one special teacher for every 15 Differently abled students from sixth to eighth class has been made mandatory. It is mandatory to have at least one special teacher in a school but the government has not taken any action in the recruitment process, whereby a Concept Petition (Civil) 591/2022 was filed on 25 August 2022. Today i.e 15/02/2023, the bench of Honorable Justice Dinesh Maheshwari and Justice Sanjay Kumar of the Supreme Court heard the above contempt of court case for 25 minutes and expressed great displeasure. and

number of children with special needs in all states, number of registered special teachers, number of vacant posts, number of contract teachers and number of temporary teachers actually working/number of special teachers, filling up the posts as per the prescribed time limit and as per orders dated 28 October 2021 and 02 May 2022. The proposal to fill the post has been asked to be prepared and an affidavit submitted within two weeks. The Odisha Special Educator Federation for Divyang (OSEFD), an association always striving for the development of education CWSN students, has claimed that if the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court is complied with, around six thousand aspiring special teachers of Odisha will benefit from recruitment.

"Indira Gandhi Removed My Father As Union Secretary": S Jaishankar

New Delhi: Noting that he belongs to a family of bureaucrats and that the political opportunity as a union minister came as a bolt from the blue in 2019, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar today said that his father Dr K Subrahmanyam was removed as Secretary, Defence Production, by former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi soon after she came back to power in 1980 and he was superseded during the Rajiv Gandhi period with someone junior to him becoming the Cabinet Secretary. In an interview with ANI, Mr Jaishankar talked about his journey from foreign service to politics and said he had always aspired to be the best officer and get elevated to the post of Foreign Secretary. Mr Jaishankar was Foreign Secretary from January 2015 to January 2018 and earlier served in key ambassadorial positions including in China and the United States. His father K Subrahmanyam, who passed away in 2011, is regarded as one of India's most prominent national security strategists. "I wanted to be the best foreign service officer.



And to my mind, the definition of the best that you could do was to end up as a foreign secretary. In our household, there was also, I won't call it pressure, but we were all conscious of the fact that my father, who was a bureaucrat, had become a Secretary but he was removed from his secretary-ship. He became, at that time, probably the youngest Secretary in the Janata government in 1979," he said. "In 1980, he was Secretary, Defence Production. In 1980 when Indira Gandhi was re-elected, he was the first Secretary that she removed. And he was the most knowledgeable person everybody would say on defence," he added. Mr Jaishankar said his father was also a very upright person, "may be that caused the

problem, I don't know". "But the fact was that as a person he saw his own career in bureaucracy, actually kind of stalled. And after that, he never became a Secretary again. He was superseded during the Rajiv Gandhi period for somebody junior to him who became a cabinet secretary. It was something he felt...we rarely spoke about it. So he was very, very proud when my elder brother became secretary," said Dr Jaishankar. He said he became a Secretary to the government after his father passed away. "He passed away in 2011, at that time, I had got what you would call Grade 1 which is like a secretarylike an ambassador. I did not become secretary, I became that after he passed away. For us, at

that time the goal was to become secretary. As I said I had achieved that goal. In 2018, I was kind of very happy to walk away into the sunset...but, I ended up walking not into the sunset but into Tata Sons! I was contributing my fair bit there. I liked them, I think they liked me. Then completely as a bolt out of the blue, the political opportunity came. Now the political opportunity for me was something I needed to think about because I was simply not prepared for it....So I did reflect on it briefly...." said Mr Jaishankar when he was asked about his journey from a bureaucrat to a cabinet minister. Reflecting on the phone call from the Prime Minister inviting him to be part of the 2019 Narendra Modi-led cabinet, Mr Jaishankar said that it did come as

a surprise. "It had not crossed my mind, I don't think it had crossed the mind of anybody else in my circle," he said referring to his induction in the union cabinet. "Once I entered, I must say in all honesty I myself was very unsure. I had watched politicians all my life. One of the things you get to do in foreign service by the way is you actually perhaps much more than the other services is, you see politicians up close because you see them abroad, you are kind of working with them closely, counselling them. So, it's one thing to watch but to actually join politics, to become a cabinet member, to stand for Rajya Sabha, you know when I was selected, I was not even a member of Parliament. So each of these things happened one by one. I slid into it, sometimes without knowing it. You learn by watching others," he added. Mr Jaishankar, who joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1977, said he looks "very carefully at what people are doing both in my party and other parties". He is a BJP member in Rajya Sabha from Gujarat.

US Congressional delegation of nine Senators led by Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer calls on honourable PM Modi

New Delhi: PM recalls his recent phone call with President Biden and the shared vision of the two leaders for further elevating India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership. PM and the US delegation recognize shared democratic values, robust bilateral cooperation, strong people-to-people ties and vibrant Indian community in the US as strong pillars

anchoring the bilateral strategic partnership. PM discusses with the US delegation new opportunities for consolidating the India-US ties. A US Congressional delegation of nine Senators led by Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer called on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today. The delegation included Senator Ron Wyden, Senator Jack Reed,

Senator Maria Cantwell, Senator Amy Klobuchar, Senator Mark Warner, Senator Gary Peters, Senator Catherine Cortez Masto and Senator Peter Welch. Prime Minister welcomed the Congressional delegation to India and appreciated the consistent and bipartisan support of the US Congress for deepening India-US bilateral ties. Prime



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More Teachers For HE

Bhubaneswar: As many as 914 Asst professors and lecturers today joined various colleges in the state. While 321 Lecturers joined the Teachers Training Colleges, 126 Lecturers joined in Government Colleges and 467 numbers of Lecturers joined in various Aided Non-Government Colleges. An orientation program for the new college teachers were organized at the state convention centre in Lok Seva Bhawan.

Joining the program on virtual platform, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik called upon the lecturers to broaden the sphere of knowledge of students. He said, "I would expect all of you to commit yourselves to our education system, inspire the students, help them broaden their sphere of knowledge, and make them ready to plunge into the new world with confidence."

He further said, "This is the age of technology. I expect you to use technology in education so that the students can have access to knowledge from all over the globe. Students should be encouraged to take up research work, and understand the transformation that is happening all around us. We also need more of our students to come out successful in all India competitive examinations. I think you can play a bigger role in preparing our students for a better future."

Congratulating the newly recruited College, the CM said, "All of you must have achieved brilliant success in your educational career before reaching here. Now, the future of our youngsters is in your hands."

He said in the last two years, a record number of college teachers have been recruited in both Government and Aided Non-Government Colleges across the State. He expressed confidence that the effort will result in improving the quality of education in the State. Inspiring the lecturers, the CM said that they are entrusted with a great responsibility of intellectual development and character building for the new generation. He called upon them to carry out this responsibility with a pledge of Nation building. Many transformations have been successfully effected in the State's Higher Education system which has made it more meaningful in serving the cause of knowledge acquiring process, he added.

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Adivasi Mela Open



Bhubaneswar: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the Adivasi Mela and Sanskritika Utsav-2023 this evening. This Festival will continue till 1 March. On this occasion Jagannath Saraka, Minister, ST & SC Development and Law, Pradeep Majhi, Advisor, Special Development Council, Mayor, BMC, Sulochana Das, Chief Advisor to CM R. Balkrishnan and Secretary to CM, V K Pandian graced the occasion. STSC Department Roopa Roshan Sahoo, Director, SCSTRIT and Member Secretary, ATLC Indramani Tripathy, Program Director, OPELIP P Arthanaree and others were present on the occasion. Chief Minister visited

the Art and Craft Sector of Adivasi Mela on the occasion. To propagate art, culture and tradition of Adivasi (ST) and to market their authentic tribal products have been the sole purpose of Adivasi Mela. This year Adivasi Mela will continue for a period of ten days till 1 March. The primary attraction of Adivasi Mela this year is 121 stalls in total will sell and display authentic products. Ten PVTG houses have been constructed. These will make the visitors enjoy tribal atmosphere of remote parts of the State. These houses have thatched and tile roofs while the wall has been painted with jhoti. Banana trees with bunch of plantains in the house compounds and hanging of large pumpkins and goats from roofs have added to the attraction.

Tradition and development is being reflected in the models of the house. In the Adivasi Haat various tribal and forest products are available for sale. Women SHG of ITDA and Micro Projects are selling their products made by them and produced in the forest. Tribal women in 62 ITDA stalls are selling the product collected and produced by them. 17 stalls of micro projects have been allotted to SHG women. Apart from that TDCC, OFSDS, Mission Shakti, ORMAS, Millet Mission, Handlooms, Textiles and Handicrafts Department, Planning and Convergence Department are selling and displaying their products in 23 stalls. There will be cultural program and tribal dance during the exhibition in

every evening. It is worthy to mention that every year 8 to 10 lakh visitors visit Adivasi Mela and there is business turnover of 5 to 6 Crores. Bhubaneswar and its adjoining areas and from people of neighboring States also visit the mela. They purchase necessary food items and forest products like turmeric, millet, mung, black gram, corn, Basmati rice, honey, broom stick, palua etc for one year. All necessary Police and security arrangements have been made in the Adivasi Mela. Close CCTV have been installed in the Mela premises. It is being monitored by control room and main control room. To make people alert on Corona there is awareness message displayed. There is Fast Aid Camp, Temporary Fire Brigade and Electricity Control Room etc.. In various sectors of the Mela there is provision of Fire Extinguisher. Necessary steps have been made to visit and purchase the products as well as to enjoy the cultural programs.

Naba Das murder case: LoP suspects involvement of 5T secy VK Pandian, MLA Pranab Prakash Das

Bhubaneswar(KCN):The Leader of Opposition (LoP) Jayanarayan Mishra on Tuesday took everybody by surprise by making explosive statements in connection with the brutal assassination of Odisha Health Minister Naba Kishore Das. While staging a demonstration on the Odisha Assembly premises on the first day of the budget session, Mishra claimed that the health minister's killing was 'government-sponsored' and suspected the involvement of 5T Secretary VK Pandian



and Jajpur MLA Pranab Prakash Das in the crime. "What were the conversations between the 5T Secretary VK Pandian and Jajpur MLA Pranab Prakash Das over telephone four days prior to the murder of Naba Das. Both of them should be brought under the purview of the probe and their call records be examined,"

demanding Mishra. Mishra further alleged that Odisha Police doesn't have the guts to probe these aspects of the case and demanded a detailed investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Earlier in the day, the Budget Session of the Odisha Legislative Assembly kicked off on a stormy note with Opposition BJP and

Congress creating ruckus in the House over various issues including the murder of Naba Das deteriorating law and order situation. Alleging that the BJD-led Odisha government tried to spread lies through the Governor's speech, the BJP members boycotted the proceedings of the House over the deteriorating law and order situation. "Through the Governor, they (government) tried to spread lies. Maintaining the law and order is the first responsibility of the government.



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India's economic indications remain robust says DSP Mutual Fund

Mumbai : India's economic growth continues to remain strong even in times when the world is facing economic turbulence says DSP Mutual Fund in the February 2023 issue of its monthly report Netra which tracks the latest economic trends and insights. The report highlighted that India's high frequency indicators remain robust. These include healthy GST collections, near record high volume of petroleum products

sold (a proxy for consumption), electronic toll (including Fastag) collections indicating brisk economic activity along with business activity and sentiments being positive. The report mentions that the recent flat performance of Nifty Index compared to a 26% rally in the MSCI Emerging markets index has resulted in the vanishing of the high valuation premium that India had over its emerging

market peers. This is a positive development as foreign inflows in India had become muted lately due to high valuations. Further consolidation and steady earnings growth can cause India to become attractive once again as we progress into 2023. DSP Mutual Fund feels there is an opportunity in the bond market. Whenever RBI has raised rates, corporate bond spreads have gone up. This

monetary policy is least disruptive the reasons being rates are not as high as previous cycle, liquidity conditions are better vs the last hiking cycle, corporate spreads are also not very high. This means corporations can borrow even during the tightening cycle and the rates are also more conducive. This will help in India's growth from a long-term perspective. DSP Mutual Fund believes that Banking sector is poised for an

appreciation. The current dip in banking equities is another opportunity to add lenders over borrowers. The ratio of NSE Bank Index to NSE Metal Index bottomed out at a timewhen the yield curve was very steep & RBI was about to embark on a rate hike journey. The recent correction in Banking stocks & a rally in Metals equities makes an attractive proposition once again. Auto sector is also looking very

promising. The long-term earnings trajectory for the technology sector continues to remain attractive. Investors who have been waiting on the sidelines are likely to get a good opportunity to buy into

this valuation and price correction in the technology sector. "The most important thing for equity markets in 2023 is earnings growth and softening valuations. The last 17 month of consolidation has

removed a lot of valuation froth. There is a higher likelihood of better market backdrop going forward," said Sahil Kapoor, Market Strategist and head of products at DSP Mutual Fund.

DIZO, by realme TechLife, launches DIZO Wireless Dash

Bhubaneswar: DIZO, the first brand under realme TechLife ecosystem, today announced the launch of DIZO Wireless Dash that boasts of a unique Kevlar Design, Blink charge feature and 30 hours of total music playback. The feature loaded DIZO Wireless Dash, using an 11.2mm large driver, Bass Boost+ algorithm and PU+PEEK diaphragm, will offer an enhanced audio experience at the most aggressive price. For the uber-fast generation today, the DIZO Wireless Dash offers 10 hours of music playback in just 10 mins charge using the Blink Charge feature along with safe charging chip inside; and a total

music playback of upto 30 hours on a single charge. A steal deal for those who prefer neckband design, it also brings Magnetic Instant Connection, Memory Metal, ENC, dedicated Game Mode and realme Link app customizations, and even the smallest of the detailing such as balanced weight, air pressure control and dual material ear tips.

The latest DIZO Wireless Dash, designed to complement the uniqueness in you, with its distinct Kevlar design, Blink charge feature and 30 hours of total music playback is priced at just INR 1,599. However, during the first sale on Flipkart (and soon on select retail

stores) from 24th May 2022, 12 pm onwards, the latest neckband earphone will be sold at an introductory price of INR 1,299 only.

Commenting on the launch, Abhilash Panda, CEO, DIZO India shares, "We are committed to deliver feature-rich solutions at aggressive price points every time and our team is working towards it daily. With the launch of DIZO Wireless Dash, I am confident to wow our consumers this time again. The latest achievement motivates us more than ever and we promise to deliver products with more dedication and keep brewing new ideas for you all."

Doctors at HCG Panda Cancer Hospital successfully treated 33-year-old suffering from a rare case of Salivary Gland Cancer

Bhubaneswar/Cuttack: Doctors at HCG Panda Cancer Hospital, Cuttack, treated 33-year-old Reema (name changed), hailing from Western Odisha, from Parotid Gland Carcinoma, a rare form of cancer that occurs in the salivary glands situated right below the ear lobes. The cancerous gland was resected by conducting an advanced form of Total Parotidectomy Surgery on the patient while preserving her facial nerves, which are responsible for facial expressions. This incredible feat was achieved by Dr Manjunath NML, Senior consultant Surgical Oncologist and his team at HCG Panda Cancer Hospital Cuttack.

Reema suffered from a excruciating pain continuously on the face and earlobes for a period of 8 months. In order to get relief from the pain, she visited neurological specialists and physicians from multiple hospitals where she was misdiagnosed for other neurological diseases and was treated with analgesics, as they failed to diagnose her actual condition.

She consulted the doctors at HCG Panda Cancer Hospital, who discovered a vague swelling near the earlobes and with suspicion of a tumour. Imaging of the parotid gland was conducted to check for any malignancy and it was discovered that she had

a parotid lobe tumour in the junction between the superficial lobe and the deep lobe, right behind the mandible or the lower jaw bone. Nerve sparing total parotidectomy was conducted using advanced form of equipments such as surgical loupes, nerves monitoring devices and Vessel Sealer, which helped surgeons achieve an absolute haemostasis or minimal blood loss during the surgery. This four- and half-hour surgical procedure was conducted by preserving the facial nerves that passes through the superficial lobe and deep lobe and any implication on the facial nerves would lead to disfigurement of the face, paralysis on one

side of the face, lack of expressing emotions, inability to close the eyes and move the eyebrows. Elaborating the complexities of the surgery, Dr Manjunath NML said, "This is a unique and a rare case among young women, where we usually witness just one or two cases per year. This was one challenging case, as the cancer tumours were adjacent to the facial nerve and we had to carefully dissect them without causing any hindrance or impact to the nerve. With the advanced facilities at HCG Panda Cancer Hospital Cuttack, we were able to resect the tumour successfully and witness a big smile on the patients face." Post her successful

surgery, while thanking her doctors, Reema said, "For the past eight months, the events that occurred to me because of this condition are unexplainable. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Dr Manjunath and the entire team for the timely help in relieving the pain I was enduring and helping me recover back from this deadly tumour. Also I was worried about my facial expressions when doctors explained me about the tumor in relation to facial nerve and need for its removal if required. Thanks again to the entire team for helping me to get rid of this bad tumor with my smile intact" (with a big smile on her face).

Ashok Leyland reaches yet another milestone, showcases 'CNG engine H series' at EXCON 2022

Chennai: Ashok Leyland, the flagship Company of the Hinduja Group and India's leading commercial vehicle manufacturer today showcased 'CNG engine H series' at the ongoing EXCON 2022, organized by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). Based on strong leverage of Auto BSVI engine development, the CNG engine H series (4 and 6 Cyl) is designed for off highway / CEV clients, and this product will be

the first of its kind in the CEV / mining and off highway segment. The H series CNG engine has a number of features, including ECU-controlled gas leak detection; improved cold start capability; enhanced lower end torque and flat torque from 1200rpm to 2000rpm; gear-based torque control for better fuel economy; durable engine valves and valve seats for CNG operation; proven, durable engine for CEV application;

turbocharged engine provides higher torque, fuel efficiency, better drivability, and transient response; maintenance-free engine. The CNG engine H series also fulfils CEV V standards without SCR or DPF, and features proven multipoint sequential gas injection for dependable performance; a 500 hours oil drain interval; and the maximum power in the sector. Sharing his views, Mr. Dheeraj Hinduja, Executive Chairman,

Ashok Leyland said, "Ashok Leyland's expertise in engineering has paved the way for the company to establish itself as a key player in the CNG engine sector, and we aspire to continue to do so by expanding our portfolio of CNG Engines and technology solutions. Ashok Leyland aims to make India's CNG engine sector self-reliant, and to be one of the leaders in the "Make in India" narrative." Present at the event Dr

N Saravanan, CTO, Ashok Leyland said, "Ashok Leyland has a track record of catering to customer needs with world class products that generate higher profitability. With the increasing need for better fuel efficiency and use of alternate fuels, we have a solid pipeline of such technologies. We aspire to lead the market in this segment, as the need for engines with alternative fuels grows".

AIC-GIM Foundation, Climate Collective and the Taj Hospitality Brand collaborate on a Global Single Use Plastics Challenge

Panaji: The consumption of Single Use Plastics (SUP's) in the food and beverage industry grew dramatically during the Covid-19 outbreak and is now expanding at a 2.5-fold rate. With the aim of reducing single use plastic from the F&B industry in Goa, Atal Incubation Center Foundation at Goa Institute of Management (AIC-GIM) in partnership with Climate Collective Foundation and IHCL's Taj hospitality brand is bringing the Single-Use Plastics (SUP) Challenge.

The SUP challenge is inviting innovations to reduce single use plastic from the F&B sector. The selected solutions will get the opportunity to test their ideas in Goa with the Taj hotel network of Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL). "As a company, we want to put a strong emphasis on sustainability as a way of life for everyone, which thus culminates in the adoption of a variety of sustainable business methods. We are happy to collaborate with AIC-GIM Foundation and Climate Collective Foundation for the Global SUP challenge which will reduce the usage of Single Use Plastics across our properties in Goa" said Mr. Vincent Ramos,

Area Director, Indian Hotels Company Limited.

The SUP Challenge will assess the volume of single-use plastics waste reduced through piloting and scaling ventures' innovations along with environmental impact avoided, such as waste diverted from landfills, incineration or avoided entirely. Additionally, the challenge will guide startups to fine-tune their business cases for F&B industry and insights derived from their pilots will contribute to a study around understanding the environmental impacts of alternatives to single-use plastic packaging.

Symphony, in partnership with AEEE, invests in the 'SAHARA Programme'

Bhubaneswar: around four trillion-person cooling degree days, India is characterised by tropical and sub-tropical climatic conditions coupled with a lack of access to cooling, rising temperatures and ever-evolving socio-economic trends such as rapid population growth and urbanisation, which will not only amplify the climate change-induced heat stress but would also fuel the demand for space cooling. SAHARA programme would act as a catalyst for disseminating knowledge about the thermal comfort situation in India's academic institutions. It could bring about systemic changes on multiple fronts in the long term.

Microtek Organised Rockstar & Star Retail Partners' Meet in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar: Microtek, the leader in the power product market of India has recently organized a Star Retail Partners' Meet at Taj Vivanta, Bhubaneswar, where the company introduced its newly launched range of inverters and home UPS series to the key retailers of the region. The new range of inverters and UPSs launched demonstrates the latest technological advancements that help to save electricity besides offering the best output in power backup. More than 400 retailers from the region attended the gala event.

Talking about the new range of inverters, Subodh Gupta, CMD, Microtek International, shared "The 6 new series of inverters launched, besides providing electricity saving benefits are also aesthetically appealing.

We recently launched our wide range of UPS' in the Indian market like the SmartHybrid UPS series. It is powered by Smart Hybrid Electronics Integrated Circuit Technology for True Sinewave out that gives noiseless performance, and more load handling capacity. The other efficient UPS launched series are Superpower, Heavy Duty with the capacity of running heavy loads & energy-efficient model - Energy Saver. It has an inbuilt energy-efficient transformer for better performance in energy saving. Luxe and iMerlyn are the premium series launched with Luxe having the LCD display that shows running load status, battery charging time and backup time. I am sure this event and our new product range will further strengthen the brand presence in the

Odisha market."

The key people of the industry were present at the event. The company also felicitated its channel partners at the event. The event was attended by the officials of Microtek International and trade partners from Odisha.

Odisha is one of the important markets for Microtek and the company is looking forward to expanding its presence in the state with the new series. Microtek is planning more such activities for the Odisha Market to create awareness about its new products and further strengthening its business relations with the retail market in the state. The price of the new product range starts from MRP Rs. 6240 and the products are already available through the company's vast distribution network across India.



Charlie Dean struck in her first over to send back Muneeba Ali

Injured Hazlewood out of Indore, Ahmedabad Tests

NewDelhi: Australia fast bowler Josh Hazlewood will miss the remainder of the Border-Gavaskar Test series after failing to sufficiently recover from his left Achilles injury. Head coach Andrew McDonald confirmed that Hazlewood, who missed the Nagpur and Delhi Tests, will now continue his rehabilitation programme back in Sydney. The 32-year-old fast bowler has been beset by side strains in the last two seasons and picked up this Achilles injury on his comeback Test against South Africa in Sydney while running on the soggy patches of the SCG outfield. While McDonald confirmed Hazlewood's unavailability for the remainder of the series, he was less certain about David Warner's status. The dynamic opener copped a blow to his elbow in the Delhi Test and was subsequently subbed out of the game with a concussion. "Josh Hazlewood out, he'll be going home," McDonald said on Monday, a day after



Australia went 0-2 down in the series. "[Warner] is still sore at the moment. We had a meeting just before discussing this. We're in no rush to make any decisions at this point in time around Davey. Just seeing how that settles, how functional that is. "It will be basically how sore and how functional it is as to what decision we make with him and then the length of the injury. There's some talk the length of injury could be anywhere between a week plus depending how that settles down. There's a bit of unknown there. I'll leave that to the medical team and they'll

inform me once they know." In Warner's absence, Australia sent out Travis Head to open the second innings. It's a role the left-hander is expected to hold on to in the event of Warner missing out after impressing with a counter-attacking 43. "If Dave's unavailable it would make perfect sense," McDonald said. "We did discuss before coming over here that if we were to lose an opening batter that Trav would be one we'd look to put up there. We feel in the subcontinental conditions that he can get off to the fast starts

which he showed.

"We don't see [Head] as an opener in all conditions, more subcontinental and in other conditions back to the middle order." Meanwhile, McDonald confirmed that all-rounder Cameron Green will be 100% fit to play in Indore after having been fairly close to making it for the Delhi Test too.

"He was close," McDonald said. "It's [about] building confidence. He had the setback in Bangalore, a little setback batting in Bangalore where he had some jarring and there was a fair bit of discomfort in that finger. If he didn't have that, I think the second Test was real. But it probably just delayed it those few days.

"And we contemplated him as a concussion sub as well. So that was another discussion. But we felt like if he wasn't right to go at the start then what was a couple of days. We're better off loading up for the third Test match and in a good frame of mind."

Sania Mirza Retirement: Tennis Star Says she is not a 'Rebel or Trend-Setter' Ahead of Final Tournament

NewDelhi: Sania Mirza is not apologetic for being one of a kind. A few people chose to call her a trailblazer while some labelled her a rebel. She says she is none and just lived life 'on her own terms'. Splashed with mind-blowing success and achievements that no Indian female tennis player could enjoy and which are unlikely to be emulated in the imminent future, Sania has lived an inspiring life.

During a free-wheeling chat at her villa in Dubai, Sania implored the society to accept differences in opinion and not brand as 'villain or heroes' the people who dare to do things in their own way. "I don't think that I broke the rules. Who are these people who are making these rules and who are these people who are saying this is the norm and this is the stereotype. "I think each individual is different and each individual should have the freedom to be



different," Sania told PTI news agency in an exclusive interview, before bidding adieu to her tennis career. The 36-year-old Indian added, "I think that's where as a society we can probably do better, a little bit where we are trying to hail people or make people the bad guys just because they are doing something differently. "And I don't necessarily think that I was some kind of a great rule-breaker or some trendsetter. That's not what I was trying to do. I was living my life. We all say things differently, we all have

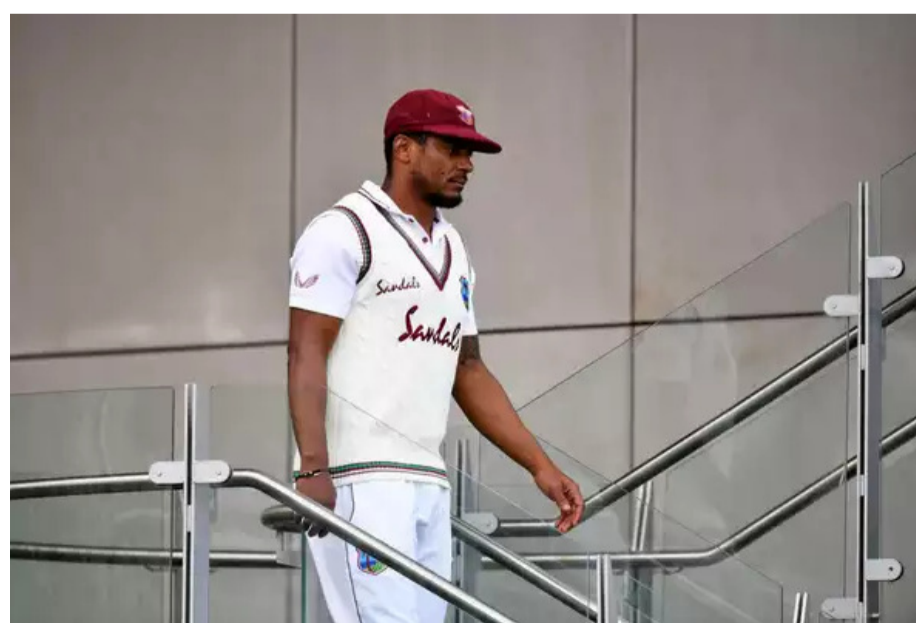
different opinions. I think once we all accept that we are all different, and we can co-exist with those differences is when it will not be about breaking the rules anymore." Holder of six Grand Slam doubles titles and a year-end WTA Championships trophy to go with a career-best singles rank of 27, if Sania is not a trendsetter then what is she? "I do look at myself as trying to be as authentic as possible. That's what I've tried to do. I've tried to stay true to myself. And I have tried

to live life on my own terms. I think everybody should be able to do that and have the freedom to do that without being told that you are breaking the rules because you are doing something that you want to do," she said. "That is something I take a lot of pride in because I think that it's not that I was necessarily different. I might have been different to you, but that doesn't mean that I am someone who is a rebel, or someone who is breaking some kind of rules. It's just my individuality and another person's individuality."

Gabriel earns ODI recall for South Africa series

NewDelhi: West Indies fast bowler Shannon Gabriel has earned a recall to the ODI side for the upcoming series against South Africa, CWI confirmed on Monday (February 20) while naming the white-ball squads. Gabriel, who made his comeback to international cricket recently during the Zimbabwe Tests, hasn't played for West Indies in the 50-over format post the 2019 World Cup. The 34-year-old was the joint-leading wicket-taker in the Super50 Cup in November last year

and has been rewarded for his excellent form. "We have had some injuries to our fast-bowling pool so therefore we see Gabriel as an ideal fit heading into South Africa, and the surfaces we expect to play on," lead selector Desmond Haynes said on Gabriel's inclusion. "It is felt that we need someone to get those early wickets and he is the kind of bowler that can do that. For the T20Is, we have an experienced squad. What we are looking for is to form a cohesive unit and look at the players who we



believe can form the nucleus as we build towards doing very well and challenging when we host the ICC Men's T20 World Cup

in June 2024." CWI also confirmed that fast bowler Jayden Seales was unavailable as a result of a knee surgery and Anderson

Phillip was not considered despite returning to training given he hasn't regained match fitness. Obed McCoy

will be available for the T20Is subject to medical clearance. Spin-bowling allrounder Roston Chase, who hasn't featured in ODIs for more than a year, has made a comeback to the 50-over setup. The series will see Shai Hope lead the ODI side for the first time since being named skipper. Rovman Powell, who will lead the T20I side, will be Hope's deputy in the 50-over format. Allrounder Kyle Mayers will be Powell's deputy in the T20 format. Even though West

Indies failed to make it to the Super 12 stages of the T20 World Cup in Australia recently, the selection panel has made only a solitary change to the squad. Bowling allrounder Romario Shepherd has replaced top-order batter Evin Lewis for the three T20Is in South Africa that will be played from March 25-28. The three-match ODI series will be played prior to that from March 16-21. ODI squad: Shai Hope (Captain), Rovman Powell (Vice Captain), Shamarh Brooks, Yannic Cariah, Keacy Carty, Roston Chase, Shannon Gabriel, Jason Holder, Akeal Hosein, Alzarri Joseph, Brandon King, Kyle Mayers, Nicholas Pooran, Romario Shepherd, Odean Smith

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