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## CM Naveen Inaugurates Deloitte Tech Talent Hub In Bhubaneswar

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Barely a month after Make in Odisha Conclave 2022, Deloitte, a leading global professional services firm, today established its footprint in Odisha with the inauguration of its Capability Enhancement Centre (CEC) at ICOMC Tower in Bhubaneswar.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today inaugurated the firm's state-of-the-art 55,000 sq. ft. facility that will provide further impetus to the state's economy and create significant high-end employment opportunities for the youth.

Speaking on the occasion, Patnaik reiterated the commitment of his Government to facilitate Deloitte's expansion in Odisha.

"Wishing that the company grows by leaps and bounds and enhances employment opportunities for the state's youth in IT," he said,



adding "We will support Deloitte's expansion and plans for the state through all possible means." Union minister for Education, Skill Development, and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan in his address said "Development of Eastern India is the pre-requisite for a developed India. Deloitte's centre will act as a role model for other major companies to also establish their centres in the state."

Odisha Electronics and Information Technology,

Sports, and Youth Minister TK Behera said, "Bhubaneswar is already eastern India's preeminent IT Hub and Deloitte's presence will further increase the state's capabilities in IT sector."

Deloitte's leadership specifically praised this commitment shown by Odisha's government in facilitating the setup of the company's centre. Lauding the speed and responsiveness of State Government officials and institutions, Romal Shetty, CEO Designate

of Deloitte said, "In Odisha, we feel like a part of a family because of the professionalism and warmth with which we have been received in the state. Odisha is central to our plans and Deloitte will considerably expand the scope of its operations in the state."

Anubhav Patnaik, Advisor E&IT Department; VK Pandian, Secretary 5T; Manoj Mishra, Principal Secretary E&IT Department; Balwant Singh, MD Smart City;

Bijay Kumar Kulange, CEO Smart City; N Venkatram, CEO Deloitte India; Romal Shetty, CEO Designate Deloitte; and Debasish Mishra, Partner Deloitte were present at the event.

With this inauguration, Bhubaneswar has now become the fourth Indian city after Thane-Mumbai, Gurugram, and Coimbatore to have Deloitte's CEC, the company's flagship office which delivers outstanding value through adoption of best practices, usage of latest technologies, and deployment of a diverse and skilled workforce. The CEC in Bhubaneswar will expand to 1,500 professionals over 18 months and focus on areas such as analytics, artificial intelligence, digitalization, machine learning, cloud, and cyber security.

## Veteran Teacher Prabhas Chandra Panda Passes away

**Bhubaneswar:** Veteran teacher Prabhas Chandra Panda expired in a Private hospital at Bhubaneswar on 3rd January 2023. 92 years old

Shri Panda was suffering from pneumonia. A popular school teacher, Shri Panda started his professional teaching career from his native village at Adalpanka in Bhadrak District. His father, renowned freedom Fighter late Upendra Nath Panda was the first Editor of Odia Daily Prajatantra. Shri Panda retired from Service in 1988 as the assistant Headmaster of Steel High School in Sector- 2 at Rourkela. Shri Panda earned much name and fame as a meritorious teacher in Mathematics and Science. Many

of his students have earned much laurels in different walks of life like IAS, Engineering and Medical Services. He has been awarded

several times by Steel Authority of India limited for his outstanding teaching. His wife, two sons and daughter-in-laws were present near his bed, when the end came. Odisha cadre retired IAS officer Dr. Arun Panda and former Joint General Manager of SR Steel Dr. Kirankanti Panda were his two sons. The last rites of Shri Panda were performed at Swarga Dwar in Puri. His eldest son Dr Arun Panda gave the fire in the funeral pyre. Shri Panda's demise evoked widespread shockwave among the general public of steel city Rourkela.



## Archana Nag's Bail Plea In Sextortion Case: Orissa HC Seeks Case Diary

**Cuttack(KCN):** Amid ongoing probe into money laundering case against sextortion accused Archana Nag, Orissa High Court sought the case diary from the police.

Hearing a petition filed by Archana seeking bail, the High Court directed the Commissionerate Police to submit the case diary.

Archana had moved the High Court for bail in connection with sextortion case filed by Ollywood filmmaker Akshay Parija at the Nayapalli Police Station after Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) Court-3 in Bhubaneswar had rejected her bail application on November 30 last year.

Archana is accused of extorting money from influential people by blackmailing them with objectionable videos. Currently, she is in the judicial custody in a



money laundering case being probed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

The blackmailer was arrested by the Commissionerate Police based on a complaint by Parija alleging blackmailing. She had allegedly demanded Rs 3 crore from the film producer threatening him of making his objectionable videos and photographs with a woman public.

In December last year, the Commissionerate Police had filed a chargesheet against the

honeytrap kingpin before the JMFC Court-3 in Bhubaneswar in the case registered at the Nayapalli Police Station. The 501-page chargesheet was submitted against Archana under Sections 384, 385, 388, 389, 500, 506 and 120-B of the IPC and Sections 66E, 67 and 67A of the I-T Act.

The Commissionerate Police will submit supplementary chargesheet against the blackmailer after completion of the investigation.

## BJD Demands PMGKAY Rice

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** With the launching of free rice distribution scheme by the Modi Government, political atmosphere in Odisha hots up as it has put a full stop on the one-rupee rice scheme of the BJD Government.

The Governing BJD on Friday demanded for continuation of distribution of 5 kg rice per head under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) from current month.

The BJD has raised this demand in the wake of the Centre started distribution of free rice to all beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) for one year. Holding a press conference here, BJD MP and National Spokesperson Dr Sasmit Patra said that 10 kgs of rice per person per month was being provided to 3.25 crore people of Odisha

(5 kg under NFSA and 5 kg under PMGKAY). However, the Centre has now stopped the PMGKAY. The Centre stopping 5kg free rice/person per month under PMGKAY will badly affect the poor and farmers. It will adversely affect individual households and families, he said. "After the Covid-19 pandemic and all savings exhausted, the poor needed the PMGKAY support for a much longer time. Its stopping will burden them and their families massively. Why is the Centre slashing the food security of the poor?" asked Patra.

Now the farmers of Odisha face a grave challenge due to the Centre stopping the PMGKAY. No more additional procurement of rice, no more MSP to farmers, said the BJD leader.

Further, he said,



many eligible families of Odisha are deprived and should be included in the programme but the Centre has not considered them even after so many years.

Patra emphasized that the BJD strongly condemns this anti-poor, anti-farmer and anti-family attitude of the BJP led Centre in depriving lakhs of families of Odisha and slashing their monthly rice allocation by half

and demand that the PMGKAY should be continued in the interests of the individual families and their wellness.

He demanded that PMGKAY should be immediately restarted from this month onwards as its stopping will adversely affect the food security of crores of poor people not only in Odisha but also across India, especially after Covid.

The BJD will continue to strongly demand restarting of PMGKAY in Parliament as well as other forums till the Centre agrees to press the demand. Commenting on this, BJD spokesperson Golak

Mohapatra said, "Finally the BJD has admitted that the Modi government is providing free rice to the poor people not the BJD government. Now, the state will not pay a single pie in distribution of rice to the poor." Notably, the BJD government had launched the Rs 2 per kg rice scheme under the Public Distribution System (PDS) ahead of the Assembly and general elections in 2009. The Naveen Patnaik government launched the one-rupee rice scheme in 2013. This scheme has been treated as a game changer scheme for the BJD government till now. Through this scheme, BJD has reached to the heart of all poor people in Odisha. Now, both the parties have locked their horns over the scheme as it may have a strong impact in the upcoming elections.

## Bargarh Dhanu Yatra: Maharaja Kansa irked over poor condition of bus stand



Bargarh, Maharaja Kansa felt really bad to see the sorry state of affairs at bus stand and slapped a fine of 20 lakh gold coins on the bus stand authorities. Gobinda Sahu death case and his last letter mystery: CB, Sahu daughter's exclusive audio conversation out Kansa is one of the biggest villains in Indian mythologies. He is known for his tyrannical rule during Dwapar Yug. However, Kaliyug Kansa of world famous open air theatre Dhanu Yatra is completely opposite of its Dwapar coun-

terpart. He is seen taking action against errant administrative officers during Nagara Parikrama on Wednesday. According to sources, Dhanu Yatra is underway in Bargarh town. The township has transformed into Mathura where demon King Kansa rules. King Kansa's 'Nagara Parikrama' is central attraction of the fair. During his Nagara Parikrama, he does not spare anybody on finding them faulty. On Wednesday, the King left for Digbijay Yatra with his ministers and

reached the government bus stand. The king was shocked to see bus stand lying in poor condition. Heaps of garbage were seen lying in every corner. That apart, he resented lack of toilets meant for women passengers. Maharaja Kansa felt really bad to see the sorry state of affairs at bus stand and slapped a fine of 20 lakh gold coins on the bus stand authorities. Maharaja Kansa said, "I paid a visit to government bus terminal as part of my Digbijay Yatra. Toilets at the bus stand are in poor shape. There is no Yatri Nivas for passengers. The terminal is full of dirt. Taking a tough stand against the authorities, I have imposed a fine of 20 lakh gold coins on them." Upon being asked, an officer of the bus stand, said "We would clear the garbage from the bus depot so that King Kansa is happy. He has also warned of taking stringent action if we fail to adhere to his order."

## Hockey World Cup 2023: Denizens resent hurried beautification work, doubt longevity

Bhubaneswar: Odisha government is in a hurry to finish all the beautification work. However, the denizens have put a question mark over the longevity of the new infrastructure built in a hurried manner. The much-awaited FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 will be played at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar and Birsamunda International Hockey Stadium in Rourkela from January 13-29. With just around a week left for the marquee event to start, final preparation for beautification is yet to be completed and that remains a huge concern. As per reports, Odisha government is in a hurry to finish all the beautification work. However, the denizens have put a question mark over the longevity of the new infrastructure built in a hurried manner. Though the teams have started arriving for the mega event, city beautification work is yet to be completed and the State government is in a last moment hurry to complete the projects in time. While the uncompleted footpath is brushed with colour to cover up things sub-standard construction work is being done in some other parts. Meanwhile, several denizens of the Capital City have expressed concern over the longevity of the beautification work which is currently being undertaken in a hurried manner. "The State government is



undertaking the beautification work in a hurried manner. The longevity of those works remains a concern. Crores of rupees are being spent on those projects. If it sustains in the long run then only Odisha will be respected worldwide and the people coming from abroad will have a good feeling and notion about the State," said Prakash Mohapatra, a senior citizen from Bhubaneswar. However, the contractors exuded confidence of finishing the unfinished task within the deadline. "The government officers are encouraging us regularly to finish the beautification work in time. We are working day and night.

## DRM, SAMBALPUR INSPECTED JUNAGARH ROAD, BHAWANIPATNA & AMBODALA STATION

Sambalpur: Divisional Railway Manager, Sambalpur, Shri Vineet Singh inspected the Junagarh Road, Bhawanipatna and Ambodala Railway Stations in Titagarh-Junagarh Road - Ambodala section of Sambalpur Division on 03.01.2023. He took stock of various passenger amenities and facilities provided at the stations and inspected ongoing developmental activities in the section. He interacted with the staff & inspected various fixed assets, establishments, Passenger amenities in the section and advised staff to follow safety rules in all respects. He also conducted window trailing inspection between Ambodala- MVA (Vedanta siding) Lanjigarh section.



## Odisha STF busts Royal Bengal Tiger hide smuggling racket, one held

Boudh. The STF seized skins of a Royal Bengal Tiger (RBT) and a leopard following interrogation of the arrested accused identified as Himalaya Dash. The Special Task Force (STF) of Odisha Crime Branch on Wednesday arrested a wildlife smuggler after busting a racket involved in smuggling of tiger and leopard hide. The STF seized skins of a Royal Bengal Tiger (RBT) and a leopard following interrogation of the arrested accused identified as Himalaya Dash. According to sources, the accused was striking a deal of Rs 10 lakh to sell the RBT hide in Boudh. After receiving information from reliable sources, the STF along with the local forest officials conducted a raid and made the seizure. During interrogation, the accused also revealed crucial information about smuggling of leopard hide, acting on which the STF managed to seize the leopard hide from Sonepur. However, the raid team is yet to arrest Himalaya's aides and dealers who were a part of the deal. The seized Royal Bengal Tiger has been sent to Dehradun for examination. It is pertinent to mention that the STF had seized hide of another RBT from Udala in Mayurbhanj district on December 14. The unabated rise in Royal Bengal Tiger poaching and smuggling of hides has become a matter of serious concern in Odisha. When contacted, STF SP Kishore Kumar Panigrahy said, "This is an organised crime. Many others are also involved in this case and their names have been mentioned in the FIR copy. We will arrest everyone involved in the heinous crime. Now, only we have arrested one smuggler and he is being forwarded to court." Speaking about the seizure of 14 leopard and two RBT hides in 2022, he said, "Our effort is to bring an abrupt end to the poaching of RBT and leopards in the state. Whenever we receive any input, we conduct raids and make arrests. Effort is on." Further probe is on. There is no report of link of any forest official in the smuggling. If any forest official is found involved in the case, we will not back off from taking action against such officials," Panigrahy added.



## Sushil Baveja joins Jindal Stainless as the new CHRO

Gurugram: India's leading stainless steel manufacturer, Jindal Stainless, announced the appointment of Mr Sushil Baveja as its new Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO). Mr Baveja comes with an experience of over three decades and will be responsible for driving people strategy, enhancing workplace culture, strengthening talent management, and enriching the organization's growth. Speaking on the appointment, Abhyuday Jindal, Managing Director, Jindal Stainless said, "In today's competitive hiring landscape, great organisations are distinguished by their culture, leadership, and values. Our organisation is differentiated by its focus on customer satisfaction, creativity and innovation, and learning agility. We thus want to keep attracting the right talent and retaining high performers. I am confident that Mr Baveja will be the driving force helping both the organisation and its people thrive." Mr Baveja comes with diverse experience and has worked with some leading Indian and multinational organisations such as DCM Shriram Ltd, Alcatel, Cadbury India Ltd and Gillette India, among others. He is an alumnus of Institute of Management Technology (IMT) Ghaziabad and has done the Advanced Human Resource Executive Program (AHREP) in Human Resources Strategy from the Ross School of Business at University of Michigan. Talking about his new role, Mr Baveja said, "I am thrilled to join Jindal Stainless, an organisation that has set benchmarks not only in stainless steel manufacturing, but also in creating a cohesive work environment for its employees. The company is currently going through a very exciting phase in terms of business expansion and people practices.

## 26-day SOA Cup sports competition kicks off

Bhubaneswar: Students of different institutions under SOA Deemed to be University will be competing in more than a dozen events over a period of 26 days for the SOA Cup which kicked off in the university campus here on Wednesday. The events in which the students will take part include Football (only boys), Cricket, Volleyball (only boys), Basketball, Lawn Tennis, Kho Kho (only boys), Throwball (only girls), Table Tennis, Softball, Chess and Kabaddi. A separate competition for the best physique for boys will be held as well. Kho

Kho has been introduced for the first time this year. Siba Mohanty, Resident Editor of the New Indian Express in Bhubaneswar, graced the inaugural function of the SOA Cup as the special guest. Speaking on the occasion, Mohanty said sports needed a big push in India where only 5.7 per cent of the 140 crore population were sports literate while about 10 million youngsters pursued only badminton in China. However, sport was looking up in India as the recent performance of the country's contingent in the Olympics indicated.



Odisha was also investing in sports providing a boost to different games, he said. Abinash Tripathy, a state-level table tennis player, took the oath on behalf of the participants. The institutions participating in the annual fiesta included Institute of Technical Education and

Research, Institute of Medical Sciences and SUM Hospital, Institute of Dental Sciences, SUM Nursing College, Institute of Business and Computer Studies, School of Hotel Management, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, SOA National Institute of Law, Institute of Agricultural Sciences and Institute of

Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry. Students of the Institute of Higher Secondary Education, the Plus Two Science College run by SOA, are participating in a few disciplines for the first time this year. The inaugural program was attended by SOA's Vice-Chancellor Prof. Bijay Kumar Sahu, Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Pradipta Kumar Nanda, Pro-Vice Chancellor cum Registrar Prof. Bibhuti Bhushan Pradhan and Dean (Students' Welfare) Prof. Jyoti Ranjan Das. Sunita Barma, Sports Officer, proposed the vote of thanks.

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**Project K makers tease fans with Deepika Padukone's silhouette look from the film on her birthday**

Makers of the upcoming Pan India film 'Project K' unveiled the first poster of actor Deepika Padukone on the occasion of her birthday. Taking to Instagram, production house Vyjayanthi movies shared the poster which they captioned, "Here's wishing our @deepikapadukone a very Happy Birthday." In the orange and red poster, Deepika's silhouette was seen as she posed against the sun, presumably on the top of a mountain hill. Soon after the makers unveiled the poster fans flooded the comment section with red hearts and fire emoticons. "Best first look poster for a heroine in Indian cinema," a fan commented. Another fan wrote, "A hope in the dark" describes her so well." "Yas we were waiting for this," a fan wrote. Helmed by Nag Ashwin, 'Project K' also stars Prabhas, Disha Patani and Amitabh Bachchan in the lead roles. The official release date of the film is still awaited. Deepika Padukone made her debut in Bollywood with 'Om Shanti Om' alongside Shah Rukh Khan and turned 37 years old today. Meanwhile, Deepika will be next seen in director Siddharth Anand's upcoming action thriller film 'Pathaan' alongside Shah Rukh Khan and John Abraham which is all set to hit the theatres on January 25, 2023. Apart from that, she also has 'The Intern' along with Amitabh Bachchan and director Rohit Shetty's upcoming film 'Singham Again' opposite Ajay Devgn in her kitty.



**Tom Hanks reveals 'Forrest Gump 2' had been a serious possibility for 40 minutes**

Hollywood star Tom Hanks has recently revealed that a sequel to his Oscar-winning movie 'Forrest Gump' had been a serious possibility but for only 40 minutes. According to Variety, Hanks made the revelation on the 'Happy Sad Confused' podcast. He said, "I will say that, with a long time in between, we did take a stab at talking about another 'Forrest Gump' that lasted all of 40 minutes. And then we never...we said, 'Guys, come on.' "A smart thing I did is I've never signed a contract that had a contractual obligation to a sequel. I've always said, 'Guys, if there's a reason to do it, let's do it. But you guys can't force me.' There is that natural inclination that is one of pure commerce that says, 'Hey, you just had a hit, so do it again and you'll have a hit.'" he added. The Oscar-winning drama was based on the 1986 novel, which led to the 1995 book sequel 'Gump and Co'. The film adaptation of the first book was



**SS Rajamouli's RRR tickets sold out at world's biggest IMAX theatre in LA in just 98 secs**



Filmmaker SS Rajamouli's magnum opus 'RRR', which hit the Indian screens in March 2022, was scheduled to be screened at the world's biggest IMAX theatre and the tickets for the screening got sold out in a matter of 98 seconds. 'RRR' was screened as a part of an initiative by Beyond Fest at Los Angeles' Chinese Theatre. The official handle of Beyond Fest took to Twitter to share the news. The tweet claimed that it was historic as there has not been a screening like this ever before. The tweet read: "It's official and it's historic. @RRRMovie sold out the @ChineseTheatres @IMAX in 98 seconds. There has never been a screening like this of an Indian film before because there has never been a film like RRR before. Thank you @ssrajamouli @tarak9999

@AlwaysRamCharan @mmkeeravaani." 'RRR' stars NTR Jr., Ram Charan, Ajay Devgn, Alia Bhatt, Shriya Saran, Samuthirakani, Ray Stevenson, Alison Doody, and Olivia Morris. It centres around two real-life Indian revolutionaries, Alluri Sitarama Raju and Komaram Bheem, their fictional friendship and their fight against the British Raj. Set in the 1920s, the plot explores the undocumented period in their lives when both the revolutionaries chose to go into obscurity before they began the fight for their country.

**Salman Khan renews rent licence for supermarket in Mumbai for 89 lakhs a month**

Salman Khan is a veritable superstar, but he's also an astute businessman. Of the many businesses that he runs apart from his movie-related endeavours, his stint in real estate is the least talked about. ETimes has learnt that Salman has recently renewed the leave and license for the property that he has rented to a leading supermarket franchise. The actor has renewed a two-year agreement with the retail giant and it will get him a rent of Rs 89.60 lakh for the first year,



which will increase to Rs 94.08 lakh in the second year. According to documents accessed by SquareFeatIndia.com, Salman renewed the lease of the property that he had rented to the Foodhall brand at Linking Road in Mumbai. Salman Khan had earlier leased the property to Foodhall's parent retail company for a period of 5 years in 2017. On September 5, the actor renewed the lease with TNSI Retail Pvt Ltd a subsidiary of the parent company, which runs Foodhall. The

total area rented, in a multi-storey building owned and constructed by Salman's firm, is 2568.85 sq mts and it includes the basement, ground floor, first floor and the second floor of the building in Bandra. A deposit of Rs 2.68 crore was paid for this agreement while the stamp duty paid by the parties involved was Rs 5.87 lakh. This specialised supermarket is a grocery, cafe, bakery and gift shop all under one roof and it's become quite a popular hotspot for Bandra residents which includes many Bollywood celebrities, too.

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# Where I See Education These Days



**Adishree Mishra**

Here in this article, I am not going to say anything new that you don't know but yes for sure we all somewhere were being blindfolded and controlled by a system which is somehow built through nothing but our perception.

I know what's written above is little hard to digest but is true so here I am your author Adishree to explain you where I see education these days. Thereby requesting you to hold on your patience and not to skip this article like you just scroll a meme ahead in social media.

Education in my words is the simplest blueprint to fabricate ourselves. It helps in making better perception, judgement, nature and behavior

also to survive, communicate and find our destination. More often "Education" these days is consider nothing but a way of people to earn money by whether giving it or taking it. In simple words it turned to be a great business. These days no one is completely educated because everyone runs for marks not to gain knowledge. And in this process, they forget to take complete knowledge which will sure help them to secure good marks or get into good institutions but somewhere they cheat themselves. Marks only help an individual get into a good institution, but it will not always give you a great life. You may have seen sometimes toppers may get into good colleges but not always sure that they get all the success because you may have become the topper of your institution but when you move one step ahead you see more people with similar designation in

the same stair. The only way for you to move one step more ahead that competition is to gain knowledge every moment. Knowledge is not always what you read on books because books contain limited things which will partially help us in building the blueprint of our life in practical. We should enjoy the beauty of education; we should fall in love with it. Education is not a relay race but is a beautiful journey to live as it can change the whole scenario of our life. Education is like a curry where our life is like the base and knowledge is like spices so it depends on us that how much spice we'll add to our curry to make it perfect. Anything much or less is harmful so as education for which we should try to get that much knowledge which we need.

When I turn back, years before we might not have any advance facilities but for sure running behind knowledge was more



prioritized than to run after marks. Nowadays not only kids but also parents should get primary moral education which will help both parent and children to walk with time parallelly and understand the value of education. These days every parent consider education of their child as an investment and security to their future which they'll get in return from their doctor/engineer child. You must be thinking why I have written doctor or engineer not any other profession, aren't you? the reason behind my statement is that most institutions in the

name of carrier counselling wash your brain so easily and include you in their folk of sheep to pursue your carrier whether in medical or engineering field, not to make your profit but theirs. And the more years you waste the more profit they get. Your inner heart better knows whether you are made for that profession or not, but they sell you the hope to run their business. My problem is not with those institution who does all this because everything is fair in business but it's with the parents who doesn't realize that how important it's for a child to get proper carrier counselling

because it may make their life or ruin it completely. Forcefully we may get into it, but we cannot give our 100% for which we are not made. We may earn money more but may not get the happiness we want. It's also the fault of the children that they don't make their parents understand what they really want to do in their life and blindly follow others way to reach their own destination without realizing that one wrong way can completely change their destiny. Some parents scold their child for marks if they didn't get the expected result, why

they didn't praise their children for their efforts? Is it necessary for every child to be with same IQ? Are we doing right with our children by comparing them with others? Does the five fingers in our palm are of same size? all these questions should arise in their mind before scolding a child. Every child is special, and education is not only about gaining knowledge in one field. Gurukul system which was followed before where the development of a child was more focused which helped an individual in self-mastery and consciousness.

Examination is the main pillar of education. Former examinations are added to education system to make the individuals realize how much knowledge they had gain in their academics and where they need improvements but these days no one focus how they can improve but are busy

in finding the reason behind their failure. In search of reason of their failure they forget to find the way to get improvement. Through this article I would specially request the teachers to focus more on the weak one rather than unnecessarily praising more and more to the strong ones. the day you'll take one step closer to your student's actual education. You will be one step ahead in giving the nation better citizens.

For me the definition of education is completely different which you might have realized from my above context. Startseeing education in a different way, it will for sure make a change in your approach. Think beyond your imagination to get your answers.

Let education embrace its beauty on you and make your eyes realize that capable to understand its beauty. Run behind knowledge it'll make you find your destination.

## Smart Phone-positive or negative- depends on customer's use

**Pratap chandra sahu**

The growth of the use of smart phones are based on their ability to become technologically advanced since most of them can take and send photos and videos and connect internet for surfing, studying, meeting their friends, relatives, enjoying and learning etc. It may be good or bad depending upon the users. So it is said there are various un-favourable effects of the use of smart phones in our society. Coupled with technology the era of advancement, the smart phones have made our lives easier. We have become dependent upon smart phones for even carrying out fundamental functions of our daily life such as communication, shopping, banking etc. You know radiation from smart phones may damage the brain tissue and it's effects more on children. Still then the number of users increased day by day. You see each and every one has a costly smart phone in his/her hand. So it depends upon the customer's use. Smart phone is nothing but an electronic, wireless portable scientific device, which is used to receive or send the voice or messages. It is with high resolution touch screen display, wi-fi connectivity, web browsing, capability and ability to accept sophisticated apps. Now they are not only means of communication, but are also the sources of information and entertainment. You know

now it has come into force to the fifth generation system i.e 5G. The smart phone devices have become the life time communication in today's time. We find ourselves in the midst of greatest information and communication revolution in human history. More than 40% of world's population has access to the internet because of decreasing prices of smart phones and internet packs. Addiction to smart phone has significantly impacted the families all over in negative way. Children are increasingly feeling emotionally neglected. Family as an institution for inculcating values to children is gradually losing its relevance. The most affected section of the society by the usage of smart phones are children. They are spending hours together on their smart phones playing games. This affects their reading time and sleeping hours also. This creates also havoc with their physical and mental growth. A large section of teenagers and young mass have fallen victims using of smart phones. The instant messaging and social media applications are very popular among them. However we can not deny that smart phones are great invention and almost a perfect technological break through. It would be unfair if we restrict ourselves to only negatives of these devices. Smart phones have provided a great level of convenience and safety to

those who use it. Today smart phones have become an integral part of our lives. We seem completely reliant on our phones no matter where we are or what we are doing. People these days are empowered to be mobile savvy by staying connected. We can now send/receive e-mails anywhere easily, stay connected, take photos, play games, manage calendars and the list goes on and on. One can set alarms and reminders, schedule meeting and have video conferences through smart phones. Smart mobile devices are used to deliver and take online education. Smart mobiles give an opportunity to teachers and students engage with each other without being physically present. It has also provided an enhanced opportunity and support to those students who need study and learn at their own pace. The physical distance are now overcome by connecting through mobiles. It is a big support for the people who are living away from their families. They can have a video call with their family members as many times as they want to talk with them in a day. Smart phones are the most popular and useful gadget in present times. However a smart phone can be both positive and negative depending upon how a user uses it. Thus smart phones should be used optimally according to the needs and requirements of daily life.

**Nabarangapur**

## Throwing away food is like stealing from the table of the poor and hungry

**Vinod Chandrasekhar Divit**

World Food Day is celebrated all over the world on October 16. This global event marks a day calling for worldwide awareness and collective action to combat the issue of hunger and ensure healthy diets for all. World Food Day was established in November 1979, as suggested by former Hungarian minister of agriculture and food Dr Pal Romany. All sorts of solutions basically rely on agriculture since it is the main source of food and also a source of income to many. Food is one of the basic needs of human life. One is able to survive without the other basic needs like shelter and clothing but one cannot go without food. This is the reason as to why many countries take measures to ensure food security. Food is also of utter importance to us as it helps our bodies grow and develop. Without eating food, our bodies would not grow and our organs would not develop. Food releases nutrients that help our bodies grow in size and weight. Malnutrition, undernutrition and overnutrition are the causes of hunger. Both



malnutrition and undernutrition refer to the effects on people of not having enough food. The human body is just like a machine. Like an engine burning up fuel, in order to generate the required energy, the human body uses the consumed food in order to generate the driving forces to keep the heart beating, the lungs breathing and the limbs functioning. Healthy food is one of the most important part in leading a healthy life. Combined with physical activity, a

balanced food can help us to reach and maintain a healthy weight. Healthy food habits can reduce the risk of chronic diseases. It can also improve our concentration and promotes our overall health. The famous proverb 'Health is wealth' reminds us about the importance of good health. Healthy eating habits is one of the vital part in achieving good health. We should always try to take a balanced diet that contains the correct proportions of

carbohydrates, fats, proteins, vitamins, minerals, and water. We should include more vegetables and fruits in our daily life as vegetables can provide nutrients vital for health and maintenance of your body. Food is essential to drive away hunger and malnutrition. Our body needs sufficient food to survive through. It gives us the required energy and sufficient nutrients to grow and develop to be healthy and energetic, to move around, work, exercise, play, think and learn. Eradicating hunger

and malnutrition is one of the vital issue of in this society. Not only do the consequences of not enough or lack of food cause suffering in hunger and detrimental health, they are also slow in progress in many other areas of development like education and employment. Food safety is the important things of to describe food handling, preparation, and the storage of the food in ways that foodborne illness. Food can be transmitted from a person to a person as well as servers as the growth medium of the bacteria that can cause of the food poisoning. The food is either spoiled during production or transport or thrown into the waste bins of households, retailers or restaurants. Further area of concern is generation of greenhouse gas like methane by food waste which is filling up the world's landfills. Food is a very basic necessity for every human body to survive and to be healthy.

**B-15 Jyoti-Kalash Society, Jodhpur Tekra Satellite Ahmedabad**

## Jharkhand: Schools to remain shut till January 8 amid extreme cold wave



**RANCHI:** All primary schools in Jharkhand will remain closed till January 8 amid the cold wave that gripped the state, according to a government notification. The minimum temperature in Ranchi will be hovering between 7 and 10 degrees Celsius till January. Teachers will, however, attend schools to update all student records online, it said. Midday meals would also be made available to students from the government schools, it added. Similarly, Haryana and Punjab government also declared winter holidays for students. All Punjab private and government schools will remain closed till January 8, 2023. On the other hand, Haryana government declared winter holidays for all government and private schools in the state from January 1 to 15, 2023.



The President, Smt. Droupadi Murmu accorded a guard of honour on her visit to Rajasthan

## RBI tells SC Swamy's claim of involvement of its employees in bank scams fallacious

NEW DELHI

THE Reserve Bank of India (RBI) told the Supreme Court on Wednesday it has an internal mechanism to examine an employee's conduct and the averments made by BJP leader Subramanian Swamy in his plea seeking a probe into the alleged role of its officials in various banking scams are "fallacious and non-substantiated".

Seeking dismissal of Swamy's plea, the RBI said the petitioner has no locus standi to file the petition and it is "riddled" with factual and legal inaccuracies.

"In this regard, it is submitted that the averments made by the Petitioners trying to link the scams to the RBI Officials is fallacious and non-substantiated in the absence of any prima facie evidence produced by the Petitioners.

"It is submitted that the RBI has an internal mechanism / framework to examine an employee's conduct if there are any specific allegations, or prima facie evidence with respect to his actions or omissions. The Petitioners have not presented any evidence or specific allegation in this regard and have merely made vague and ambiguous wild allegations against the entire institution of the answering Respondent," the RBI said in an affidavit filed in the top court.

The RBI told the top court it also has a Central Vigilance Cell (CVC) which oversees the conduct of the employees.

## AI incident: DGCA seeks report; airline bars unruly passenger for 30 days



NEW DELHI

AIR India on Wednesday said it has imposed a 30-day flying ban on a passenger who had urinated on a female co-passenger onboard a flight from New York to Delhi in November last year and set up an internal panel to probe whether there were lapses on the part of their crew in addressing the situation.

Aviation regulator DGCA said it has sought a report from the airline on the incident, which happened on November 26 and will "take action against those found negligent".

Air India said it has filed a police complaint about the incident but did not specify when the 30-day flying ban on the passenger came into effect.

Delhi Police on Wednesday said several teams have been formed to catch the passenger and registered a case against the accused.

Based on the complaint given by the victim, Delhi Police has registered a case under sections 294 (does any obscene act in any public place), 354 (Assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 509 (word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman) and 510 (Misconduct in public by a drunken person) of the Indian Penal Code and other relevant section of Aircraft rule.

## Bilkis Bano case: Supreme Court judge Justice BM Trivedi recuses herself from hearing, again

NEW DELHI,

SUPREME Court judge Justice Bela M Trivedi Wednesday recused herself from hearing a batch of pleas challenging the remission of sentence of 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano case in which she was gang-raped and seven members of her family were killed during the 2002 Gujarat riots.

A bench of Justices Ajay Rastogi and Bela M Trivedi took up the pleas by CPI(M) leader Subhashini Ali, journalist Revati Lau, former vice-chancellor of the Lucknow University Roop Rekha Verma and Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP Mahua Moitra against



the premature release of the convicts.

Advocate Rishi Malhotra, appearing for Bhat said pleadings in the matter are over and the court may keep the pleas for February for the final hearing.

The bench agreed to the Bhat's request and said it will list the petitions for February.

## 4 eclipse events this year, 2 would be visible in India

INDORE,

FOUR eclipse events including a total solar eclipse would occur in 2023 and two of them would be visible in India, an astronomy expert said here on Wednesday.

There would be two solar eclipses and two lunar eclipses, said Dr Rajendra Prakash Gupta, Superintendent of Ujjain's Government Jiwaji Observatory. The celestial events will start with a total solar eclipse on April 20.

"But it will not be visible from India," Dr Gupta said.

It will be followed by a 'penumbral' lunar eclipse on the intervening night of May 5-6 which will be



visible in India, he said. A penumbral lunar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes through penumbra or lighter part of Earth's shadow, and sunlight falling on the Moon appears to be partially cut off.

The Moon remains visible, but with less-than-usual brightness.

The only 'annular solar eclipse' will take place on the intervening night of October 14 and 15, but it would not be visible in the country as it would happen at night.

## Justice SA Nazeer part of landmark SC verdicts on Ayodhya land dispute and right to privacy

NEW DELHI,

JUSTICE S Abdul Nazeer, who is set to retire as a judge of the Supreme Court on Wednesday, has been part of several pathbreaking verdicts including those on the politically sensitive Ayodhya land dispute, instant 'triple talaq' and the one that declared 'right to privacy' a fundamental right.

Elevated as an apex court judge on February 17, 2017, Justice Nazeer was part of several Constitution benches which delivered judgements on issues ranging from demonetisation of currency notes of Rs 1,000 and Rs 500 denomination in 2016, to reservation for Marathas in admission and



government jobs and the fundamental right of freedom of speech and expression of high public functionaries.

Born on January 5, 1958, he was enrolled as an advocate in February 1983 and later appointed as an additional judge of the Karnataka High Court on May 12, 2003. He was appointed as a permanent judge in September 2004.

During his tenure as an apex

court judge, Justice Nazeer was part of a five-judge Constitution bench which, by a majority of 4:1, dismissed the pleas seeking review of its 2018 verdict that had upheld the Centre's flagship Aadhaar scheme as constitutionally valid but struck down some of its provisions, including linking it with bank accounts, mobile phones and school admissions.

In another significant verdict by a five-judge Constitution bench which Justice Nazeer was part of, the apex court had held that a member of an SC/ST community from one state cannot claim the benefit of reservation in government jobs or admission in another state, if his or her caste is not notified there.



The Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai at the inauguration of Trainee Hostels and Family Residential Buildings at CTC, ITBP, in Rajasthan

## Nadda to hold meeting with BJP's national gen secretaries on Jan 10

NEW DELHI,

BHARATIYA Janata Party chief JP Nadda will chair a meeting of the party's general secretaries on January 10 here to discuss various issues.

The party is holding a series of meetings with agendas linked to the Assembly elections in nine states and the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

According to a top source in BJP, "Nadda will chair the meeting. Discussion will be done on the upcoming state Assembly elections, Lok Sabha election 2024, UP corporation election, and multiple events regarding the G20 Meet."

"Multiple events will be held this year. This is an important year for our party. World's eyes will be on our country," the source added.

## BJP's 'politics of deceit' has even dragged down MHA: Mehbooba

SRINAGAR

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Wednesday hit out at the BJP saying its "politics of deceit" has dragged down even the home ministry.

She was reacting to a ministry report on Jammu and Kashmir.

"Shocked that BJP's politics of deceit has dragged down even the Home Ministry. Not only does this report reek of lies but it also discredits a crucial portfolio once headed by Sardar Vallabhai Patel," Mehbooba said in a series of tweets.



Reacting to the part of the report where it said democracy in Jammu and Kashmir earlier meant only 'three families', the former ally of the BJP also made an oblique reference to BCCI secretary Jay Shah, who is son of Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

"At least we the so called 'dynasts' worked diligently hard to stand where we are

today. None of us have been airdropped into heading BCCI," she said.

Mehbooba also hit out at the media saying, "All of GO's brazen lies are passed off as the truth since a pliable media assists them in carrying these lies to the masses. Instead of seeking accountability from the government, they have put the public on a slow drip of hatred against minorities."

Talking to reporters after a party meeting, she said it was sad that the home ministry was talking things in Jammu and Kashmir so lightly.

## China will interfere with Dalai Lama succession, prepared for transition, says Tibetan Sikyong

KOLKATA: China is expected to interfere in the succession of the Dalai Lama, and anticipating that eventually, the Tibetan government-in-exile has worked out a plan for a democratic transition of the leadership role by the spiritual

In an interview to PTL, President of the Tibetan government-in-exile Penpa Tsering pointed out that a replay of the 1995 appointment of a rival Panchen Lama by the Communist government of China while a boy chosen by the Dalai Lama as the incarnate of the Lama was whisked away from the public eye, can be expected.

"What happens after the present Dalai Lama is no more, is a big challenge for the Tibetans, especially if the Sino-Tibetan conflict is not resolved," he said on Tuesday.

"We believe China will definitely interfere with the succession process of the Dalai Lama... They have been preparing for that for the last 15 years," he added.

Tsering, who also holds the title of Sikyong, stated that the Chinese government issued a "diktat" in 2007 on the need for it to be involved in the succession of all reincarnate Lamas.

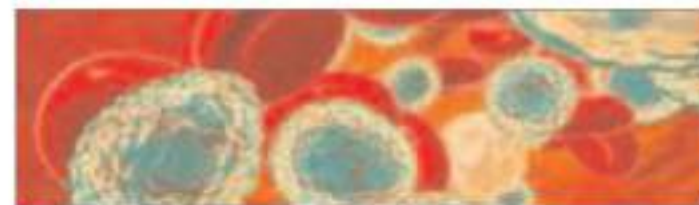
## Around 5.7 crore Indians affected by serious fungal diseases: Study

NEW DELHI

OVER 5.7 crore Indians are affected by serious fungal diseases, 10 per cent of which are from potentially deadly mold infections, according to a review of over 400 published research articles.

Fungal disease is frequent in India, but its incidence and prevalence are unclear. This review is the first to define the frequency or burden of various fungal infections in the country.

Researchers from All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, AIIMS Kalyani, West Bengal and PGIMER, Chandigarh, along with The University of Manchester, UK,



estimate that 57,250,826 (over 5.7 crore) — or 4.4 per cent of India's population — are likely to be affected.

"The total burden due to fungal diseases is huge but underappreciated," said Animesh Ray of AIIMS Delhi, the lead author of the article.

"While tuberculosis affects less than three million people in a year in India, the number of Indians affected by fungal dis-

ease are several times higher," Ray said.

The review, published in the journal Open Forum Infectious Diseases, found that vaginal thrush — or yeast infection of vagina — affected around 2.4 crore women of reproductive age, with repeated attacks.

Hair fungal infection — known as tinea capitis — in school-age children affected a similar number. It causes a

painful infected scalp and leaves many with hair loss, according to the study.

Major contributors to death were mold infections of lungs and sinuses, affecting over 250,000 (2.5 lakh) people, the researchers said.

Another 1,738,400 (over 17 lakh) people had chronic aspergillosis — an infection of respiratory system caused by a type of mold — and there were 35 lakh people with serious allergic lung mold disease, they said.

The review shows that over 10 lakh people are thought to have potentially blinding fungal eye disease, and nearly two lakh had mucormycosis, so called "Black mold".

## ISRO planning second development SSLV flight next month

NAGPUR

INDIA will test a space-based aircraft monitoring system when it undertakes a development flight of Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) next month, senior officials said on Wednesday.

The SSLV, aimed at launching up to 500 kg satellites in planar orbit, was unsuccessful in its first development flight on August 7 last year.

The second development flight of the SSLV is likely to be held next month, which if successful would allow ISRO to provide on demand launch services for smaller satellites weighing from 10 kg to 500 kg.

"I cannot give you a specific date, but we are planning a test flight next month," ISRO chairman S Somanath told reporters here on the sidelines of the 108th Indian Science Congress.

# Odisha Governor inaugurates Joda book fair



**Barbil .6th Jan(KCN):** Professor Ganesh Lal, Governor of Odisha inaugurated a Book fair organised at Durga Mandap, east township, Joda on Friday. He arrived at TISCO helipad and reached the book fair venue. Collector and

District Magistrate Ashish Thakre, Superintendent of police Mitrabhanu Mohapatra, Convenor of the book fair Tarini Prasad Mohanty, Minakshi Mahanta, MLA, Champua, Jagdish Chandra Saha,

Chairman, Joda and other dignitaries of Joda received S.J. Governor at the helipad and escorted for the book fair. Padmshri Tulasi Munda also chaired on the stage along with Governor and other dignitaries

Speaking on the occasion Governor Professor Lal said self Management, Relationship, Quality leadership and Self-transformation is important in life. Emphasising importance of mother he narrated life history

of great men including example of mythology. Describing importance of books governor Prof Lal informed Mahabharat is the best books speaking about management of governance, Ramayan says about the Relationship to management. Praising

Prime minister Modi as quality leader of India who has given importance of his Mother and this is transformation of knowledge any one can get if loves mother and women in their life journey. He too said we are in the midst of ocean of books in book

fair, this Mahakumbha of books is filled with thoughts, the thoughts which give power to humanity. This book fair is a place where people meet each other, generate and share new thoughts and ideas, books help human being to come across new thoughts. After the

book fair Governor visited Adivasi Vikas Samity, Serenda. He praised Tulasi Munda's contribution towards the tribal community in the field of education and uplifting their socio cultural root. He then left for Puri in the afternoon by Chopper.

## SPIRITUAL POETRY COLLECTION WRITTEN BY WRITER BATA KRUSHNA PANDA NIRMALYA KANIKA RELEASED



**Bhubaneswar (KCN):** Like every year during the Srimad Bhagabata Gita Prabachan organized by Srimad Bhagabat parayana committee at Niladri Vihar Durgapuja Mandaop the spiritual poetry collection written by writer, poet, organizer and social worker Batakrushna Panda was released. In a special function

organized for the purpose joining as the chief guest the spiritual guru professor Santosh Kumar Sahoo, Corporator of ward no.14 Monalisha Sahoo, Sr. Advocate Manmohan Pattnaik, Educationist, Social worker, President of Nilarivihar Youth & Cultural Association and the publisher of the book Dr. Prakash

Chandra Panigrahi, Chairman of the committee Ramesh Chandra Nayak, President Sukesh Kumar Mohanty (Litu), Secretary Suresh Kumar Das, Advisor Pramod Kumar Parida released the book amidst the uncountable spiritual listeners & well wishers present on the occasion and praised the effort of the writer.

After the release of the book the writer express his gratitude and reverence to all the dignitaries & audience present as being privileged of the release of his book during this prestigious religious gathering and told to publish more such in future. The intellectuals of the locality praised the initiative of the writer.

## Rotary Club, Barbil organises free eye check-up camp

**Barbil .6th Dec.(KCN):** A free eye check-up camp was organised by Rotary Club, Barbil in the district of Keonjhar, Odisha here on Friday. A large number of people from Barbil and nearby places availed the benefit of the camp. The camp is inaugurated by the Barbil Forest Range officer, Ranjan Kumar Pani


After the check-up, 54 people out of 253 were confirmed to have cataract out of which 54 patients will be sent to Rotary eye hospital via bus for free cataract operation. Other having vision problems will be given power goggles said Rtn Ashok Thacker, the chatter president. In the last two years,




more than 100 people have undergone free cataract operations through Rotary Club. Manoj Manek, President Rotary club said they have a plan to open one eye hospital at Barbil and

they have approached for a land to local administration. He is quite hopeful to start this project soon. Secretary Sunil Jha, CA Chitrasen Swain Mukesh Thacker, Anthony

Devadi, Basant Swami, CA Sonu Jaiswal, Service Project Chair Rtn Divya Thacker. Retractor Juhi Newetia and Retractor Md. Arif were also present on the occasion



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## Bring in the New Year with 'Home Shopping Spree' on Amazon.in

Bhubaneswar: Plan for new beginnings and discover products that help revamp your home with 'Home Shopping Spree' on Amazon.in. Customers can organize their home with winter essentials, lead a healthier lifestyle, kick-start their fitness journey, invest in right home improvement products and save more while doing it. They can avail a host of exciting offers and up to 70% off on winter essentials including home &

kitchen appliances from brands such as Bajaj, Havells, Dyson, Electrolux, Orient Electric, Crompton, Milton, Philips, Eureka Forbes, Usha, Livpure, Sleepy Cat, and much more on 7th and 8th January 2023.

During the 'Home Shopping Spree' on Amazon.in, customers can get a 10% instant bank discount on HDFC Debit card, credit card and CC EMI as well as a 10% cashback up to INR 150 on purchase of INR

1500 & above.

Additionally, this year, take a step towards a healthier lifestyle and enhance your fitness journey by making the most on 'Get Fit Days' on Amazon.in. Customer can get up to 70% off and shop from top brands including PUMA, beatXP, Optimum Nutrition, vifitkit, Adidas, boat, noise and much more from the specially curated store which will be live from 1st to 8th January 2023 on Amazon.in.

## TSF Opens Computer & English Learning Centre at Guali

Guali: With an objective to enhance and upgrade skills of local youths, Tata Steel Foundation (TSF), in partnership with NIIT Foundation, opened a Computer and English Learning Centre at Guali under Joda Block of Keonjhar district on Monday.

The centre was inaugurated by Kabindra Naik, Chairman, Joda Block in the presence of Dipak Behera, Chief, Kalamang & Gandhalpada Project, Tata Steel; Bidhyadhar Naik, Sarpanch, Guali gram panchayat; Sanjay

Sardar, Unit Lead, TSF, Kalamang and locals.

The centre will immensely benefit students and youths of nearby Guali, Gandhalpada, Panduliposi, Kendudhi, Nuagaon, Topadih and Lodiapda villages. The centre largely focuses on basic computer courses and foundational English courses to enhance the applied skills of students. The computer courses include a Certificate course on Basic IT, Advance IT and Cyber Security.

Till date, 51 students have enrolled in these

programmes offered by the centre.

Expressing happiness on opening of the centre, Naik said, "I am really thankful to TSF for such an initiative which will not only help to upgrade skills of the local youths but also explore their employability."

Inclusive development and building a sustainable training-cum-counseling model for students of backward regions are key objectives of this intervention. TSF plans more such interventions in the days to come.

## Sonalika Records a dominant 41.7% domestic growth to register 10,571 tractor sales in December '22

Bhubaneswar: Harnessing the strong momentum built throughout in FY'23, India's No1 tractor export brand, Sonalika Tractors has kicked off its New Year 2023 and the Q4 FY'23 leg with startling achievements. The company has outperformed on farmer expectations and clocked 10,571 tractor sales in December '22, which includes an outstanding 41.7% domestic growth and beaten the industry growth (est. 26%). Cumulatively, the company has clocked 1,18,449 tractor sales in Q1-Q3 period of FY'23 and set platform for its continued winning streak ahead while ensuring authoritative prosperity for farmers.

With the core belief of adding unlimited progress in the millions of farmer lives in India

as well as abroad, Sonalika Tractors actively remains connected with farmers at the grass root level across the country and inspire them to adopt farm mechanisation. Customised tractors by Sonalika are designed with powerful engines, intelligent transmissions and strong hydraulic systems to ensure ease in farming and maximise the crop produce and income of farmers in an optimal way. Elated on the new achievement, Mr Raman Mittal, Joint Managing Director, International Tractors Limited, said "The importance and adoption of technology in agri sector is increasing at a rapid clip and we are elated to deliver on farmer expectations with our advanced technology powered tractors and implements. Powered by

a staggering 41.7% growth in domestic growth, we have beaten the industry growth (est 26%) by 1.6X times and clocked 10,571 tractor sales in December '22. This is a testimony that demand for farm mechanisation is not limited to traditional seasons and the unwavering trust of each and every farmer in our brand collectively act as catalyst to strengthen our position in the agri-ecosystem.

Moving into year 2023, our rapid innovation drive is all primed up and will continue to provide farmers easy access to superior farm technologies. We are committed to support them achieve the best productivity during all seasons and across all applications to lead farm mechanisation growth."

Today, it is India's opportunity to seize the 21st century. Our ambitions and plans, at Ola, have been inspired by this opportunity that India has to become a

global hub for EVs. We started our journey on 15th August 2021 with our announcement of our first scooter and the construction of the world's largest 2W plant. It's only been 15 months and Ola is already the largest EV company in India both by revenue and volume, as well as the fastest growing one! We have sold almost 1,50,000 EVs this year and are working towards our Mission Electric - all 2Ws and all cars sold in India by 2030 to be electric. We are committed to this mission and to leading the way. We will do whatever it takes to achieve this. Said, Bhavish Aggarwal, Founder and CEO, Ola Electric.

We have a 3 step strategy to build this

## Axis Mutual Fund launches 'Axis CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL June 2028 Index Fund'

Bhubaneswar :Axis Mutual Fund, one among the fastest growing fund houses in India, announced the launch of their new fund offer - Axis CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL June 2028 Index Fund. It is an open-ended target maturity index fund investing in constituents of CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL Index - June 2028; a relatively high interest rate risk and relatively low credit risk. The new fund will track the CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL Index - June 2028. The fund managers for the scheme are Kaustubh Sule and Hardik Shah. The minimum investment amount is Rs. 5,000 and in multiples of Rs. 1/- thereafter and there is no applicable exit load. The new fund offers (NFO) opens for subscription

from January 05, 2023 to January 16, 2023.

The investment objective of the scheme is to provide investment returns corresponding to the total returns of the securities as represented by the CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL Index - June 2028 before expenses, subject to tracking errors. However, there can be no assurance or guarantee that the investment objective of the scheme will be achieved. The open ended nature of such a fund means that investors can use systematic investment and withdrawal facilities to tailor entry and exit in the fund to meet investor objectives. Further, these funds do not have lock-ins and hence provide liquidity to investors, should they wish to redeem mid-term

without any hassles.

The scheme would be allocating 95% to 100% of its underlying securities in Debt Instruments comprising CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL Index - June 2028 (in the same weightage as in the Index) and the remaining in Debt and Money Market instruments (only treasury bills and government securities having a residual maturity up to one year). The scheme will follow buy and hold investment strategy in which debt securities will be held till maturity unless sold for meeting redemptions/rebalancing.

Axis CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL June 2028 Index fund gives an opportunity to investors to invest in a high quality

portfolio with minimal default risk. Government securities and SDLs are one of the most liquid instruments traded in the Indian debt market. The RBI has raised policy rates by ~225 bps between Apr '22 to Dec '22 to combat rising inflation. This has resulted in a sharp retracement across the short end of the curve (1-3 Year segment) even as the long end of the curve remains anchored. Today, the flat yield curve offers opportunities for investors in the 5-year segment from a risk reward standpoint. Hence, the Axis CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL June 2028 Index fund offers an ideal investment opportunity for investors looking to lock in rates over the 5-year investment

opportunity.

Commenting on the launch of the NFO, Chandresh Nigam, MD & CEO, Axis AMC said, "The current yield curve presents material opportunities to the investor with a medium to long term investment horizon. As a fund house that believes in 'responsible investing', we believe that the Axis CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL June 2028 Index Fund will be a notable add-on to the investor's passive debt portfolio. As a passive fund, the product aims to replicate a designated index created by reputed index providers. Furthermore, the 'held to maturity' nature of target maturity strategies aims to minimize duration risk for investors who remain invested through the life of the fund."

## Ola plans to make India a global hub for EVs

Bhubaneswar : 2022 will be remembered as the year India's EV revolution truly took off. From just 4000 units a month in June 2021, the monthly run rate reached 80,000 units towards the end of 2022, a 20x growth. From less than 1% penetration in 2021, to almost 6% in just a year, the EV revolution in India has not only been restricted to the urban centers, but is proving to be a pan India phenomenon! In fact, many cities like Bengaluru, Pune, Surat, etc already have an EV penetration of almost 20%.

Today, it is India's opportunity to seize the 21st century. Our ambitions and plans, at Ola, have been inspired by this opportunity that India has to become a

global hub for EVs. We started our journey on 15th August 2021 with our announcement of our first scooter and the construction of the world's largest 2W plant. It's only been 15 months and Ola is already the largest EV company in India both by revenue and volume, as well as the fastest growing one! We have sold almost 1,50,000 EVs this year and are working towards our Mission Electric - all 2Ws and all cars sold in India by 2030 to be electric. We are committed to this mission and to leading the way. We will do whatever it takes to achieve this. Said, Bhavish Aggarwal, Founder and CEO, Ola Electric.

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future: Electrifying 2Ws allows us to build large scale and competitive capabilities in core technologies, supply chains and infra like charging infra etc. Once all of India's 20 Mn 2Ws are electrified, India will become the third largest market for EVs in the world (measured by GWh consumed - 100GWh), behind only US and China. This foundation of 2Ws will be a strong competitive advantage as we move into electrifying 4Ws. 2022 was the year of scaling up our premium scooter, the Ola S1. We have achieved complete electrification of the premium scooter market (priced more than ? 1,00,000) in just 1 year. In 2023 and 2024, we will launch many more 2W EV products - a

mass market scooter, a mass market motorcycle, and multiple premium motorcycles (sports, cruisers, adventure and road bikes). This strong scale of 2W manufacturing gives us a very strong competitive advantage across core EV technologies and supply chains in software, electronics, batteries and power trains and will enable us to make world class 4W products at very competitive price points. Our first car will be launched in 2024, and by 2027, we will have 6 different products in the market. Our focus on the core cell technology started 2 years ago, and in 2022 we started operations at our Battery Innovation Center - a world class facility that will enable more than

1,000 researchers to work on the future of cell tech and build our own IP. By the end of 2023, we will commission our cell manufacturing plant with a 5GWh capacity, with an ambition to install 100GWh over the course of this decade. Our own technology, and a localised supply chain gives us a strong competitive advantage over other global and Indian companies.

**IITC Ltd's 'YiPpee! Better World - Trash to Treasure' program creates awareness amongst students on plastic waste management**

Bhubaneswar : With the aim of supporting the national commitments towards cleaner, greener and healthier tomorrow and as outlined in UN SDG goals especially SDG 12 (responsible consumption and production), Sunfeast YiPpee! IITC Ltd.'s well-known Instant Noodles and Pasta brand, is creating awareness among school children on plastic waste management through its recently launched - 'YiPpee! Better World Trash-to-Treasure' program. This program is consistent with the brand's mission to instill the attitude of A Better World. Sunfeast YiPpee! is leading the campaign in partnership with an NGO partner, Way For Life. The initiative, curated by YiPpee! is designed to bring behavioural change in 3.5 million students across 100+ cities through on-the-ground awareness programs in schools about plastic waste, its impact on the environment, and strategies to minimize, reuse, and recycle.

## Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India closes December 2022 with 250,171-unit sales

Gurugram : Ending the calendar year on a positive note, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India today announced its sales number for the month of December 2022. The company's total sales for December '22 stood at 250,171. This includes domestic sales of 233,151 units and 17,020 units exports. Noteworthy, the domestic sales for the month registered 11% growth over the same period of last year which stood at 210,638 units.

Commenting on HMSI's performance, Mr. Atsushi Ogata, Managing Director, President & CEO, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India said, "The market is gaining steady momentum against

previous months as well as year-on-year basis. Factors like healthy festival season, good monsoon and increased demand for personal mobility has translated well to rise in customer walk-ins & enquiries. Our entire network is closely engaging with customers via both online & offline channels, thus, making way for growth in the coming time. Stepping into 2023, we expect that the continuously improving consumer sentiment along with the enhanced effort towards the betterment of economy and infrastructure will build the momentum further."

## Vi Showcases Diverse Range of Use Cases Highlighting Transformational and Limitless Capabilities of 5G

Leading telecom operator, Vi is showcasing diverse India-specific transformational 5G use cases for visitors at the launch of 5G services and exhibition organised by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). With the objective to provide a better and connected tomorrow to the citizens and enterprises, Vi, in partnership with ecosystem players, has developed a wide range of use cases relevant for enterprises and consumers. At the event in Bhubaneswar, Vi is showcasing smart enterprise solutions for business growth. These include: IoT powered Smart Infra, IoT powered Smart Mobility, Smart Construction and Worker Safety with Digital Twin, Public Safety and Connected Healthcare with Smart Ambulance.

## More job cuts in Amazon, CEO confirms around 18,000 employees to be laid off this year

San Francisco: Amazon on Thursday confirmed it is laying off around 18,000 employees and several teams will be impacted, especially Amazon Stores along with People, Experience and Technology (PXT) organisations.

The Amazon CEO said in a statement that they were not done with the annual planning process as earlier mentioned, and "I expected there would be more role reductions in early 2023". "We typically wait to communicate about these outcomes until we can speak with the people who are directly impacted. However, because one of our teammates leaked this information externally, we decided it was better to share this news earlier so you can hear the details directly from me," said Jassy.

## Gold rises Rs 378; silver declines Rs 147

New Delhi: Gold price rose by Rs 378 to Rs 56,130 per 10 gram in the national capital on Wednesday amid a rally in the precious metal prices globally, according to HDFC Securities. The yellow metal had settled at Rs 55,752 per 10 gram in the previous trade. Silver, however, declined by Rs 147 to Rs 70,675 per kilogram. "Comex spot gold prices traded higher in early Asian hours on Wednesday," said an analyst at HDFC Securities. In the



overseas market, gold was trading higher at USD 1,859 per ounce while silver was flat at USD 24.24 per ounce. "Gold continues to trade positively hovering around its six-week high amidst a fall in the dollar index. Investors await minutes from the Federal Reserve's December policy meeting that could offer hints on the US central bank's tightening path," Navneet Damani, Senior VP, of Commodity Research at Motilal Oswal Financial Services said.

## Unacademy CLAT Topper from Bhubaneswar, Omkaar Pattanayak, Secured AIR 188

Bhubaneswar : Unacademy, India's largest learning platform\* recently announced that over 70 of its Learners qualified in the recently declared CLAT exam results. Omkaar Pattanayak from Bhubaneswar, Odisha, secured AIR 188 in CLAT 2022.

Determined to follow his dream of becoming a lawyer, Omkaar enrolled in Unacademy to give his aspirations a shot. During his preparation, he received mentorship from India's top Educators who guided him through his preparation. He also took a series of mock tests that helped him build his confidence and enhance his knowledge.

## Haris Sohail, Shan Masood earn ODI recalls for New Zealand series

**New Delhi:** Uncapped batters Tayyab Tahir and Kamran Ghulam, and wrist spinner Usama Mir have been named in Pakistan's 16-man squad for the upcoming ODI series against New Zealand. The squad also sees recalls for Shan Masood and Haris Sohail but there's no place for Khushdil Shah, Mohammad Haris and Zahid Mehmood. Opening batter Sharjeel Khan, who was named in the probables list last week, also doesn't make the cut. While Kamran Ghulam is part of the Test squad, Tahir and Mir make it on the back of some excellent numbers in the Pakistan Cup. Tahir

comes in after scoring 573 runs in the tournament which won him the Best Batter award whereas Mir won the corresponding award for bowlers after picking up 28 wickets in the tournament. Pakistan vice-captain Shadab Khan was not available for selection after fracturing his right index finger in Australia last week.

Fast bowler Haris Rauf, who copped an injury during the first Test against England in Rawalpindi, has "regained complete fitness" according to Pakistan Cricket Board and thereby included. However, Shaheen

Afridi has been given more time to recover following advice from the medical panel "despite making good progress" according to PCB. "He is expected to return to competitive cricket next month in the HBL Pakistan Super League 8," the board further said in a release. "We had limited ODI cricket last year and this



year, we are scheduled to play 11 ODIs before we participate in the ACC Asia Cup, followed by the World Cup in conditions that will be familiar to us. So, we

aim to make optimum use of these 11 ODIs by providing opportunities to our consistent performers that will enable us to select the best available players for the two important tournaments," said Shahid Afridi who is serving as the interim chief selector. "In this background, we have decided to recall experienced Haris Sohail and Shan Masood as we believe the two lads still have plenty to offer to Pakistan cricket. We have not only rewarded Tayyab Tahir and Usama Mir for their outstanding performances in our domestic events, they have also been identified

as future prospects. These four players, along with Kamran Ghulam, have good knowledge of our conditions and have the talent and potential to excel at the highest level. "Players who could not make in the ODI side will remain in contention as the objective from this series is to have absolute clarity on the pool of players for international cricket in 2023 and beyond. For this reason, outstanding domestic performers and senior players getting back to form and fitness have been given opportunities to showcase their performances. Workload

management and separate squads for red and white-ball cricket is also under consideration, which will require a wider pool of players. I urge the players to continue to work hard and be ready for a call-up." The first of the three ODIs, all scheduled in Karachi, is set to be played on January 9.

ODI squad: Babar Azam (captain), Fakhar Zaman, Haris Rauf, Haris Sohail, Imam-ul-Haq, Kamran Ghulam, Mohammad Hasnain, Mohammad Nawaz, Mohammad Rizwan, Mohammad Wasim Jnr, Naseem Shah, Salman Ali Agha, Shah Nawaz Dahani, Shan Masood, Tayyab Tahir and Usama Mir

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## Premier League: Manchester City beat Chelsea to cut gap to leaders Arsenal



**New Delhi:** Manchester City trimmed the gap to Premier League leader Arsenal to five points by beating Chelsea 1-0 on Thursday (January 5) after a double substitution by Pep Guardiola paid off immediately at Stamford Bridge. Riyad Mahrez and Jack Grealish entered in the 60th minute and combined for

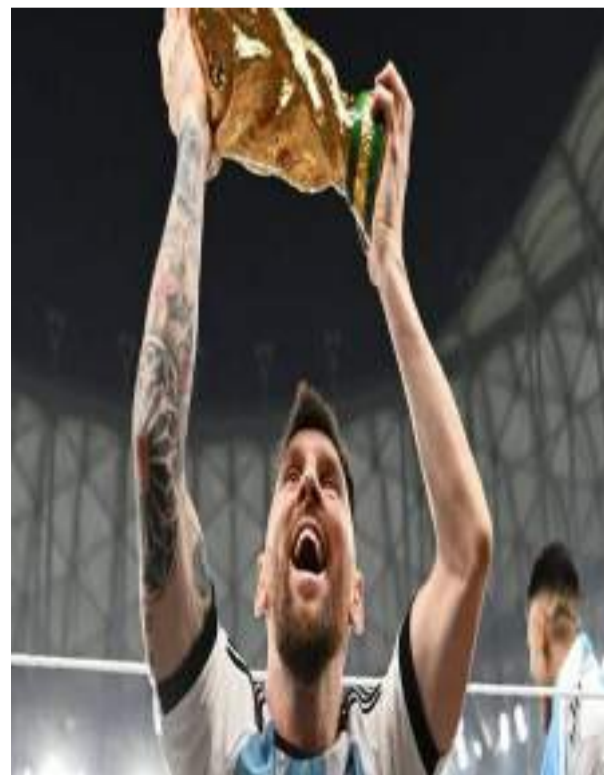
the only goal three minutes later, with Mahrez tapping in from close range after a perfectly weighted cross by his fellow winger. City only came to life in the second half after a curiously passive display before halftime, perhaps brought on by a confusing team selection by Guardiola that saw a number of players

deployed in unusual roles. Known for his overthinking at times, Guardiola accepted after the game he got it wrong. That's why he took off two full backs — Joao Cancelo and Kyle Walker — at halftime and restored Rodri to center midfield, with the Spaniard having also been in a hybrid role covering central defense,

too. Suddenly, City was all over Chelsea and creating chances, even if top scorer Erling Haaland was largely kept quiet and Kevin De Bruyne shone only fleetingly. "In the second half, it was miles better in all departments," said Guardiola, who reserved special praise for halftime sub, the 18-year-old Rico Lewis, because he "changed the game." The goal came after Guardiola's second double change, though it might have been kept out had Chelsea goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga stretched out to block Grealish's low cross from the left rather than pull away his arm. "I felt the keeper was going to get it at one point," Grealish said, "though maybe I should be praising my cross!"

## Messi's record-breaking Instagram post after world cup triumph includes a 'fake' trophy- Report

**New Delhi:** Messi's Instagram post after lifting the World Cup in Qatar where he thanked his teammates became the most-liked post in the history of Instagram, beating the record of a photo of an egg that was posted in January 2019. But Sportbible has reported that Messi's record-breaking Instagram post after Argentina won the World Cup includes a 'fake' trophy. As per Sportbible's report, it's now been claimed the trophy Messi and his teammates were showing off was a copy. FIFA removed the original cup shortly after the trophy lift, which is standard protocol. The trophy with which the entire Argentina team headed by skipper Messi was posing, was actually made by an Argentine couple named Manuel and Paula. The couple told El Pais: "The idea was that the



players could sign it, but in the end the cup entered the field of play three times. The first one was taken by a relative of (Leandro) Paredes, and he signed it. "There I yelled at a couple of players 'if you

see the cup that Paredes has, it's ours', and in the end Lautaro Martínez brought it, who also signed it. FIFA personnel came there and asked us to confirm that it was not the original." In the post, Messi had

written in Spanish which loosely translates to, "I dreamed it so many times, I wanted it so much that I still haven't fallen, I can't believe it... Thank you very much to my family, to all who support me and also to all who believed in us. We demonstrate once again that Argentines when we fight together and united we are capable of achieving what we set out to do. The merit belongs to this group, which is above individualities, it is the strength of all fighting for the same dream that was also the dream of all Argentines... We did it!!!" The Instagram post had amassed more than 56.7 million likes and 1.6 million comments in just one day. Messi scored seven goals and made three assists in the tournament to win the Golden Ball award, the only player to win it twice.

## DAV NATIONAL SPORTS-2022 ODISHA OUTSHINES BY CLINCHING 16 & 13 MEDALS



**Bhubaneswar:** Odisha Zone outshines by clinching 16 & 13 medals in the recently concluded DAV National Sports 2022 at Ranchi, Jharkhand & Jalandhar, Punjab for Boys & Girls respectively. Surpassing last year's performance and enhancing the quality performance the Boys Contingent bagged 8 Gold, 3 Silvers, 5 Bronze medals in individual events with 2nd & 3rd place in chess & Karate respectively. Likewise, the girls contingent bagged 5 gold, 3 silver, 5 bronze medals in Individual category along with 2nd place in Gymnastic and made the state proud. This year 130 boys & 93 girls competitors and more than 35 escort teachers were participated from the state in this national event. To note the Regional Directorate is selecting the students from different parts of the state by organizing cluster and zonal level competitions for this event affiliated with

School Games Federation of India (SGFI) and being conducted under the aegis of DAV College Managing Committee, New Delhi. Manayata Singh of DAV Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar and Swayamdev Singh of Ntpc/Ttps, Talcher Thermal adjudged as best shooter in both Boys & Girls category respectively. Manojit Ray of CDA, Cuttack adjudged as the best swimmer in Boys category, Pritti Jhankar of Kalinga Nagar, Bhubaneswar and Celina Srestha of Puri adjudged as the best gymnast one and three in the girls category in the Tournament. In the Girls category Manyata Singh of DAV, Cspur, Bbsr (Shooting), Pritti Jhankar of Kalinga Nagar, Bbsr (Gymnastic) & Celina Srestha of Puri (Gymnastic) bagged the gold medal where as T. Suravi Patro of Berhampur (Skating) & Celina Srestha of Puri (Gymnastic) bagged the

Silver medal and Suhani Mishra of ANK Rourkela & Hiritika Mishra of Jharsuguda (Karate), Bandana Majhi of PPL, Paradeep (Judo), Neha hansada of Dera, Talcher (Taekwondo) & Celina Srestha of Puri (Gymnastic) bagged the Bronze Medal. In the Boys Category Sai Swaroop Beberta of DAV Cspur, & Himanshu Kumar Nayak of ANK, Rourkela (Karate), Manojit Ray of Cda, Cuttack (Swimming), Swayamdev Pattnaik of Ntpc/Ttps, Talcher Thermal (Shooting) and Swayamjit Kar of Unit-8 (Wushu) bagged the Gold Medal where as Rahul Nayak of Kalinga Area, Talcher (Long Jump), Rudra Pratap Bag of Jharsuguda (Karate) bagged the Silver Medal and Rishikesh Sahoo of Cda, Cuttack, Krishna Yadav of Jharsuguda & Ayush Mishra of Kalinga Nagar, Bbsr, (Karate), Swayongdarshi Sahoo of Rajabagicha, Cuttack (Gymnastic) and Siddhartha Ganeshan of

Dera, Talcher (Shooting) bagged the Bronze Medal. Like wise Shreyash Subham Pattnaik, Aditya Anurkta Mohanty, Swaynshu Samantray, Ayusha Mohanty adjudged Runners up in Chess where as Sarvansh Mishra, Divyanahu Singh and Siddhartha Ganeshan of Dera, Talcher bagged the 3rd position in shooting in boys category. For this alluring performance of the zone the Regional Director, Odisha Dr. K. C. Satapathy, Regional Officer Shri L. N. Pradhan, Asst. Regional Officers Dr. Sujata, Ms. Ipsita Das, Shri S. K. Bhoi, Cluster in-charges (Sports) Shri A. K. Mishra & Shri Bipin Kumar Sahoo congratulated the winners and the teachers. In order to encourage the participants the heads and teachers of different schools were present to see off during the teams onward journey and received during their return journey at different railway stations and bus stoppages.

## Sumit Kadel - Film Critic and Film Trade Analyst completes 10 years in the Industry

Kolkata: Sumit Kadel is an Indian film critic, trade analyst and influencer. He is best known for giving movie reviews, trade figures and box office updates on his social media platforms like Twitter, Instagram & Facebook. His film reviews and trade analyses are published on various prominent & noted news publications, both print and online all over world. He also appears on News debates on National Television. Born and raised in Kolkata, he has always had a passion for movies. He works closely with the film industry as a film critic & business analyst and gets honored in many film events held across India. Sumit had a passion for movies & was also influenced by several crafts of filmmaking like direction, design, script, casting, and acting. When he was a School student, he discovered he had a knack for film reviews. Sumit has a mammoth following on social media, with over 1.5 lakh followers each on Twitter and Facebook and over 1.65 lakh on Instagram. Prominent filmmakers & actors like Karan Johar, Rakesh Roshan, Kartik Aaryan and many more follow him on several social media platforms.

