

Heritage Corridor On Track

Puri: The ambitious Srimandir Parikrama Prakalpa or Shri Jagannath Temple Heritage Corridor project around the shrine will be completed within the next three months. Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra has informed this to the media after making a field visit and reviewing the mega project in Puri. The Srimandir Parikrama project work is going on at full speed. Work on the outer parikrama, inner parikrama and the ring road is underway, he said. The work at the project



will be completed in the next 3 months and the devotees will be able to use it. A lot of services like toilets, washrooms and places for meditation are being created under this project, Shri Mahapatra said. Devotees can go all around the temple and

enjoy the magnificent view of the main temple from different parts of the project, he said. Khondalite stone is being used for flooring and slabs. For the convenience of the devotees, battery-powered vehicles will operate from the multi-

level car parking at Shree Setu project to the temple, the Chief Secretary informed. Shri Mahapatra also said that went to the Swargadwara and reviewed the development and beautification of the area. He said 28 places

have been created for cremation and about 70 to 80 bodies are cremated daily in the Swargadwara. He informed the media representatives that services such as raising tokens, shradha, supply of wood etc. are being provided through specific fees. He said that an auditorium, restaurant, drinking water and toilets facilities have been constructed there. He expressed hope that the beauty of the temple will increase after the completion of the project and the devotees will spend a lot of time there.

Nobel Laureate Michael Kremer Appreciates Odisha's Drink From Tap Mission



Bhubaneswar,(KCN): Nobel laureate economist Prof. Michael Kremer visited Puri and Bhubaneswar recently to understand the impact of Odisha's flagship programme 'Drink from Tap Mission'. Michael Robert Kremer, an American development economist, is now working as the University Professor in Economics and Public Policy at the University of Chicago. A five-member team led by Professor Kremer and Benjamin Krause, Executive Director,

Development Innovation Lab, during their visits, interacted with consumers and Jal Sathis. They were highly appreciative of Odisha's efforts in providing 24x7 drink from tap quality water to every home particularly to the urban poor and the significant socio-economic impact caused by the Mission. The team also interacted with G Mathi Vathanan, Principal Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department, to know more about the Drink from Tap Mission, JAGA

Mission and other transformative initiatives taken up by the Department. Both Prof. Michael Kremer and G Mathi Vathanan discussed the areas of collaboration and explored opportunities towards strengthening the strategic partnership in a long-term basis between University of Chicago, USA and Odisha government. Senior officials of the H&UD dept and the team members accompanying Prof Kremer were present during the discussion.



Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik laying the foundation stone of Centre for Judicial Archives & High Court Employees Residential Complex at Cuttack in presence of Chief Justice Dr S Muralidhar

PRESIDENT OF INDIA TO GRACE THE OPENING OF GARDENS OF RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN - UDYAN UTSAV 2023 TODAY

New Delhi: The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu will grace the opening of the Gardens of Rashtrapati Bhavan -- Udyan Utsav 2023 -- tomorrow (January 29, 2023). This time the Gardens (Herbal Garden, Bonsai Garden, Central Lawn, Long Garden and Circular Garden) will be open for about two months. The Gardens will open for general public on January 31, 2023 and will remain open till March 26, 2023 (except on Mondays which are maintenance days and on March 8 on account of Holi). From March 28 to 31, the Gardens will be open for



GARDENS TO OPEN FOR PUBLIC FROM JANUARY 31

special categories on the following days: Another step towards making Rashtrapati Bhavan accessible to more and more people is through increase in capacity of each hourly slot. The visitors will be allowed to visit in six hourly slots between 1000 hrs and 1600 hrs. The capacity for the two forenoon slots (1000 hrs

to 1200 hrs) will be 7,500 visitors during weekdays and 10,000 visitors in each slot on weekends. The capacity for the four afternoon slots (1200 hrs to 1600 hrs) will be 5,000 visitors in each slot during weekdays and 7,500 visitors on weekends. People can book their slot well in advance

through online booking. Booking can be made on <https://rashtrapatisachivalaya.gov.in> or https://rb.nic.in/rbvisit/visit_plan.aspx. Walk-in visitors can also get entry to the Gardens. However, they will have to register themselves at the facilitation counters as well as at the Self Service Kiosk near Gate No. 12 of Rashtrapati Bhavan. It is advisable to book a slot online in advance to avoid rush and save time. Entry and exit for all visitors will be from Gate No. 35 of the President's Estate, close to where North Avenue meets Rashtrapati Bhavan.

MCL Sets Eco-Park

Jharsuguda: Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL), the premier CPSE under the Ministry of Coal is constantly attaining new heights in coal production and off take through environment-friendly and sustainable mining practices. The latest achievement of MCL in this direction is development of Chandra Shekar Azad eco-park and Coal Museum at mine No.4 of Orient Area in Ib Valley Coalfields, Jharsuguda, Odisha. The Eco-park is situated at Gandghora village on the side of Jharsuguda-Raigarh National Highway



49. The enchanting eco-park with lush green landscape, coal café and a children's park was constructed by MCL in a record time after repurposing coal mine No.4 that closed production in 2017. The foundation stone for the park was laid in 2021 by the Union Minister of Coal, Mines & Parliamentary Affairs

Pralhad Joshi. The park also provides opportunity to have firsthand experience of an underground mine to the visitors. The Coal Museum inside the park is a perfect glimpse of the history and legacy of coal mining in India. Working models of different machines and vehicles used in Under Ground and Open Cast

mines are on display. Coal Mining equipment/machines on display include surface miner, dumper, crane, tipper, dozer, belt conveyor, coal cutting machine, drill machine and backhoe to name a few. Engaged in coal mining activities in Sundergarh, Jharsuguda and Angul districts of Odisha, MCL has backfilled and reclaimed at least 2000 hectares of completely utilized land so far. Many quarry voids have been developed into water bodies for rain water harvesting, in line with sustainable mining practices.

Farmers On Gujarat Trip

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Around 80 groundnut farmers from Odisha will be visiting Gujarat soon to gain experience about cultivation and learn methods to increase the yield. The trip has been jointly organised by SOA Deemed to be University and Livelihood Alternatives. Livelihood Alternatives(LA) is a leading NGO engaged in Farmers' Empowerment. CMD Sambit Tripathy is leading the Team LA. The farmers, belonging to Cuttack, Puri, Angul, Dhenkanal and Mayurbhanj districts, attended a special program held in SOA campus on



Saturday where they were addressed by Union minister for Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan. Shri Pradhan said that though the soil of Odisha was more fertile than that of Gujarat, farmers in the

western state were able to produce 40 lakh tons of groundnut per annum while Odisha could harvest only four lakh tons. The farmers, who will also visit the Agricultural University in Gujarat, will acquire

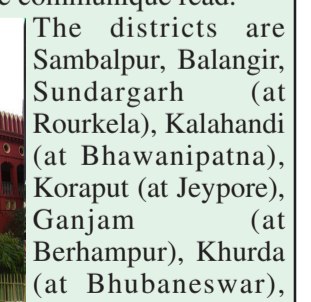
knowledge about cultivation methods, technology and avenues to market their produce. The groundnut produced in Odisha was of better quality. Two faculty members of the SOA-run Institute of Agricultural Sciences

(IAS) will accompany the farmers. Shri Pradhan praised the efforts being made by SOA to boost agriculture in Odisha. SOA's Vice-Chancellor Prof. Bijay Kumar Sahu, CMD of Livelihood Alternatives, Sambit Tripathy and Regional Director of NAFED Bhavya Anand also spoke to the farmers. SOA's Dean (Students' Welfare) Prof. Jyoti Ranjan Das conducted the proceedings. Earlier, the Union Minister was received in the campus by SOA's Founder President Prof. (Dr.) Manojranjan Nayak.

VC Cabins Of Orissa High Court To Be Set Up In 30 Odisha Judgeships Soon

Cuttack(KCN): Video Conferencing (VC) cabins are to be set up, one each, in 30 District Court complexes of Odisha to assist lawyers in virtual hearing. The VC cabins will function like virtual High Court. "In compliance of the Apex Court's order dated 14th December 2022 in TP(C) No. 2419 of 2019 (M/s PLR Projects Pvt. Ltd. Versus Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. and others), it has been decided to establish dedicated VC Cabins in all the 30 Judgeships of the State," a notification issued by Orissa High Court said. In the first phase, VC Cabins of the High Court of Orissa will be established in 10 District Courts, which will function like the

virtual High Court with facilities of e-filing, mentioning, removal of defects, virtual hearing of cases, grant of certified copies etc as per the SOP circulated, the communiqué read. The districts are Sambalpur, Balangir, Sundargarh (at Rourkela), Kalahandi (at Bhawanipatna), Koraput (at Jeypore), Ganjam (at Berhampur), Khurda (at Bhubaneswar), Puri, Balasore and Bhadrak. Accordingly, arrangement of staff deployment has been made for smooth functioning of the VC cabins. The shortlisted staffs are to report before their respective District Judges positively in the afternoon of February 1, 2023, the High Court directed vide its order No-1502, dated January 27, 2023.



Odisha CM Flags Off Senior Citizens' Pilgrimage To Prayagraj, Varanasi

Bhubaneswar: Select senior citizens from Khordha, Nayagarh, Puri, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara and Dhenkanal were included under the pilgrimage scheme, sources said. "The senior citizens' pilgrimage scheme of Odisha government was suspended for the two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This year, we have decided to include 7,000 senior citizens under the scheme," said the Chief Minister in a video message. The senior citizens, who have been



included under the scheme to travel to Uttar Pradesh, will have the opportunity to have a glimpse of

Lord Vishwanath. They will bring blessings of the deity for their family as well as the

people of Odisha, he added. "The state government has made all arrangements for the accommodation, food and healthcare of the senior

citizens included under the scheme," said the Chief Minister. The senior citizens were brought to the capital city in special buses yesterday. Arrangements were made at Utkal University campus, Biju Patnaik Sports Stadium, Unit-3 Government Boys' High School and Brarat Scouts and Guides' School in the capital city here for their night stay, sources said. Ministers Ashok Panda, Samir Ranjan Dash and Tusharkanti Behera, MLAs Prasanta

Kumar Muduli, Sashi Bhusan Behera, Suresh Kumar Routray, Ananta Narayan Jena, Aravind Dhali, Sambit Routray and Sushant Kumar Rout, Bhubaneswar Mayor Sulochana Das and OTDC Chairperson Lenin Mohanty among others were present on the occasion. Notably, the state government had launched the pilgrimage scheme in 2016. So far, at least 14,500 senior citizens from several districts of Odisha have been included under the scheme, said an official.

Vedanta Aluminium Observes National Road Safety Week In Jharsuguda



Jharsuguda: Vedanta Aluminium, country's leading producer of aluminium, observed National Road Safety Week in and around its operations at Jharsuguda. A week-long awareness campaign was held on road safety for employees, business partners and the community at large. In line with the theme 'Sadak Suraksha, Jeevan Raksha', the company carried out a awareness programmes on the importance of adhering to traffic regulations and observing road safety protocols. Through these efforts, the company reached out to more than 21,000 citizens in the district with this important message. As part of the campaign, the company carried out several initiatives

highlighting the importance of road safety, which included a bike rally, Nukkad Natak performances across the town, and a skit performance by actors playing 'Yamraj & Chitragupt', all of which were highly appreciated by members of the public. Apart from these, training sessions were conducted at the operations to appraise employees and business partners on road safety measures, along with a medical camp for drivers, launch of 'Suraksha Rath', and an award distribution ceremony for business partners and employees for best safety practices and performances. The awareness campaign was conducted in areas such as Maa Samaleswari Nagar, Katikela, Badmal Police Station, Jharsuguda bus stand

and in schools and colleges across Jharsuguda. Key administrative personnel of the district took part in the proceedings of the Road Safety Week, including Jharsuguda Collector Saroj Kumar Samal, Jharsuguda Regional Transportation Officer (RTO) Dinabandhu Sundi, Jharsuguda Motor Vehicle Inspector (MVI) Loknath Meher, Badmal Police Station IIC Amitav Panda, Jharsuguda Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) Nirmal Mohapatra and Jharsuguda Private Bus Owners Association President S.N. Das. Speaking about the company's safety-first culture, Sunil Gupta, CEO - Vedanta Ltd., Jharsuguda said, "Ensuring the safety and well-being of our

community has always been a key area of focus for us at Vedanta Jharsuguda. As part of the National Road Safety campaign, we have undertaken numerous initiatives to maximise road safety awareness at and beyond our plant operations through engaging activities, educating drivers and encouraging community members to strictly adhere to the do's and don'ts of road safety." Appreciating the company's initiatives on road safety awareness, Jharsuguda Collector Saroj Kumar Samal said, "Observing road safety behaviour should be an integral part of our daily life, and it is imperative to educate people on road safety. I commend Vedanta Aluminium for taking up the initiative to bring about awareness and responsibility about road safety in the minds of our people." Acknowledging the company's efforts Jharsuguda RTO Dinabandhu Sundi said, "By sensitizing the public on the importance of road safety, Vedanta is extending its support to create safer communities. I thank Vedanta for raising awareness on road safety in and around our Jharsuguda community."


Hyva truck rammed a scooty seriously injuring daughter and father

Barbil.KCN): Father injured and daughter seriously injured in collision between Hyva Truck and scooty near Bhola garage under Barbil police station of Keonjhar district in Odisha. According to information Arjun Sharma a resident of

Barbil PHED area met the accident while going with his 15 year old daughter. The Hyva truck rammed his scooty from the front injuring both father and daughter. As the truck dragged her for a long distance the girl get seriously injured .She was taken to


Barbil CHC for initial treatment and then referred to Cuttack for further treatment .Now she is being treated there in a critical condition. On the other hand, after the accident, the police reached the spot and impounded both the vehicles and are

continuing the investigation. There has been continuous accident as truck drivers drive recklessly during the schedule entry time .There should be control over speed and traffic police should be more vigilant on this says intellectual.



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Fans Cannot Wait To See The Magical Duo Ranbir Kapoor-Arijit Singh Back Together In 'Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar'

The most awaited trailer of 'Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar' was released yesterday and everything about the film, from the colorful aesthetics to the new refreshing pairing of Ranbir & Shraddha was loved and appreciated.

One thing about the film which took the internet frenzy was the combination of Pritam, Arijit Singh, and Ranbir Kapoor in the movie. The trailer gave a sneak peek of this combination which showcased the song and the fans are demanding for the song to launch at the earliest.

The music of Pritam, and the voice of Arijit Singh and Ranbir



Kapoor in the frame is one of the prominent combinations in the industry that has been seen and enjoyed. Now it will be exciting to see what else makers have in store for trio fans and

music lovers. Currently, several fan pages are uploading snips and shots from the songs from the film, trending it as #RanbirArijitBlockbuster on social media.

Meanwhile, the trailer that was launched yesterday has left the audience wanting more of Ranbir & Shraddha's chemistry. While some are anticipating seeing more of Bassi, some are

eagerly waiting to listen to the promising playlist, which as fans say is going to be the album of the year. Currently, fans are demanding for the Arijit song from the movie to be out at the earliest, as its one of the key points that took over the internet and starting the trend.

Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar is directed by Luv Ranjan, produced by Luv Films' Luv Ranjan and Ankur Garg, and presented by T-Series' Gulshan Kumar and Bhushan Kumar. It is all set to have a festive release worldwide in cinemas on Holi, 8th March 2023.

Naagin actresses Tejasswi Prakash, Adaa Khan, Anita Hassanandani and Mahek Chahal reunite

Naagin 6 is all set to go off-air in the coming days. However, the madness and entertainment is at its peak with Naagins from old seasons returned for the finale shoot. After Adaa Khan, Anita Hassanandani joined the cast of Naagin 6 as well. The actresses finally reunited and posted fun pictures and videos.

Fans can not keep calm as the four popular Naagins are together on the same set. Anita Hassanandani and Mahek Chahal took to their social media to share some fun photos and videos from the set of Naagin 6.

In the pictures, the actresses can be seen each in their unique Naagin avatar. While, Tejasswi maintains her iconic shesh Naagin

look, Anita, Adaa and Mahek can be seen in their shimmery and shiny avatars as well. Mahek showed The BTS from the shoot. Tejasswi Prakash played double role of Pratha and Prathna in the TV show. Anita Hassanandani, who was away from the small screen for a while, returned with a bang in Naagin 6. Producer Ekta Kapoor is also ready for the next season of Naagin and has announced about the same in Bigg Boss 16. She even revealed that one of the contestants from the house will get her call for the lead role of Naagin 7. Fans Cannot Wait To See The Magical Duo Ranbir Kapoor-Arijit Singh Back Together In 'Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar'



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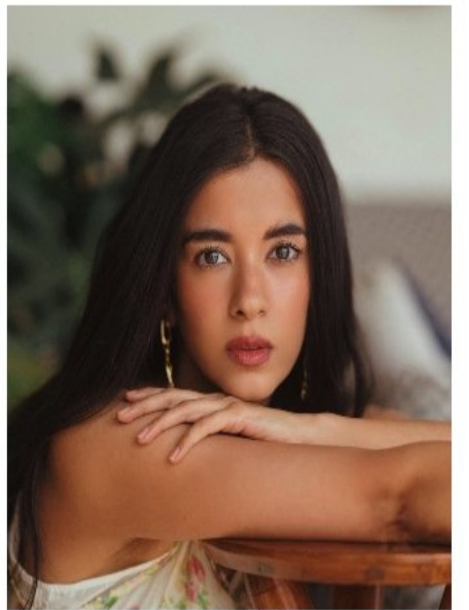
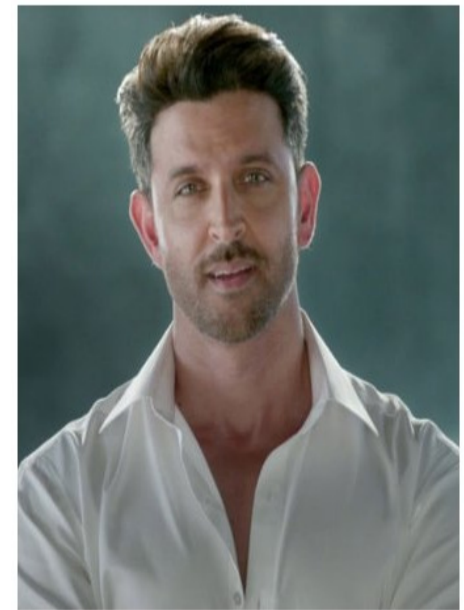
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Hrithik Roshan's niece treats Saba Azad to yummy home-made halwa



Hrithik Roshan and his rumoured ladylove Saba Azad often make headlines whenever they step out together for dinner and lunch dates. The stars are yet to come out in open about their alleged relationship. Saba is often seen spending quality time with the 'War' actor's family.

Recently, she took to her Instagram handle to share a picture of a bowl of halwa. The Halwa was sent to her by none other than Hrithik's niece, Suranika. The post was captioned as, "oh my goodness

@suranika is that halwaaaaaaa (heart eye emojis) I die I die of joy!! Bless you sweet girl - all puns intended (kiss emojis)".

A few days back, when Saba was unwell, Hrithik's family had pampered her with food. Sharing the photo of many tasty items like pizza and pasta, Saba had written, "When you're home sick but have the bestest hoomans ever feeding you." She further wrote, "Thank you @kanchan_roshan @suranika @pashminaroshan"

with folding hands emoticons.

As per India Today report, a common friend of both the star had revealed they are very much into each other and that Hrithik's family is fond of Saba and her musical work as well.

On the work front, he will be seen next in 'Fighter' with Deepika Padukone and Anil Kapoor. The film will hit theatres on September 28, 2023.

He is also a part of 'Vikram Vedha'. A few days back, the makers dropped the first look poster of Hrithik.

Singer Dhvani Bhanushali to make her Bollywood debut as an actor

After impressing the audience with her scintillating songs, Dhvani Bhanushali is getting ready to make her acting debut in Bollywood.

A source close to the singer informed ETimes, "The singer is preparing for her big launch and is currently working on various aspects of acting and learning the techniques. Probably, she will be launched by her father Vinod Bhanushali, who recently quit T-series after his 27-year-old long association with the company and launched his own production house 'Bhanushali Studios Limited'".

Vinod Bhanushali, after venturing into the production business, announced his projects namely 'Janhit Mein Jaari' starring Nushratt Bharuccha, and another one with Nawazuddin Siddiqui.

On the work front, Dhvani Bhanushali recently collaborated with acclaimed music director Yuwan Shankar Raja for the first time for a single 'Candy'. The song is a bi-lingual composition by Yuwan Shankar Raja, and Dhvani has sung both Hindi and Tamil versions of the song.



Naatu Naatu For Oscars: 'Monumental Feat'- NTR Jr extends credit to MM Keeravaani, Chandra Bose

Man of Masses NTR Jr. is ecstatic as the song 'Naatu Naatu' from RRR has been NOMINATED for BEST Original Song at the 95th Academy Awards.

The unforgettable dance number composed by M. M. Keeravani is now vying for the top music honour at the Oscars 2023! This is the first time that a Telugu-language song has been nominated in the category. NTR Jr danced his heart out in shiny suspenders in 'Naatu Naatu' which became a celebratory anthem across the globe. The song was earlier honoured with a Golden Globe for Best Original Song amidst other honours!

Celebrating the nomination of 'Naatu Naatu', NTR Jr wrote on social media, "Congratulations @MMKeeravaani Garu and @boselyricist Garu on achieving another well-deserved and monumental feat... This song will forever hold a special place in my heart."

In RRR, NTR Jr portrays Komaram Bheem, an Indian revolutionary and freedom fighter in colonial-era India. The film had an unprecedented run at the global box-office.

Up next, Man of Masses NTR Jr will begin shooting for NTR30 directed by Koratala Siva. He is also working with KGF director Prashanth Neel on NTR31.

Zoya Of 'Tiger 3' aka Katrina Kaif Asks People To Not Give Out Spoilers About 'Pathaan'

The most awaited film in Indian cinema after a long, long time, Pathaan, is part of Aditya Chopra's ambitious spy universe and has the biggest superstars of the country Shah Rukh Khan, Deepika Padukone and John Abraham in it. YRF's adrenaline-pumping entertainer, Pathaan, is set to release worldwide tomorrow in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu and now Katrina Kaif aka Zoya from Tiger has joined the promotion campaign by asking audiences to not give out spoilers from this edge-of-the-seat entertainer!

Katrina wrote on her social media page, "My friend Pathaan is on a dangerous mission. It is very important in the interest of national security that you don't reveal anything about this.

Use of models in environmental education



grace danger.

We are failing to realize that our hands are getting tied due to several of these factors discussed above and that we are also running out of time to respond to these critical issues impacting our lives. In other words, we are

Shangha Corporation, IMF, ADB, First World, Third World, developed, under developed and developing nations to mention only a few handful. As such we are unable to take any meaningful and decisive position

■ Saikat Kumar Basu

making life altering decisions. Through the use of nature based models in nature parks and theme gardens about diverse environmental and ecological issues around us; we can

historic heritage buildings, castles, gardens and parks based gazebo, large towers, columns, temples, churches, shrines, mosques, synagogues, and related places we could identify many historic architectures in the form of statues, figures and figurines, intricate nature based coral and faunal designs, mosaics, and other artistic depictions of our contemporary life, the world around us captured through spectacular world of art and architecture. In the modern times, these have shaped into our life as theme parks or gardens or roadside or street side architectural ornamentation that is truly awe inspiring.



resources sensitizing them to be responsive to the environment as a future citizen. We have always lived with the phrase 'Catch them Young' as a guideline to train and sensitize

This approach of using models to encourage and attract kids to burning global and local environmental issues and concerns is a great

abs beauty of the nature; and that every species has its space as our coinhabitants of this planet we are much better off for our future. The models depicted here capture the artistic expressions, biological behaviour and importance; there by creating an artificial world if nature appreciation. Most children focused nature parks, gardens, trails and educational centres have such beautiful life size or miniature models to teach our younger generation to be appreciative of our forests, biodiversity, ecosystem, and environment. Only through such comprehensive education and awareness building

Our beloved green planet has entered a stage and time when our environmental crises and ecological degradation has reached cross roads. The detrimental anthropogenic changes we have facilitated since World War II has now caught up with our lives across the globe. Pressing issues such industrial and agricultural pollution impacting our soil, air, water, atmosphere, nuclear radiation, Climate Change, rapid loss of biodiversity, forests, flora and fauna, anthropogenic wildfires, Menander of global plastic pollution, eutrophication, indiscriminate release of Greenhouse Gases into the atmosphere and accelerated rise in human population has been putting us in front of a global catastrophe. Yet due to local, regional and international politics, the ravaging demands for more and more materialistic needs, never ending greed, selfishness, self-centered egoistic attitude and lack of proper vision we are plunging ourselves to



aware of the dangers of the environmental degradation; but, unfortunately we are suiting at the edge unable to bring all stakeholders on a common platform to act as one in our so called ONE EARTH. But we all know that on the unforgiving grounds of crude realities this ONE EARTH concept is just a paper tiger, without any authority. Our planet is divided into several power camps like G7, G20, P5, SAARC, ASEAN, BRICKS, UN, NAFTA, EU, NAM, Arab League,

regarding environmental issues as this is not a mere individual responsibility, but a TRULY collective responsibility.

Nature and nurture helps in building awareness about our fragile environment among the children of our very next generation and our future citizens. At least we could work towards establishing such initiatives to cater to our young minds across the globe from the very early stage; so that they are better equipped than us in

certainly attempt to create sensitivity regarding our environment and ecosystem. We can thus sensitize the minds of our little crusaders regarding our fragile environment. These young individuals are the future citizens of this country to create a better world for all of us.

There has always been an inclination in the human society from the dawn of our civilizations to portray our life through artistic expressions. If we look into our age old

Therefore, it is a perfect approach to drag the attention of our little ones through life like models or miniature models of ecological themes, animals, birds and other life forms in a comprehensive manner. Several cities around the globe in either hemispheres have designed and established biodiversity and ecology theme parks, fossil parks, dinosaurs park, marine or ocean parks or miniature forests to get our children accustomed to the precious natural



our younger next generation about existing socio-cultural manners, to follow our extant religious and social obligations and norms to train them for their future.

tool to shape their mind to train them to become successful environmentally sensitive, future citizens of the planet. Once they learn to appreciate the spectacular diversity

efforts can we train our best generation to be selfless, dedicated to natural issues and in becoming better future citizens.

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Letter To Editor

Valid point

It's the duty of every Indian to swap China and all trade with the country should be stopped seems to be a valid point from Arvind Kejriwal. Its true that moment, when we're celebrating 74th Republic Day, two effects are veritably important. China has been eyeing our borders for quite some time. Our military are fighting bravely on the border. While the government is duty-bound to support them, it's our duty to swap China and stop trade with it. But unfortunately, we're continuously adding our trade and making China richer. With that, the country is preparing dangerous munitions. We buy goods like shoes, Electronic goods like mobile, TV, Washing machine and even slippers, specs mattresses from China. We really need not buy these from China. All these are being manufactured in our country as well. However, employment will also increase, If we increase our product. Crores of youth will get employment and China will learn a assignment.

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The Real Dangers of Fake News

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The information revolution that has come riding on new technology has put a pile of unwanted and unwanted information in front of us. These piles contain information that you like, that is of use to you that is useful. Along with this, much information is also reaching us, in which we are not interested. Such information is also being deliberately sent to you for social, political, or caste or economic reasons. This information is not desired but unwanted. This information is being given to us without asking. Due to this many questions have arisen. After all, who are these people who are continuously sending this information to us without asking? What is their intention behind giving this information to us? How true is this information? How many lies? How reliable are they? Such questions must arise in our mind as well. We must think that after all, who are these people who continuously send information for free without asking? What is the truth in that information? What are

their credentials? How correct are his facts?

We also have to consider how to identify the true and false from the heap of true and false information that is coming to us through social media? We have to understand that due to false information social, economic, political or caste damage can also happen. There are great dangers of forwarding false information without knowing it, without testing it on the test of truth. If any information comes to us related to any caste, religion or community and we pass it on without knowing and understanding it, without checking whether it is true or false, then there is a danger of disturbing the peace of the society. This may worsen the law and order situation. In such a situation, we have to learn to identify true and false news. Fake news has to be identified and stopped. Fake news has to be deleted. It would be necessary to mention here that these days the use of social media to spread fake news is increasing. Some people who are taking advantage of creating unrest in the society with criminal mindset are continuously spreading false news and fake news to the general public through different platforms of social media. Such people are sending wrong information through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, WhatsApp etc. for their personal interests and to fulfill their selfishness. That's why it is very important to identify

fake news so that people can know the difference between truth and falsehood. We have to see that any hate message is not going ahead with any information coming to us.

It will be necessary for us to stop and delete such information which may harm someone. We also have to identify how to promote correct information while avoiding fake news. It is not



very difficult to identify fake news. At first glance, it is seen in fake news that such news are provocative headlines. Exciting news can be easily recognized because of its heading. Such news is sent deliberately to spread fear, violence and hatred in the society. Sometimes such photos are also posted which have no relation with the truth. On seeing such photos, either the religious sentiments of the people flare up or on seeing those photos, they get ready to fight with each other. It is our responsibility that if any such photo has come, we should also fact-check it. Verify it first. Test it. If you have a

doubt about any photo that has come to you, whether it is true or false, then you can check that photo on Google through Google reverse image tool.

For this you have to upload that photo on google reverse image. Similarly, if any news has come to you, then the words (key words) of that news. If you search by putting them on Google's

search engine, you will also know how true or false this news is. In this way you can easily detect fake news. If you have any kind of inconvenience in checking fake news, then you can take help from the website of Fact Check. It is notable that there is a lot of concern at both the government and society level regarding fake news. Recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also expressed his concern about fake news. Addressing a conference of Home Ministers with various states at Surajkund in Haryana on December 28 last month, he said that do not forward any message without fact-

checking. He said that social media is a big force.

We have to educate people that before forwarding any information think 10 times and understand its truth. Fake news can lead to fights. We have to make people aware about fake news, false news. The Prime Minister said that fact checking of fake news is necessary. We have to stop fake news. He urged the general public to learn to identify fake news. Do not forward wrong news without checking it. Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur also told during the winter session of Parliament on 22 December 2022 that the government has blocked 104 YouTube channels and 45 videos spreading lies based on Fake News. Minister of State for Information Technology Rajiv Shekhar Shekhar told reporters that new rules related to information technology have been made to prevent fake news and sensitive content. Under this, if any complaint is received regarding the information coming on social media, then it will be necessary to resolve it within 3 months. An appeals committee has been formed for this. The government will identify those responsible for spreading fake news, hate-violence, information and register crimes against them under section 153 295. It would be necessary to mention that now very active work is

being done on fake news both at the government and society level. To prevent fake news and to identify fake news, an organization named Data Leads has organized many such workshops in collaboration with Google. Through this, so far more than 250 people in different states of India have been trained to identify fact news.

For this, Google News Initiative and Data Leads jointly organized a special workshop called Fact Check. The people who were trained in this, are now continuously telling people in more than 22 states of India by going between schools, colleges and social organizations in the statement of fact news. Syed Najakat, the organizer of this workshop, says that the awareness campaign to identify fake news will continue. Our team is working to involve more and more people from every section of the society in this. According to Surabhi Pandit Nangia, Vice President of Data Leads, awareness campaigns will be intensified in small villages and cities of the country to identify and stop fake news. Strict prevention of fake news is necessary for peace and better law and order in the country. This prevention can be done only with the active cooperation of all the citizens.

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The Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Youth Affairs and Sports, Shri Anurag Singh Thakur felicitated to eminent film personality Jacky Bhagnani on the occasion of SCO Film Festival ceremony at NCPA, in Mumbai

SER'S FREIGHT LOADING PERFORMANCE CREATES A RECORD

Kolkata: The 74th Republic Day was celebrated at South Eastern Railway (SER)'s Headquarters, Garden Reach with great enthusiasm on Thursday. Ms. Archana Joshi, General Manager, SER unfurled the National Flag and took salute at the ceremonial parade presented by the contingents of Railway Protection Force (RPF), Civil Defence and St John Ambulance. Highlighting the achievements of SER in recent times, General Manager said that SER, popularly known as the Blue Chip Railway, is among the top three highest freight loading zones of Indian Railways. During the period from April to December 2022, SER achieved a commendable loading

of 149.23 million tonnes of freight which is about 4.1% higher than the corresponding period of 2021-22. To ensure availability of coal for power plants, the best ever coal loading was achieved by SER this year with a loading of 41.24 million tonnes of coal which is an increase of 24.78% over last year. The General Manager added that in order to increase operational capacity, 114.05 km of doubling / third line work has been completed so far this year, including the super critical project of Kharagpur - Narayangarh and Coal Link Project of Rourkela-Jharsuguda. Keeping in view the importance of road safety, altogether eight Road Over Bridges have

been commissioned this year. In addition, the work of one Road Over Bridge at Jugsalai, Tatanagar has been completed and is ready to be commissioned. General Manager said, with a view to provide more amenities to the passengers, 11 lifts and three escalators have been commissioned at various stations during the current financial year. Moreover, to ensure safety and convenience of the passengers, the work of 16 Foot Over Bridges have been completed this year so far. These apart, 22 platforms at 21 stations have been raised and 32 new toilets have been provided where facilities are also available for Divyangjan. During the current financial year,

155 special trains have been run to clear the extra rush of the passengers. Till December 2022 of the current fiscal, 150 coaches have been permanently augmented and 4568 coaches have been temporarily augmented in 83 trains. Mentioning the special efforts of RPF, General Manager stated that this year under "Operation Nanhe Farishte and Dignity" total 501 minor boys, 482 minor girls and 187 women have been rescued from train and station premises and handed over to Child Line or their family members. RPF personnel of South Eastern Railway in "Operation Jeevan Raksha" saved the precious lives of 31 male and 26 female passengers by risking

their own lives. On the occasion of Republic Day, an Intensive Cardiac Care Unit with Invasive Cardiac Lab was inaugurated by the General Manager at SER Central Hospital, Garden Reach. Ms Joshi also inaugurated a Renovated Haemodialysis Unit at SER Central Hospital. A cultural programme on patriotic theme was organised on the occasion. The programme was presented by the Personnel Department and members of SER Bharat Scouts and Guides. A special Dog Show by RPF Dog Squad was also organised on the occasion. Republic Day was also celebrated at the Divisional Offices at Kharagpur, Adra, Chakradharpur and Ranchi.

Odia Guests at President's AT HOME Reception

New Delhi: President Draupadi Murmu hoisted ATHOME Reception at the courtyard of Rashtrapati Bhawan with pomp and splendour. The invited Guests were personally greeted by Smt Murmu and her Daughter Itishree Murmu. She recited Jai Jagannath replying the greetings from Media persons from Odisha. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also warmly accepted the greetings of Jai Jagannath. In the elites gathering at the decked up lawn of picturesque Raisina Hill many prominent Odias found their place. Among the invitees of President include Central Ministers Dharmendra Pradhan and Ashwini Vaishnaw, Prime Minister's Principal Secretary Pramod Kumar



Comptroller auditor General of India Girish Chandra Murmu, Additional Press Secretary to President Bijay Nayak, Sonal Mansingh, M.P., Senior Bureaucrat Sandip Nayak, S.N.Tripathy, Sumitra Tripathy, Odissi Dancer Alpana Nayak,

Senior Technical Director at Rashtrapati Bhawan Gyana Ranjan Nanda, Jayashree Nanda, Group Captain Deepak Kumar Prusty and Jyotsna Prusty. Other prominent personalities present during the Mega Get-Together include Press

Association of India's Chairman Chhayakant Nayak, World Odisha Society's Chairman Kishore Dwivedi, Vice-Chairman of WOS's Ladies wing Reeta Patra, Delhi Bureau Head of Prameya Nigamanand Prusti, Group Editor of Uday

India Deepak Kumar Rath, OTV's Bureau Chief Sibanand Rout, Senior Journalists Sriram Dash, Bibhudatt Pradhan, Delhi Bureau head of News 7 Sabnam Adeni, Jai Prakash Pandey, Editor of Orissa Diary Rashmi Ranjan Parida, Delhi Bureau Head of Argus TV Gagan Biswal, Delhi Bureau Head of Nandighosha TV Lipika Mahanta, Delhi Bureau Head of Odisha Express Santosh Pradhan and Ramesh Pal. The President's Guests were served with delicious vegetarian snacks prepared specially for the occasion at the Kitchen of Rashtrapati Bhawan. The items include veg Biryani Arancini, Bajra Kachori, Veg Puffs, Bhajji Pakora, assorted Pastries, Guland Laddoo, tea and coffee.

Video shows Ukrainian president Zelenskyy surrendering. It's a deepfake

London: A poorly edited video purporting to show Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy publicly capitulating to Russian demands drew widespread ridicule Wednesday, but experts said it could be a harbinger of more sophisticated deceptions to come. The video appeared to show an ashen-faced Zelenskyy speaking from the presidential lectern and urging his countrymen to down their weapons in the face of Russian invaders. It is not clear whether anyone was convinced. Internet users immediately flagged the discrepancies between the skin tone on Zelenskyy's neck and face, the odd accent in the video, and the pixelation around his head. A Facebook official later said the company was removing the footage from its platform.

Nina Schick, the author of Deepfakes, said the video looked like "an absolutely terrible faceswap," referring to programs that can digitally graft one person's face onto another's body — part of a wider family of computer techniques that can create hyperrealistic forgeries known as "deepfakes." Television station Ukraine24 said in a Facebook post that the video was broadcast by "enemy hackers" and was "FAKE! FAKE!" The station could not immediately be reached for further detail and Ukraine's cyber watchdog agency did not immediately return messages seeking comment. But Ukraine's Ministry of Defense later released a video from the real Zelenskyy apparently dismissing the footage as a "childish provocation." "We are not going to lay down any

weapons until our victory," he said. Ukrainian officials have been warning of the danger of deepfakes, especially after Moscow's forces were denied a quick victory on the battlefield following their February 24 invasion. Two weeks ago, Ukraine's military intelligence agency put out a short video alerting the country to the danger of deepfakes, alleging that the Kremlin was preparing a stunt involving one. The Russian Embassy in Washington did not immediately return a message seeking comment. Schick called the fake Zelenskyy video "very crude," but warned that it was a matter of time before the technology became more accessible. "Expect fakes like this to become easier to produce while appearing highly authentic," she said.

In A Chilling And Televised Threat, Putin's Big Warning



New Delhi: Vladimir Putin warned he would cleanse Russia of the "scum and traitors" he accuses of working covertly for the U.S. and its allies. Facing economic meltdown three weeks into his invasion of Ukraine, the Russian leader lashed out at domestic critics. He accused the West of wanting to destroy Russia in a televised video conference with

dark undertones. "Any people, and particularly the Russian people, will always be able to tell apart the patriots from the scum and traitors and spit them out like a midge that accidentally flew into their mouths," Putin said. He went further: "I am convinced that this natural and necessary self-cleansing of society will only strengthen our country, our solidarity,

cohesion and readiness to meet any challenge." The outburst came two days after a producer at Russia's state-run Channel One interrupted the news with a rare public protest against the war in Ukraine. Marina Ovsyannikova briefly held up a sign behind the news anchor saying: "They're lying to you." Russia calls its assault on Ukraine a "special military operation" to protect breakaway Ukrainian regions from what it claims is a fascist regime in Kyiv and insists it's only targeting military installations. Still, the shelling in Ukraine has hit residential areas of cities and caused civilian casualties, with the southern city of Mariupol under a virtual siege for several weeks now.

UK military intelligence says Russia's invasion of Ukraine has largely stalled

London: Russia's invasion of Ukraine has largely stalled on all fronts, with Russian forces suffering heavy losses and making minimal progress on land, sea or air in recent days, British military intelligence said on Thursday. "Ukrainian resistance remains staunch and well-coordinated," The Ministry of Defence said. "The vast majority of Ukrainian territory, including all major cities, remains in Ukrainian hands."



"Not A Potato": Guinness World Records Rejects New Zealand Couple's Application

Washington: A couple in New Zealand were heartbroken after the Guinness World Records told them that a potato they dug up in their farm is actually a gourd. Colin Craig-Brown and his wife Donna submitted an application with the Guinness World Records last August for the world's heaviest potato, but were told that a scientific study identified it to be a tuber of a gourd in the family Cucurbitaceae. Affectionately named "Dug" by the couple, it was a giant potato-like mass, and had captured worldwide attention after Mr Craig-Brown and Donna found it in their garden. The man claimed it "looked and tasted" like a potato. But months after completing the paperwork and submitting the photos,

they got an e-mail from Guinness World Records last week which said, "Dear Colin, sadly the specimen is not a potato and is in fact the tuber of a type of gourd. For this reason we do unfortunately have to disqualify the application." The husband and wife are feeling sad but can't do anything because the results were based on DNA samples. "He just wasn't behaving like a potato should," Dr Samantha Baldwin, from New Zealand's Plant and Food Research, told The Wall Street Journal. "We couldn't identify DNA sequences that are specific to potatoes." Dr Baldwin's team ran several tests on the samples of the tuber. She further said that the samples were sent to Science & Advice for Scottish Agriculture



(SASA) in Scotland, which said Dug's genetic sequencing closely matched those of gourds. "He's still the world's biggest not-a-potato," Mr Craig-Brown told WSJ. The tuber had become a local celebrity, as the couple posted photos of it on Facebook

with a hat on and even built a cart to tow it around. They also asked a local farming stone to calculate its weight, which came out to be 7.8 kilograms. The existing record for the world's heaviest potato belongs to one grown in Britain in 2011, which weighed in at just under 5 kg.

Team Gamang Join BRS

Hyderabad: Former Chief Minister and nine-time MP Giridhar Gamang, his wife Hema, son Sishir along with a dozen of political, farmer and social leaders have joined the newly floated Bharat Rashtra Smaithi (BRS) party in here on Friday. Several others leaders including Ex-MP Jayram Pangi and ex-MLA Nabin Nanda, Navnirman Kishan Sangatan Convenor Akshay Kumar, Sangthan's Seshdev Nanda, Odisha PCC former Secretary Kailash Kumar Mukhi, RTI activist Pradeep Pradhan and Journalist Pramod Samantrai also joined the BRS in the presence of its President and Telangana Chief

Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao. The BRS Chief welcomed them into BRS by presenting party scarves to them. Seaking on the occasion, Shri Rao said 75 years was too long a period for transformation of a country with abundant resources but the harsh reality was that large sections were still denied basic needs such as water for drinking and irrigation, power, healthcare among others. Shri Rao said adding that there was a need for farmers coming together across the country and ensuring 'ab ki baar, kisan sarkar' to dictate the terms to ruling parties. "Odisha needs development, which is



yet to start. Our BRS will contest in all 147 MLA and 21 MP seats in the next election," said Sishir Gamang. The leaders from Odisha have formally joined the party today and are taking rest in Hyderabad. The senior leaders will have a meeting with KCR soon to chalk-out a roadmap to expand the party's base in Odisha, especially Telugu-speaking border constituencies. The party will fight the next election with a focus on farmers and tribals. Shri Rao is also expected to visit Odisha in the last week of February to launch the party's

Odisha unit. However, Governing BJP and Opposition BJD claimed that there will be no impact of the BRS in Odisha. BJD Chief Whip Prasant Muduli said BJD has a strong organisation and the party has faith in it. The party will again come to power in 2024, he claimed. Similarly, BJP leader P r i t h v i r a j Harichandan said, "Odisha politics in past had also witnessed several such parties. But all disappeared at a later stage. So, here there is a fight between BJP and BJD." The BJP is fighting with its development agenda while the BJD is fighting with its face Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, he said.

BJD Lambasts Centre Over Pending Proposals Of Inclusion Of Tribals In Odisha ST List, Calls BJP "Anti-Tribal"

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Taking up the issue of non-inclusion of tribals in the Scheduled Tribe (ST) list of Odisha, the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) today lambasted the BJP and accused the party of being "anti-tribal". Addressing a press meet during the day, former MP and party spokesperson cum senior general secretary Pradeep Majhi said the BJD government led by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has been working for the development and welfare of tribals in Odisha. The BJP-led Centre, on the other hand, has always neglected the tribal communities in the State and its approach has been anti-tribal, anti-poor and anti-Odisha, Majhi said. The Odisha government had repeatedly written to the Centre and given 169 proposals for the inclusion of as many

tribal communities in the State's ST list but despite the constant effort from the BJD, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been sitting on the issue, he said. On September 16 last year, CM Naveen Patnaik had written to the Union Minister of Tribal Affairs to consider inclusion of communities like Pauri Bhuyan, Chuktia Bhunjia, Durua, Dhurua, Dhurava, Uram, Dhangara, Oram/Uraon, Oraon Mudi and many others but they are still pending approval. Further on October 10, 2022, 20 communities namely Tomodia Bhumij, Tamadia Bhumij, Tamundia Bhumij, Tamulia B h u m i j , TamudiaBhumij, Tanla Gauda, Dora, Anati Dora/Enati Dora, Saara, Kui (Kandha), Kaur, Rajual/Rajuad, Konda Reddy/ Konda Reddi, Putiya/Putia/Dulia/

Dhulia/Putiya Paik/ Dhulia Paik/ Dulia Paik, Kalanga, Tamadia, Tamudia, Bhagata, Bhukta, Bhogota Nakasia, Bhanja Puran were proposed for inclusion in the ST list of Odisha but the Centre continued to remain silent, Majhi stated. The pending status of the proposals had been communicated to the Director of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs in Odisha at a meeting in April as well. "Despite the Odisha Government fighting for the issue, the BJP led Centre with its anti-tribal approach has been thwarting all efforts. On behalf of Biju Janata Dal, we demand these 169 proposals for inclusion in ST list be immediately approved and included in the ST list of Odisha. These communities are watching the anti-tribal approach of the BJP and its Central Government

and have seen their double standards," he said. "Naveen Patnaik Government has provided 5 lakh tribal girl children with hostels, Special Development Councils (SDCs) in nine tribal-dominated districts of Odisha covering 117 Blocks, 2022 GPs, 18687 villages and 14.05 lakh ST households. Its only the BJD government which fights for the rights of the tribals while the BJP only sheds crocodile tears and has no heart for the tribals who are awaiting to be included in the ST list. We demand that immediate steps be taken by the BJP-led Centre to include these 169 communities into the ST list failing which the BJD and the tribal communities of Odisha will be forced to come to the streets and raise our voice against the ill-treatment, neglect and constant disregard for the tribals of the State," Majhi said.

New PPP Policy Soon

Bhubaneswar (KCN): In an aim to infuse more capital on development of mega infrastructure projects, the State Government has drafted a new Public Private Partnership (PPP) Policy. For economic development of the country or State, emphasis on its infrastructure upgradation and better service delivery is crucial. Investment in the infrastructure sector acts as a driver of growth and a significant part of this investment is envisaged to come from the private sector under PPP mode. The PPP approach is best suited for the infrastructure sector as it supplements scarce public resources, creates a more competitive environment, and helps to improve efficiencies and reduce costs. The new Policy will be

The State Government had formulated the Industrial Policy 2015 and Public Private Partnership (PPP) Policy 2007, which stressed on the role of the private sector as a driving force of growth and development in the State. Now, the IPR has been replaced with the new IPR, 2022. So, the Government is now going to bring a new PPP Policy, revising the PPP Policy 2007. The main objective of the new Policy is to create robust institutional and governance frameworks within the State to attract private sector investments in infrastructure development and promote fairness, efficiency, and transparency in the procurement and post-award administration of PPP projects. The new Policy will be

applicable for development of infrastructure projects like roads, bridges, bypass, ports & harbors, airports, inland container depots & logistics hubs, industrial parks, theme parks, Special Economic Zones & townships, soil waste management, power generation, health, education, urban infrastructure, tourism projects, irrigation, railways and many more. As per the draft policy, the State Government will provide the required Viability Gap Funding (VGF) where the essential projects are commercially unviable. A High-Level Clearance Authority (HLCA) under the chairmanship of Chief Minister will be constituted for infrastructure projects

worth Rs 500 crore or more to be implemented in PPP mode. An Empowered Committee on Infrastructure (ECI) of a group of Secretaries will be formed under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary for facilitating infrastructure development ranging from Rs 10 crore to Rs 500 crore in the State under PPP. The Directorate of PPP will look after the infrastructure projects worth upto Rs 10 crore. Besides, a District PPP Committee will be established at the district level and will be headed by the District Collector to coordinate and facilitate the implementation of infrastructure projects on the PPP route.



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.FEST Scripts Success

Bhubaneswar: An unique event, .FEST, the mega food and cultural extravaganza organized in Capital City Bhubaneswar, has witnessed a footfall of over four lakh during last 10 days.

The .FEST has emerged as one of the biggest cultural festival in the city during the Hockey World Cup, which is going on at two host cities of Bhubaneswar and Rourkela.

According to organizing officials, on a daily basis, the live concert at the .FEST witnessed footfall of over 15,000 to 20,000, while about 20,000 people visited the

Tata Power leads EV charging space with a pan-India network; showcases wide-range of hi-tech EZ Charge solutions at Auto Expo 2023

Bhubaneswar: Tata Power, one of India's largest and fastest growing EV Charging solutions provider showcased its wide-range of hi-tech EV charging solutions at the ongoing Auto Expo 2023 in Greater Noida. A first-hand experience of the technology that is driving Tata Power's wide-spread EV charging network - EZ (read easy) Charge was provided to the visitors, including the award-winning and one of the most downloaded mobile apps for EV charging - Tata Power EZ Charge, which ensures a seamless user experience through features that will help commuters find the nearest charging station, know the real-time availability of charging points, and receive updates on charging status, amongst many others.

Information about Tata Power's one of its kind Network Operations Center (NOC) located in Mumbai was also on display. This center aids in the effective operational management of charging stations across India. NOC is integrated with the online platform that supports Tata Power's EZ Charge services, has a real-time communication link with all on-board chargers, and aids in the early detection of tech-related issues. The NOC additionally supports quick problem solving, back-end system support, and proactive planning for charging infrastructure upkeep. Tata Power has also kicked off an ambitious nationwide plan of setting up approx. 25000 electric vehicle (EV) charging points across the country to support faster adoption of e-mobility over the next 5 years.

International Food Festival every day.

During the 10 days long Bhubaneswar Live in .FEST, the citizens especially youths enjoyed to the tune of Bollywood singer Sukhwinder Singh, Guru Randhawa, Harshdeep Kaur, Neeti Mohan, Indian Idol fame Pawandeep Rajan & Arunita Kanjilal, Udit Narayan, Alka Yagnik, Sunil Grover, Shilpa Rao, Sashank Sekhar and many more.

Chak De Odisha with Odia sensations Rituraj Mohanty, Lisa Mishra, Sniti Mishra and others was enjoyed by all.

Besides, K-pop band Blackswan,

actress Disha Patani, choreographers Shiamak Davar & Salman Yousuf, Pandit Haraprasad Chaurasia and Ustad Taufiq Qureshi enthralled the audience with their magical performances.

"Although, all the 10 days have been super hit and it is difficult to articulate just one day to be the biggest hit, however, we would say that day 7 saw immense populace pouring in as the stage was set to fire by Amit Trivedi and Odia heartthrob Swayam Padhi with over 50,000 footfall at Live in concert, the International Food Festival, the Flea Market and the Photo

exhibition," said an official.

Muskaan Litfest for Child Authors showcases young literary talent

Bhubaneswar: Some of the leading social, cultural, corporate and literary organizations of the country came together for the first time to host a unique literature festival - 'Muskaan Litfest for Child Authors' - under the Muskaan initiative of Kolkata-based non-profit trusts, Prabha Khaitan Foundation and Education for All Trust. The three-day event was held at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) premises in Delhi. Union Minister of State for Women and Child Development, Dr M u n j a p a r a M a h e n d r a b h a i

Kalubhai, interacted with 30 school-going young authors from all over the country. "Muskaan is a brilliant initiative of PKF to give a platform for the young talented writers to showcase their works and inspire future talents," the minister said. He also gave certificates to the young authors.

Ruskin Bond, the most popular, loved and revered author among the children, in a message lauded Prabha Khaitan Foundation for its commendable efforts to promote the habit of reading among children through the Muskaan initiative. The three-



day Litfest (Jan 10-12) was organized in collaboration with IGNCA and in association with India International Centre and Sahitya Akademi as the knowledge partner. Shree Cement supported the event as a part of its corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative.

The festival was inaugurated in the presence of Priyank Kanoongo, Chairman, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR). Also present on the occasion were Sachchidanand Joshi, member secretary, the executive and academic head of IGNCA; K N Shrivastava, Director of

IIC, and K Sreenivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi. "Literature is the mirror of society. It is important to provide child authors the right environment and upbringing to promote literature," Kanoongo said. He asserted that instead of social media, the children should take more interest in writing and literature.

The evening was marked by a scintillating cultural programme 'Udaan' conceptualised by Shinjini Kulkarni, Ehsaas Woman of Prabha Khaitan Foundation. Huma Khalil Mirza, Ehsaas Woman of Delhi and Unnati Singh, Ehsaas

Woman of Indore, also chipped in and livened up the show. Teams of women achievers who work to create cultural capital and assets are a part of a Ehsaas Woman network in major cities of India under the aegis of Prabha Khaitan Foundation.

Dancer and choreographer Avirup Sengupta, who works with specially-abled children through Prayas Foundation, presented an enthralling performance. The Foundation had flown in children from Kolkata for the special performance. The latest issue of PKF newsletter Prabha, based on the theme of children's literature, was formally released.

The International

response from visitors.

Visitors are also witnessing the regional dance forms of Odisha like Dhuduki, Dhap, and Jodisankha as performers take over the three stages at Night Flea Market.

On the other hand, the International Food Festival has been making a daily business of approximately Rs 12-14 Lakh.

The International

Food Festival with cuisines from 16 countries and 24 States is under way at IDCO Exhibition Ground since January 15. It is being organized to offer the delicious dishes of Odisha to the foreign guests as well as cuisines from different countries to the people of the State.

Other activities conducted like Bhufest, Ekamra Walks have also received a very good response till date. Around 50+ trails with over 1000+ people have been conducted so far, the official informed.

BhuFeSto also saw brilliant response from people as famous storytellers like Nandita Das and

Antonio Rocha have graced the stage among many other brilliant artists. All in all, the response has been great, he added.

Bhubaneswar Development Authority (BDA) Vice Chairman Balwant Singh and his team of dedicated officials worked with all seriousness to make this event a hassle free and memorable one.

Ace Mandarin Shri Singh said, "From the beginning of the festival we have been promoting inclusiveness and equitable representation from all walks of life in celebration of the fest and the hockey World Cup."

TRENDS, INDIA'S LARGEST FASHION DESTINATION NOW OPENS INBADABAZAAR, BERHAMPUR

Berhampur / Bhubaneswar, India's largest and fastest growing apparel and accessories specialty chain of Reliance Retail, TRENDS, announced the launch of its third new Store in Berhampur Town of Odisha. Trends is truly democratizing fashion in India, by strengthening its reach & connect with consumers in India - right from Metros, mini metros, to Tier 1, 2 towns and beyond & is India's favorite fashion shopping destination.

The Trends store at Bada Bazaar, Berhampur boasts of modern looks and ambience featuring an exciting range of good quality and fashion merchandise that is relevant to the consumers of the region and at prices that are affordable and seen as high value for money.

Customers of this town can look forward to a uniquely special and superlative experience of shopping for trendy Women's Wear, Men's Wear, Kids Wear & Fashion Accessories, at delightful prices. This 7800 sq. ft. store, which is the third Trends store in the Berhampur town has a special inaugural offer for its customers, besides great relevant fashion and amazing prices: - Shop for Rs.3999 and get Merchandise worth Rs 3999 absolutely free and not only that the customers will also get coupon worth Rs.4000 absolutely free on purchase of Rs.3999. So head to Trends new store now in Bada Bazaar, Berhampur, for the joy of a great fashion shopping experience!

Almonds Food for Fitness

Bhubaneswar: Engaging in exercise promotes a healthful lifestyle, but even when performed correctly, exercise causes fatigue and muscle damage. Recovery from exercise is important because it leads to muscle gain and improved fitness over time. A new study involving people who exercise occasionally (less than three times per week) demonstrated that snacking on almonds reduced feelings of fatigue and tension, increased leg and lower back strength during recovery, and decreased muscle damage during the first day of recovery. David C. Nieman, DrPH, FACSM, Professor and Principal Investigator, Human Performance Laboratory, Appalachian State University, led this novel research, supported with funding from the Almond Board of California. Dr. Nieman's team wanted to see if an almond snack compared to a high-carbohydrate cereal bar snack would improve inflammation and recovery in adults engaging in 90-minute exercise sessions. "What we found tells us definitively that almonds should be added to sports nutrition strategies to help people recover better from exercise," explained Dr. Nieman. "Almonds are food for fitness. Carbs get most of the attention when it comes to fueling for exercise, but almonds offer a nutrition package, including good unsaturated fats, the antioxidant vitamin E, and proanthocyanidins (class of polyphenols, which are protective compounds in plants) that help explain the beneficial outcomes in our study." One serving of almonds (28g) has 13 g of good unsaturated fat and only 1 g of saturated fat.

Tata Power leads EV charging space with a pan-India network; showcases wide-range of hi-tech EZ Charge solutions at Auto Expo 2023

Bhubaneswar: National, Tata Power, one of India's largest and fastest growing EV Charging solutions provider showcased its wide-range of hi-tech EV charging solutions at the ongoing Auto Expo 2023 in Greater Noida. A first-hand experience of the technology that is driving Tata Power's widespread EV charging network - EZ (read easy) Charge was provided to the visitors, including the award-winning and one of the most downloaded mobile apps for EV charging - Tata Power EZ Charge, which ensures a seamless user experience through features that will help commuters find the nearest charging station, know the real-time availability of charging points, and receive updates on charging status, amongst many others.

Information about Tata Power's one of its kind Network Operations Center (NOC) located in Mumbai was also on display. This center aids in the effective operational management of charging stations across India. NOC is integrated with the online platform that supports Tata Power's EZ Charge services, has a real-time communication link with all on-board chargers, and aids in the early detection of tech-related issues. The NOC additionally supports quick problem solving, back-end system support, and proactive planning for charging infrastructure upkeep.

Tata Power has also kicked off an ambitious nationwide plan of setting up approx. 25000 electric vehicle (EV) charging points across the country to support faster adoption of e-mo-

bility over the next 5 years. Greater Noida, January 12, 2023: Taking a leap in the era of sustainability and green mobility, WardWizard, a leading manufacturer of electric two-wheeler Joy eBike, today launched its new high-speed electric scooter 'MIHOS' with Poly Dicyclopentadiene Material (PDCPD) to bring high standards of durability for the riders. Designed and developed by WardWizard's R&D team in Vadodara, MIHOS, is a retro-style electric scooter. It is equipped with advanced technology, and user-friendly features with a vehicle sound simulator for additional safety of the riders on the road. It also features a broad seat for enhanced riding comfort. The production will take place at the company's state-of-the-art manufacturing facil-

ity in Vadodara, Gujarat and the deliveries will commence in a phased manner across the country.

Speaking on the launch occasion and the company's prospects, Mr Yatin Gupte, Chairman & Managing Director, WardWizard Innovations & Mobility Ltd, said, "As one of the first promoters of electric mobility in the country, we are committed to building a sustainable environment and greener planet for the generations of today and tomorrow. Our new product MIHOS is designed and developed keeping in mind the aspirations of the customers and market demand. The scooter will not only excite the customers with its retro look and advanced features but will also provide extra safety with its high standards of durability

and comfort across various road conditions. The company is further investing in R&D for creating a holistic e-mobility ecosystem and developing India's first EV ancillary cluster to accelerate the adoption and growth of green mobility in the country. The year 2023 is going to be the establishing year of EV mobility in the country." Making another move in strengthening its product portfolio in the electric motorcycle category, the company also unveiled the concept of its city electric motorcycle 'Rockefeller' at the expo. The concept motorcycle is designed keeping in mind the need of the riders for daily riding. The company is planning to launch the motorcycle by the end of FY'24.

Adani Ropes In Mithali Raj As Mentor For Women's Premier League

Ahmedabad: Adani Sportsline, the sports development arm of the Adani Group, has appointed Mithali Raj, former captain of the Indian women's national cricket team, as mentor and advisor for the Gujarat Giants, ahead of the inaugural season of the Women's Premier League which will take place in March-April 2023.

Over the years, Mithali's trailblazing achievements and contributions to Indian cricket have not only earned her numerous awards and accolades but have also played a key role in bringing women's cricket into the limelight, both on national and international platforms.

As a mentor and advisor, Mithali will also promote women's cricket and help develop the sport at the grassroots level in Gujarat.

"The inaugural season of the Women's

Premier League is a fantastic move for women's cricket and the involvement of the Adani Group is a massive boost for the sport as well," said Mithali Raj, ex-Skipper of the Indian Women's National Cricket Team.

"Women's cricket is growing steadily, and this kind of impetus will undoubtedly encourage young women to consider taking up cricket professionally. I believe that the high-impact participation of corporates will help hasten the process of eventually bringing more glory to India. This level of influence can help strengthen the sporting ecosystem and enhance opportunities for women athletes."

"Mithali Raj is a role model for the young generation and we are delighted to have such an inspirational athlete on board to mentor our women's cricket team," said Mr Pranav Adani,



Director of Adani Enterprises.

"While we have supported many other women players in different sports through our 'Garv Hai' initiative, this is the first time the Adani Group has ventured into women's cricket,

and we are privileged to be able to promote women in sports through the inaugural Women's Premier League. We believe that the presence of international sporting heroes like Mithali will attract new talent not just into cricket but

also into every other sport and transform the professional sports ecosystem."

Acknowledged as one of the greatest female cricketers of all time, Mithali Raj opened her ODI career with a rare accomplishment – a century on debut. Mithali is the highest run-scorer in women's ODIs and has scored 17 half-centuries in her T20Is. The highly acclaimed cricketer captained India in the 2017 Women's ODI Cricket World Cup, where India finished runners-up. She was also part of the Indian team that made it to the semi-finals of the 2018 ICC Women's World T20, held in the West Indies. Adani Sportsline also manages teams in Kabaddi, Kho Kho, and men's cricket, as well as the annual Adani Ahmedabad Marathon, an event organized in solidarity with the Indian Armed Forces.

Under-19 Women's WC performances augurs well for Bangladesh

New Delhi: Dipu Roy Chowdhury, Bangladesh Women's Under-19 team's head coach, feels that their performance in the ICC Women's Under-19 World Cup indicates that they have a strong pipeline to replace the seniors in the future. The inclusion of four cricketers from the Under-19 squad in the national team for the upcoming ICC Women's World T20 validates the observation. The Bangladesh Cricket Board included uncapped batter Shorna Akhter, Disha Biswas, Marufa Akter and Dilara Akter though the latter was replaced by Fargana Haque in the 15-member squad after she sustained an injury on her ankle. Shorna and Marufa were the standout performers for the tourists in the tournament while players like hard hitting opener Afia Humaira, Anam Prattasha alongside Disha, Rabeya Khan and Dilara helped them end the tournament with their head held high. Bangladesh, who defeated India and South

Africa in the practice game ahead of the tournament, turned out to be serious contenders for the championship by the end of the group phase as they won all three Group A matches - against Australia, Sri Lanka and USA respectively - to enter into the Super Six phase with a maximum of six points. However, losing to hosts South Africa in the Super Six stages cost them dearly as they were knocked out despite defeating UAE in their final game. But their performances certainly grabbed eyeballs as the future now looks bright with a few senior players edging closer to the end of their careers. "Everyone has an age (Salma Khatun and others) and a time will come when they will retire and now we can hope that there are players in the pipeline who can replace them when they are not around," Dipu told reporters after arriving in Dhaka on Friday. "If you talk about power hitting, there is Prattasha

and you can also talk about Shorna Akhter and they batted exceptionally well and you cannot understand that without seeing them. It is a positive sign that four cricketers got chance in the national team and there is also one Under-19 cricketer in the bench called Rabeya (Khan)," he said. "So there will be a competition because unless there is competition the standard won't be high. Those who are in the national team are quite serious because no one can take their place for granted. I feel 60 percent members of the team will play in the next World Cup and they have given an impression that the pipeline is strong in Bangladesh," he said. Dipu added that he is impressed with the performances of Marufa and Shorna in the tournament and hoped that they will feature regularly in the senior team during the ICC Women's T20 World Cup.

Dani Alves' ex Wife Breaks Silence on FC Barcelona Legend's Arrest over Sexual Assault Allegations

New Delhi: The arrest of FC Barcelona legend Dani Alves has caused a lot of panic in both the football and political world. His family, former teammates, and others have been affected by the arrest of Dani following his allegations of rape. Dani's ex-wife Dana Dinorah recently confessed that it's not easy being in this situation and she also defended her ex-partner.

"I have not had access to him. I know he's sad, but he's fine and I'll do whatever it takes to help him," Dinorah told Telecinco. "It's a shock and for my children, who are teenagers and are

having a very hard time." "His family is overwhelmed because they want to see him and they can't access him. His lawyer tells me she is working on the case."

Dinorah showed complete confidence in Dani's innocence justifying that she knows the footballer for over 22 years now and that he would never do thing kind of a thing.

"Dani would never, ever, ever do this. I'm telling you because I've known him for 22 years and I've been married to him for 10. I think it's a nightmare and it can't be happening," she told the program 'Fiesta'.

Coming to his former club, Barcelona defeated relegation-threatened Getafe 1-0 to extend its

winning streak and increase its lead over Real Madrid in the Spanish league on Sunday. Pedri scored a first-half winner for the Catalan club, which opened a six-point gap ahead of Madrid's game at Athletic Bilbao later Sunday.

Barcelona has won four of its last five matches, with its only setback a draw against Real Betis in the semifinals of the Spanish Super Cup in Saudi Arabia, where it advanced in a penalty shootout before eventually winning the title in a final against Madrid.

Getafe players did the guard of honor before the match at the Camp Nou because of

Barcelona's Super Cup title. Captain Sergio Busquets also was honored for having surpassed 700 appearances with the Catalan club.

Barcelona defeated Getafe despite playing without suspended striker Robert Lewandowski, the league's leading scorer. The Poland player was serving the second of a three-game suspension for disrespecting a referee in a league game last year. Forward Ferran Torres also wasn't available for Barcelona coach Xavi because of a red-card suspension. Pedri scored the winning goal after an assist from Raphinha in the 35th minute.

Australian Open 2023: Magda Linette Stuns Karolina Pliskova to Enter First-Ever Grand Slam Semis

New Delhi: Two days after advancing to her first Grand Slam tournament quarterfinal, unseeded Magda Linette has gone one better and is into the Australian Open 2023 semifinals. The 30-year-old Linette beat Karolina Pliskova 6-3, 7-5 on Wednesday (January 25), adding the former No. 1 to the list of top players she has beaten at Melbourne Park during this tournament.

Linette, who had lost seven of nine previous matches against Pliskova, has defeated Anett Kontaveit, Ekaterina Alexandrova and WTA Finals champion Caroline Garcia in successive rounds. A player from Poland was favored to reach the latter stages of the tournament, but it was top-seeded Iga



Swiatek that everyone would have expected — and not Linette. "It's so emotional I can't really believe it," Linette said. "I tried to stay composed and took my chances when I could."

Linette will play the winner of the second women's quarterfinal on

Wednesday between No. 5 Aryna Sabalenka and unseeded Donna Vekic. They meet in Thursday night's semifinals.

The other women's semifinalists were determined on Tuesday. Two-time former Australian champion Victoria Azarenka will

play Wimbledon titleholder Elena Rybakina for a chance to play in Saturday night's final. Rybakina beat Swiatek in the fourth round. Later on Wednesday, the remaining men's semifinalists will be determined. Unseeded Americans Ben Shelton and Tommy Paul play before nine-time champion Novak Djokovic takes on Andrey Rublev.

Djokovic will be looking to qualify for his 44th Grand Slam semifinal and a win in that match on Friday would advance him on Sunday night to his 33rd major singles final. The other men's semifinal on Friday will see third-seeded Stefanos Tsitsipas play Karen Khachanov.

Renshaw ready for Ashwin challenge in India

New Delhi: Australia batter Matt Renshaw believes he is ready to stand up to the big Ravichandran Ashwin challenge if an opportunity comes his way to feature in the Border-Gavaskar Test series next month. The 26-year-old batter is not a first-choice starter but could find himself playing in the middle-order if Australia look to beef up their batting in the event of all-rounder Cameron Green not regaining full fitness.

Renshaw returned to Australia's Test XI in the New Year's Test in Sydney against South

Africa earlier this month, a comeback that was blighted by a positive Covid report on the opening day of the match. He featured in each of the four Tests on Australia's previous visit to India, scoring half-centuries in Pune and Bengaluru as well as a 44 in Ranchi but could not kick on to make a big score, which eventually cost him his spot from the team a year later. Renshaw is aware of the challenges of facing a master spinner like Ashwin, who in 2021 became the first bowler to take 200 wickets against

left-hand batters. "Ashwin is difficult to face. He is a smart bowler with a lot of variations and he uses them very well, but you do get used to him once you've faced him for a while," Renshaw told AAP.

"I think the big challenge from Ashwin and any offspinner in spinning conditions to a left-hander is the lbw threat. Obviously everyone thinks about the one that turns and gets you caught at slip, but the big one is the lbw when it doesn't spin. You just have to be ready for that one." "I think two years batting



at No. 5 helped me with facing spin. I know my game a lot better now and I am a lot more comfortable in different situations. We have a strong squad and it is going to be hard to push my way in, but I know that I will be ready if I do get a chance." Renshaw, who is currently playing in the Big Bash League, revealed that he was gearing up for the India challenge by getting the spinners in the Brisbane Heat setup - Mitchell Swepson, Matt Kuhnemann and Marnus Labuschagne - to bowl at him with the SG ball. "The SG ball

is a bit different, so we are just trying to prepare as well as we can during this BBL schedule if we get a window to hit red balls," Renshaw said. "It is a lot different, the conditions in India, so we are trying to replicate them as much as we can." The plan was if [the Heat] got knocked out we'd do some prep with the [Australian] team in Sydney, but we just kept winning and are in the finals now. We have got a good week and a bit in India before the first Test, so there will be plenty of time to prepare there as well."