

'Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha' Launched To Augment Rural Infra

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Odisha government has renamed and modified its 'Ama Gaon Ama Bikash' initiative as 'Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha' to take up measures for augmenting rural infrastructure in the state.

The state Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today approved a proposal in this regard.

The state government will also promote, preserve and protect Jagannath culture and tradition under the initiative, said an official.

The new initiative will be made effective under the state plan from 2023-24 financial year. The state government has allocated Rs 4,000 crore under the scheme, added the official.

The scheme will cover all gram panchayats in each block of Odisha with financial entitlement of Rs 50 lakh, he added.



"The vision of the new scheme is to transform Odisha in to a modern state by retaining the essence, soul and spirit of Jagannath culture. The main objective of the scheme is to provide missing links to the existing small and essential projects and development of infrastructure in the state," said the official. The state government strives to empower women and youths and bridge critical gap in education, digital and sports facilities through the scheme. The vision of the intervention is to

transform Odisha to modern and aspirational Odisha retaining the essence, soul and spirit of Jagannath culture and spreading over to the world. The main objective of the scheme is to provide missing links to the existing small and essential projects and development of infrastructure for primary education and also providing missing links to the existing infrastructure, modernization and expansion

Creating additional facilities for Mission Shakti Groups at GP level construction.

Bridging critical gaps at GP level to improve rural areas by way of providing urban facilities.

Development of sports facilities for the youth. Providing Banking Facilities

Improvement of digital access in terms of mobile connectivity, optical fibre connectivity, WiFi and internet connectivity. There is budget provision of Rs. 4000.00 crore under the scheme from the State Budget.

The scheme will cover all Gram Panchayats in each Block of the State with entitlement of Rs. 50.00 lakh.

The project cost shall be between Rs. 2.50 lakh to Rs.10.00 lakh.

The projects under the scheme shall be suggested/recommended by local

people/community organizations/public representatives and other stake holders.

The consolidated G.P. wise project list of the Block shall be submitted to PR & DW Department with signatures of Collector and President, Zilla Parishad of the district for due examination and approval of Government.

The Panchayat Samiti shall execute the work departmentally following due to select any other procedure. The Collector shall be authorized agency/agencies for execution of work.

9. Transparency measures such as a web based MIS for monitoring of the Scheme and a dedicated app for sharing of photographs before, during and after for each project with GIS tagging shall be developed under the scheme.

Over 1 Kg Brown Sugar Seized In Odisha's Khurda Dist; Drug Dealer Held



Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Special Task Force (STF) of Odisha Crime Branch has seized around 70 kilograms of brown sugar, 202 grams of cocaine and 750 grams of opium from various places in the state since 2020. The STF has also seized 113 quintals of ganja/marijuana and arrested as many as 170 illegal drug dealers/peddlers since 2020. This was revealed by the STF soon after it seized

over 1 kg brown sugar during a raid at Simar-Banki Road near Ostapur village in Khurda district yesterday and arrested an illegal drug dealer in this connection. The arrested drug dealer has been identified as Suresh Mohapatra, son of Maheswar Mohapatra, of Podadiha under Baghamari police limits in Khurda. On a tip-off, the STF conducted the raid yesterday night and

seized 1.10 kg brown sugar from Mohapatra. The estimated market value of the seized brown sugar is above Rs 1 crore, said an official.

"The accused could not produce any valid document in support of possessing the contraband. We have registered a case in this regard under the NDPS Act 1985. The accused will be produced in the court of Khurda District and Sessions cum Special Judge," said a police official.

According to sources, Mahapatra used to source brown sugar from Murshidabad area in West Bengal and sell the illegal drug to peddlers in several districts of Odisha.

Mother-Son Duo Among 4 Killed In Separate Incidents Of Lightning Strikes In Odisha

Bhubaneswar(KCN): At least four persons, including a mother-son duo, were killed in separate incidents of lightning strikes in Odisha today. In the first incident, lightning struck Durubati Halaba, wife of Lingaraj Halaba, and her son Dipak Halaba (20) of Anchala village under Borigumma block in Koraput district when they were working in the farmland in the morning. Locals rescued the mother-son in a critical condition and rushed them to a nearby hospital. However, the duo was declared dead on arrival.

Dipak was an intermediate (Plus 2) student and he used to help his parents in farm work, said a villager. In the second incident, two women were killed when lightning struck them at Balaramprasad village in Angul district. The incident took place when the two women—Peni Behera (37) and Susama Behera (47)—were collecting firewood near a mutt, located close to the ash pond of Nalco in Angul district. Two other women also sustained injuries in the incident, sources said.



Ollywood Filmmaker Trupti Biswal Dies Following Road Mishap



Cuttack(KCN): Popular Ollywood filmmaker Trupti Ranjan Biswal passed away here today following a road accident.

The director breathed his last at a private hospital in Cuttack

where he was undergoing treatment after sustaining injuries in a motorcycle accident yesterday.

Trupti Biswal had started his career in Ollywood as an assistant to renowned filmmaker late Hara Patnaik. Later,

he directed a few popular mega TV soaps including 'Suna Kalash' and 'Gayatri'.

He was the director of an Odia film 'Jai Sriram', in which Ollywood actor Bobby Mishra had made a debut opposite Bhojpuri actress Antara Biswas, popularly known as Monalisa.

His directorial dramas including 'Kemiti Kahibi Emiti Katha', 'Toh Naa Re Mo Naa Ku Deichi Jodi', 'Ete Sari Tote Kiyee Kala' and 'Michua Radhua Gapa Sarila' were major hits.

Odisha Public Health Director Cautions Rise In Conjunctivitis Cases

Bhubaneswar(KCN): With monsoons fuelling increase in seasonal infections, Odisha public health director Niranjana Mishra cautioned the public about rise in conjunctivitis (pink eye) while issuing a set of hygiene guidelines here today.

Appealing to parents not to send children infected with conjunctivitis to schools, Mishra said, "Despite inadequate data, cases of conjunctivitis are on the rise in the State. As it is an extremely contagious viral infection, children affected with the condition are advised not to go to schools. Due to change of

seasons and consequent variations in temperature, pathogens get active specially in clusters leading to



Mishra however said there is no cause for alarm. "Conjunctivitis usually gets better within a week. If people

exercise basic hygiene and safety guidelines, there is no need to panic. Regular washing of hands can lead to fever and headache but there is no need to worry," he said.

various kinds of infections like flu, cough, cold, etc. Conjunctivitis, similarly, is a viral infection and spreads easily through physical contact." As it is communicable, people getting the infection are asked to refrain from touching their eyes or using handkerchief and washing their hands regularly, he cautioned.

Conjunctivitis is an irritation or inflammation of the outer membrane of the eyeball and the inner eyelid. It can be extremely contagious and is spread by contact with eye secretions from someone who is infected. Symptoms include redness, itching and tearing of the eyes. It can also lead to discharge or crusting around the eyes.

5T secretary now controls BJD as he has blank party tickets signed by CM Naveen: BJP's Pradip Purohit

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Opposition in Odisha continues with its attack on 5T Secretary VK Pandian who is now visiting several districts and announcing projects in the run-up to the crucial 2024 elections. Senior BJP leader Pradip

Purohit on Monday made several explosive statements regarding the state of affairs in the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD).

"People had voted BJD to power under CM Naveen Patnaik's leadership. But people

are now questioning who is 5T secretary as they had not voted for him. 5T Secretary is a government employee but he is now the face of governance in the state. It is for this reason the BJP is opposing," said Purohit.

Governments should spend more on quality basic education to develop manpower for MSMEs : Prof. A. Sarin of IIMA

Kolkata(Partha Roy): Governments should spend more on quality basic education at school as well as level to develop manpower for MSMEs said by Prof. Ankur Sarin of Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA) who is a Public Policy expert at the IIMA.

Quality Human Resources are key to script success stories in all types of industries in MSME sector in India and to propel MSME sector lead India's growth and development in time ahead i.e. "in Amrit kaal". Most of the industries in MSME sector do not

have financial power and resources of large companies who train their manpower or human resources in their company owned specialised institutions as in practice for large industries.

Professor Ankur Sarin was delivering late Paresch Rajda Memorial Lecture on 11th death anniversary of Paresch Rajda at iconic The Bengal Club in Kolkata on 8th July 2023.

Late Paresch Rajda was founder of Rajda group of Kolkata which is involved in business of chemical to leather products & more. Ankur Sarin said "As the

ASER report has repeatedly pointed out, the school system fails over 50% of children in rural India. This represents an inability to translate our economic growth to better social outcomes for a large population of India and also constraints our ability to sustainably develop. The implications of this are particularly true for smaller organizations especially in MSME sector, who do not have the ability to do in-house training etc that big corporations are able to absorb." Shri Gautam Rajda son of Late Paresch Rajda spoke on the



group's growth journey and its multifarious projects.

Shri Narendra Kapadia Business partner and close friend of Rajda

family and current Chairperson of the group anchored the program.

A book promoting holistic management approach titled "IN SEARCH OF AN IDEAL MSME" written by Prof. Sharad Sarin and internationally recognized management expert and management educator who taught in XLRI Jamshedpur and Technocrat G M Kapur who is a Engineer & Management specialist and State Convenor of INTACH West Bengal. Shri G M Kapur was recently conferred with the prestigious "Distinguished Alumnus Award" by IIMC

Calcutta. Shri G M Kapur was Chief Guest at Commemorative function of 56th Batch of IIMC Calcutta recently.

The Paresch Rajda Memorial Lecture was attended by Smt. Aarti Rajda, Shri Narendra Kapadia, Shri Gautam Rajda, Shri Madan Mohanka, Chairman of Tega Industries an Indian MNC having international business presence in 18+ countries and employing large no. of international employees, large no. of industrialists from different industries, friends and Business partners of Shri Paresch Rajda as well as Rajda group. Shri Paresch Rajda

was pioneer in development of business model what is now called "Serial Venture Capitalist". Paresch Rajda was partner-cum-mentor of large no. of marketing companies across India. During his life time Paresch Rajda set up around 10 to 12 Small and Medium Business organisations. Paresch Rajda's mission was "Multiply Entrepreneurship By Encouraging Youngsters with Limited Resources and No Business Family Background". Beside multiplying business, Paresch Rajda was very active social worker and philanthropist.

Border Tourism gaining momentum In Kashmir

Tahir Majeed / Asif Malik

With each passing day, tourism is becoming the most important industry in Kashmir. Last year, more than a million tourists visited the valley. It seems that tourism will be one of our biggest industries in the future. Many people from different parts of the country and the world travel to different destinations in the Kashmir Valley. Recently, the Government of India has put several border areas like Keran, Machil, Tangdhar, Gurez, Bangus Valley and other places on the tourism map. The introduction of new places on the tourism map has opened up endless opportunities for people to earn a living. The Bangus Valley in north Kashmir's Kupwara district has huge potential to provide multiple opportunities to the youth of Kashmir, both in winter and summer. It is important that winter sports activities in Kashmir do not stop but continue. The Gurez Valley can also be a place for such activities and the people of the entire Gurez Valley can be involved in various tourism activities if the government develops proper infrastructure for the

development of the tourism sector there. Kashmir is blessed with immense natural beauty. We have



mountains and pristine lakes, rivers and forests that attract tourists. Every part of the Kashmir Valley is full of opportunities and employment opportunities, but it needs a big push from the government. According to the Economic Survey 2019-20 report, the service sector, especially tourism, has emerged as the largest contributor to the state's gross development product. In J&K, the contribution of the service sector to the gross development product is more than 58 per cent, which is due to tourism. People can profitably invest in the tourism industry as they have the opportunity to invest in the construction of hotels, restaurants

and other related infrastructure at newly introduced tourist spots like Gurez, Bangus Valley, Machil, Keran, Teetwal, Tangdhar, Uri, Lolab, Doodpathri, Tulail and other areas. There is a great potential for huge profits as millions of tourists are sure to visit these places if accommodation and other related requirements are provided to the tourists. The government of Jammu and Kashmir should support investment in the tourism sector and convince multinational companies to invest in this sector. The people of Kashmir need a helping hand in the initial stages of any tourism business. The people of Kashmir are known for their hospitality. Kashmiri cuisine Wazwan and

other Kashmiri dishes are something that a tourist cannot find anywhere else. The food industry can become an important aspect for investment in the tourism sector and provide employment opportunities to the youth. To promote tourism in the border areas of Kashmir, the government should provide adventure sports activities both in summer and winter. Just a few months



earlier, in 2022, the Indian Army's Eastern Command announced a series of adventure sports activities in the India-China border areas. The adventure activities were planned for 78 days. Cycling, trekking, rafting and other adventure games were conducted in Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. Following a similar pattern, the

government was to conduct such activities on a large scale in the border areas of Kashmir. The Winter Olympics is one of the major international multi-sport events held during the snow season. The Winter Olympics are held every four years. Athletes from India also participate in these events and win laurels. The Kashmir Valley has huge potential to host the

Of the total population of Jammu and Kashmir, 69 per cent are youth. Considering this fact, it is very important to take care of the young population and make all efforts to reach out to the young population of Jammu and Kashmir. Their legitimate demands for jobs should be met without further delay. While it is not possible for the government to provide government



jobs to every individual, it is quite possible for the government to guide and assist the youth to invest in the tourism sector. Thousands of unemployed youth can be employed in the tourism sector. Kashmir has huge potential for adventure sports tourism. The

government should immediately introduce adventure sports activities in all newly introduced tourist destinations.

Writers have immensely contributed towards border tourism in Kashmir and can be reached on kwahimajeed@gmail.com



THE IMPERATIVE OCCUPATIONAL VIRTUOSO OF MAINAK DASGUPTA



The exclusive advancement of life means enhancement of mind and it really clicks in our day-to-day elevations in the end. Most importantly it is one of the inhabitable considerations not only to establish the life as an astounding analogy but to accelerate the same through various instances indeed. It is the genuine significance of life till today. In this very pivotal regard, Mainak Dasgupta has been incepted in this superlative earth about to provide the best philanthropic splendour to the common mass that is from all the individual class indeed. He is an incredible performer since his noticeable childhood which has really been reflected upon the entire realm in a very conforming manner. He was a very alarming student right from the beginning and he has disclosed his

unparalleled merits through his exemplary stand of mind and the pure psychological core at the same time. He has empowered many quality people in his life who have really been influenced to contribute well for the society as of now. Mainak is having some of the imperative leadership skills which have really been affected in energising the entire society without any second thought. 1. M-Magnification of Class: He can perceive anything very well and from the core of his natural endurance indeed. This is how he has performed not only in his examinations but he has truly stimulated his friends, colleagues all the other surrounded people who are the best well wishers in the end. Most importantly he has been uplifted along with his most accomplished parents. He has had the great capacity to share everything right from his superior frame of mind and golden heart respectively. It is such an exceptional quality

which has really emboldened this talented young achiever to enrich his life along with the undeniable struggle. He has fought against all the odds alongside the noticeable confidence at all times. 2. A-Astounding Thoughts: It is absolutely incredible and Mainak is having the same not only to secure the self privilege but to think about others because he desperately prefers to work with all and that is the reason why he has really thought about a number of aspirations quite easily. He has thought for the common welfare and he has contributed his magnificent depth of heart in engaging this regimented globe without any further delay. 3. I-Illustrious Potential: He knows to emerge the entire life with aspired determination and it shall be really stimulating for the rest of the globe to follow the same. Mainak believes in ensuring solutions right from his elevated education

Dr. Rudrarup Gupta

to accelerated profession. It is a brilliant perspective of him to regulate any organization and he is having a mighty discipline to generate an unavoidable need to deal with. 4. N-Notion of family. It is a great quality and this measure seems to be truly exceptional for rejoicing his glorious planning of life. He has had the compelling benevolence to assist himself for increasing occupational productivity which is definitely reflected upon his magical humanity. Most notably, he is looking for some exclusive opportunities not only to enhance his all-round skills but he is truly inclined for giving trainings and help the organization to grow in a very befitting manner. 5.

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A-Association: He is having his excellent justification in all the regards. He is a very balanced human being to justify his painstaking upbringing of life and that is the reason why he always dedicates his most precious parents for their indispensable

an inestimable navigator to disclose his most qualitative aspiration in prompting all of his golden dreams especially in case of any esteemed academic institute like "TAGORE SCHOOL OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT" where he has been characterising his "Participative Leadership Approach" to motivate others through his indomitable spirits and glowing depth of emotion. He is definitely trying to contribute a lot for such an acclaimed institution like this because he invariably perceives that this institute is having an everlasting occupational future to inspire people for their significant institutional paradigm in terms of human safety. Mainak Dasgupta has some of the natural instincts like compromise, adjustment, courage and so on. He is absolutely confident to make it realistic and he desires to restyle this noteworthy globe in

this due course of time. It seems that he is having a keen interest upon management and the superlative implementation of managerial skills in all over the globe. 7. He is undoubtedly ignited to prove his competent repute not only in his dedicated profession but in this vibrant platform of life where he admires his cosmic potentials for this historic progression of academic superiority but adores his reverent mentors for their incomparable support, prays for his flawless betterments along with the immeasurable values to his acclaimed "Amity University" because he has achieved his "BBA Degree" from there. Now he has been trying hard to innovate the concept of management based upon his believes of multifarious innovations for the celebrated visionary right from day one. Wish for his passionate destiny along with the divine soul.



Preferment: He is a benevolent personality to think about his distinguished life which is to be entrenched based upon his indomitable spirits and wisdom respectively. Most notably he compares them with the global virtue and he plans for the prompt illuminations of life along with his entire

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Janhvi Kapoor Adds Desi Tadka In Green Saree To 'Bawaal' Trailer Launch, Pics Inside

Actor Janhvi Kapoor attended the trailer launch of 'Bawaal' in Dubai along with Varun Dhawan. She arrived at the event in a green-coloured saree with embellished borders, adding glamour to her look. Along with it, she wore a contrasting blue halter-neck blouse. She stunned everyone with her simplicity, elegance and charm. No doubt her desi avatar left her fans in awe of her. Varun also looked dashing in a t-shirt which he teamed up with a trouser.

The movie's trailer shows a love story set against the backdrop of World War 2 with many complications and inner conflicts. It starts with the introduction of History teacher Ajay Dixit (Varun Dhawan) also known as Aju bhैया, who has created a fake image about himself. He can be heard saying in the trailer, "Beta mahaul aisa banao ki logo ko mahaul yaad

rahe, result nahi." However, circumstances force him to embark on World War 2 trail in Europe, and he is forced to take along his newly-wed wife Nisha (Janhvi Kapoor). They don't share a good bond with each other and both are not happy with each other in one or other way. If Nisha feels that everyone with her is creating his false image and he is somewhere selfish, Ajay is also not happy with her and even calls her a "defected piece".

The trailer also shows World War 2 scenes and there is a mention of Adolf Hitler. It makes a stark comparison between the inner war and the world war. Shot in India and multiple international locales, this love story tries to give a message and somewhere brings out the complexities of human relations and inner conflicts. Varun said about his movie, "A definitive



landmark in my career, Bawaal has been a challenging journey for me, but it has also been one of the most exciting and an extremely rewarding ones too. Despite his popularity, Aju is constantly warring with circumstances beyond his control. A character is so intricately woven but literally, a bawaal within and all around, that it will hold a special place in my heart. I just cannot wait for the audience from all across the globe to watch and experience

this unconventionally beautiful romantic tale of Aju and Nisha. Dubai is like a second home to me, and I couldn't think of a better place to kickstart promotions for this global film with an Indian heart." During the event, Varun shared an interesting detail about the biggest "bawaal" in his life. He called his pet dog Joey his biggest "bawaal". "For me it has to be my dog Joey. Usne sabse zyada Bawaal kiya meri mere zindagi main (he has created a lot of chaos

in my life).. he wakes up at 6 in the morning. So I have to wake up too no matter when I sleep." He also added, "Kabhi bhi susu kardega, potty kardega. So I got used to cleaning this. I didn't know I'd become an actor and make films and do all this. It's the most grounding experience that my dog has put me into." Varun also shared his working experience with the director during the trailer launch and said that it was always in his "bucket list".

While Janhvi added, "As actors we play roles that are either made for us, or ones that we adapt to. But rarely do we get the opportunity to embody a role so coveted that offers an actor more scope to perform. In this unique romantic tale, Nisha is seemingly a simple girl with hopes and dreams, but she's so endearing that she makes you want to feel every emotion that she is experiencing. In 'Bawaal', Nisha is taking a journey that will make you look beyond the surface into her life, her love, and everything in between." Directed by Nitesh Tiwari, and starring Varun Dhawan and Janhvi Kapoor, 'Bawaal' is a love story by Sajid Nadiadwala's production banner Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment in collaboration with Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari and Nitesh Tiwari's Earthsky Pictures. 'Bawaal' will premiere on Prime Video on July 21.

Vicky Kaushal, Tripti Dimri, Ammy Virk Are All Set To Shine In Karan Johar's Next

Filmmaker Karan Johar is collaborating with Vicky Kaushal for his next project. He took to his Instagram handle to make an announcement about it.

He wrote in the caption, "A film that is exceptionally close to my heart for various reasons... @bindraamritpal (the producer and family to me) has not only grown to be such a force of content and talent but I'm proud of how he has created a company of warmth and creativity. A company that puts goodwill over any commerciality. @anandtiwari, his partner and director of our film is the funniest guy in town with a golden heart! His film reflects both in absolute abundance. I'm so thrilled to collaborate with @vickykaushal09,



who I not only admire immensely as an artist but also as a human being of dignity and strength! I can't wait to direct him one day again soon...We had such a blast in Lust Stories!!! @ammyvirk is a powerhouse of energy and artistry in equal measure! Love him and his sheer aura and vibe! And my darling @tripti_dimri who is in a commercial avatar for the first time. Her gorgeousness & presence has enhanced her every beat in the film! She is

so solid!" "@apoorva1972 and I are blessed to make multiple movies with @leomediacollecive Bahut sari picturein baaki hai mere doston....Can't wait to announce the title of this riot of an entertainer with a beating heart! Heartfelt gratitude to our team and family at @primevideoin for being the most amazing studio and collaborators on this fim....watch this space for more...@dharmamovies @saregama_official," he

added. Vicky Kaushal also responded, "Bohot saare pyaar aur bohot saare entertainment ke saath, aa rahe hain hum. See you all on the big screens on 23rd Feb 2024! Watch this space for more..." Karan's return to the director's chair after over six years with 'Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani'. Starring Ranveer Singh, Alia Bhatt, Dharmendra, Jaya Bachchan, and Shabana Azmi in the lead roles, the film is set to hit the theatres on July 28

Shatrughan Sinha's Son Luv Sinha To Make Special Appearance In Sunny Deol, Ameesha Patel's 'Gadar 2'

Actor Luv Sinha is set to make an impact with his special appearance in Gadar 2. Regarding her role in the movie, Luv said, "Well, it's really great to be a part of such a massive franchise. I became a part of the movie because of my love for the original Gadar and also because I have humongous respect for Mr Anil Sharma. It was a pleasure working with him. We all know the kind of impact Gadar had when it had released back then. Very few movies are able to achieve a 'cult' status in our country and this is certainly so." The 'Paltan' actor added, "The audience has high expectations from Gadar 2 and it is an absolute pleasure to be a part of such a project. I am hoping that the audience will like the movie. Fingers crossed. I had a great time working with the entire team. It was an enriching and exciting experience. I am hoping the movie will be liked, and I'm sure the audience will enjoy watching Gadar 2 as much as they enjoyed Gadar". Helmed by Anil Sharma, 'Gadar 2' film stars Sunny Deol, Ameesha Patel and Utkarsh Sharma in the lead roles. The teaser of 'Gadar 2,' hints that the story begins right from where the story ended in 'Gadar: Ek Prem Katha' and the fans could also hear a sad version of the song 'Ghar Aaja Pardesi'. The film's portrayal of the partition of India and its impact on people's lives struck a chord with the audience. The epic tale of patriotism, love and sacrifice of Tara and Sakeena broke multiple records back in 2001. Now, the makers are all set to entertain the audiences with the film's second instalment. 'Gadar 2' will have a big Bollywood clash with Akshay Kumar's 'OMG 2' and Ranbir Kapoor's 'Animal'.

Kriti Sanon shares her views on live-in relationship and a perfect marriage

Just imagine telling your parents that you would go for a live-in relationship rather than a traditional marriage. While only a few progressive minds might support your decision, most Indian parents will be shocked in disbelief. Even celebs, too, feel the same. For instance, during a panel discussion when actor Kriti Sanon was asked whether she will opt for a live-in relationship the actress admitted her mother won't accept it.

For those who don't know, Kriti had played a character Rashmi who was in a live-in relationship with Vinod (Kartik Aaryan) in the 2019



film 'Luka Chhupi'. However, in real life, the popular actor can't be in a live-in relationship

since her parents won't be okay with it. But she insists if she is in a relationship in future

she will first test the seriousness of the relationship before going into

marriage. When asked if she has ever faced the situation just like she had in the film 'Hum Do Hamare Do' in which Rajkumar Rao's character had lied to her Kriti said she always believes in the good. She believes that if she is not lying then the other person is also not lying to her. Meanwhile, on the work front, after the success of her last film 'Mimi', Kriti will next be seen in 'Adipurush' which also features Prabhas and Saif Ali Khan and 'Ganapath' co-starring Tiger Shroff. Apart from these two she also has 'Bhediya' opposite Varun Dhawan, 'Shehzada' with Kartik Aaryan and Akshay Kumar starrer 'Bachchan Pandey'.

Jawan: Prevue Of Shah Rukh Khan's Much-Awaited Film To Be Out On THIS Date

The much-awaited look of Shah Rukh Khan's mega film, 'Jawan', is all set to be unveiled on 10th July at 10:30am. This exciting news was revealed by Shah Rukh Khan himself through his social media, fuelling the JAWAN frenzy among fans and movie enthusiasts alike. The anticipation and excitement surrounding the film have reached unprecedented heights and has led to nationwide speculation over social media and more. The curiosity to see SRK is unparalleled, the collaboration between Shah Rukh Khan and director Atlee, marking their first-ever partnership showcasing SRK's unmatched stardom with Atlee's creative vision.

Empowering Indian Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)



Prof. (Dr.) S N Tripathy

SMEs have emerged as crucial catalysts driving economic growth in various sectors, including manufacturing, infrastructure, services, food processing, packaging, chemicals, and IT. These enterprises, including self-financed proprietary businesses, private cooperatives, and Khadi and Village Industries, provide substantial employment opportunities and promote regional balance by extending industrialization to rural and underdeveloped areas. India has an estimated 42.50 million SMEs, accounting for 95% of the nation's industrial units. They employ 106 million individuals, constituting 40% of the labour force, second only to the agricultural sector. SMEs contribute approximately 6.11% to the manufacturing GDP and 24.63% to the service sector GDP,

representing 45% of the country's manufacturing output and 40% of overall exports. They command a 16% share in bank lending and possess fixed assets worth Rs. 1,471,912.94 crores, with an average growth rate exceeding 10%. Recognizing the invaluable contributions of SMEs to employment, GDP, innovation, and entrepreneurship, the Government of India has implemented various initiatives to strengthen the sector further. The "Make in India" campaign encourages domestic and foreign firms to invest in India, fostering growth in the MSME sector and creating employment opportunities. SMEs also provide an enabling environment for technical and commercial alliances such as joint ventures, technology transfer, sub-contracting, and product exports, among other MSMEs in India. The growth of SMEs is seen as essential for fostering entrepreneurship, innovation, and economic development. These initiatives by the

government aim to strengthen the SME sector further and harness its potential for the overall growth and prosperity of the Indian economy. Constraints in the development of MSMEs: The establishment of MUDRA has been a significant initiative to promote MSMEs by providing funds and refinancing options to microfinance institutions and non-corporate small businesses. Creating a substantial corpus allows MUDRA to effectively regulate and support these entities, contributing to their growth. Fin-tech companies have emerged as disruptors in the lending space, offering innovative solutions and alternate sources of capital for micro and small businesses. Their interventions have improved the accessibility of funding for MSMEs, filling the gap left by traditional lenders and enabling the growth and sustainability of these enterprises. The Ministry of MSMEs in India has recognized the importance of international cooperation and has

actively pursued collaborations with various countries. Through schemes and MoUs, the ministry facilitates trade, joint ventures, technology transfer, and the analysis of business environments. Delegations from foreign countries have engaged in discussions with Indian industry bodies, creating opportunities for mutual growth and knowledge exchange in the MSME sector. These initiatives and collaborations are instrumental in supporting and promoting the development of MSMEs in India. By providing financial support, fostering innovation, and facilitating international cooperation, the government and industry stakeholders are working towards creating a conducive environment for the growth and success of MSMEs. Role of Entrepreneurship: Entrepreneurship plays a paramount role in economic development by instigating transformations in business and society. Entrepreneurs make

critical decisions in the production process, coordinate resources, and shape the economy. They create value, explore innovations, and contribute to business growth. Entrepreneurship involves recognizing and seizing opportunities, acquiring resources, and strategically coordinating business strategies. Opportunities arise from new knowledge, unexpected occurrences, market changes, and perception shifts. Learning is essential for recognizing and exploiting opportunities, and advancements in information technology facilitate the efficient identification of investment opportunities. Entrepreneurship leads to increased production, business strategies, and economic development. Joseph Schumpeter highlighted the role of entrepreneurship in "creative destruction" and economic progress. Entrepreneurs bring innovation, improve products and production techniques, tap into new markets, diversify inputs, and reshape industries.

Entrepreneurs are responsible for combining materials and forces in new ways, discovering new combinations, and commercializing them. Their vision, innovation, and coordination are crucial for achieving lower costs, better quality, technological advancements, and export competitiveness in the MSME sector. Promoting entrepreneurship and supporting entrepreneurs is essential for economic growth. It fosters innovation, expands markets, improves efficiency, and drives progress. By encouraging entrepreneurial ventures and providing an enabling environment, societies can unleash the full potential of entrepreneurship for sustainable development. Policy implications: Access to credit, banking services, and products from formal institutions can facilitate the growth of MSMEs. A cluster-based lending approach is more effective than funding individual units. Member-owned cooperatives provide a suitable organizational structure for group-based enterprises. Capacity building of small financial institutions and

increasing awareness about credit schemes are crucial. Information and technology reduce transaction costs within the MSME value chain. They enable secure finance, credit histories, and commercial relationships. Integrating knowledge and technology enhances efficiency and allows actors to focus on core functions. India must address challenges like resource leakages, infrastructure deficiencies, and limited access to technology and capital. Micro Enterprise Development can contribute to poverty alleviation, but trained human resources are needed. Entrepreneurship promotion requires factors like bank credit availability, capital formation, and consumer demand. Encouraging entrepreneurship in premier institutions and integrating it into the curriculum is essential. Awareness, planning, and outreach initiatives are crucial. Entrepreneurs play an important role in the financial inclusion of MSMEs. Collaborations with Non-Banking Financial Company-Microfinance Institutions (NBFC-

MFI) stabilize and support MSME clusters. Overcoming challenges in accessing working capital requires affordable credit, easy financing, and recognizing entrepreneurs' dynamic nature. In a nutshell, access to credit and banking services from formal institutions and a cluster-based lending approach can fuel the growth of MSMEs. Member-owned cooperatives and capacity building of small financial institutions are vital. Information and technology reduce costs and enhance efficiency. India needs to address challenges and focus on Micro Enterprise Development. Promoting entrepreneurship through factors like credit availability and curriculum integration is crucial. Collaboration with NBFC-MFIs supports MSME clusters. Overcoming challenges in accessing working capital is critical to MSME success.

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SCARCITIES AND REMAINDERS IN HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR



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India now has the world's second largest higher education system (after China), enrolling more than 41 million students. The Indian government's ambitious 2020 National Education Policy (NEP) seeks to increase the enrolment rate to 50%, from its current 27.3% by 2035. Thus, India will need to add around 34 million students to the system to achieve this goal. The NEP also aims at establishing and developing more higher education institutions in under-served regions to ensure access, equity and inclusion. Although India has been witnessing an unprecedented growth in its number of colleges and universities over the last several decades, the arguments in favour of further expanding enrolment rates in higher education remain as

strong as ever. However, some recent data show that student enrolments have been experiencing a decline in many institutions. There are also some visible, but not yet recognised, warning signs. Recent trends show that even certain programmes offered by highly selective colleges and universities show some declines. In 2021-22, 361 undergraduate places, 3,083 postgraduate seats and 1,852 PhD seats in the hyper-selective Indian Institutes of Technology were vacant. Further, in the similarly selective National Institutes of Technology, 685 undergraduate places, 3,413 postgraduate and 914 PhD places also remained vacant. Around 5,000 undergraduate seats, mainly at the peripheral colleges of the University of Delhi, remained vacant even after the last round of the admissions process in December 2022. There are reports that thousands of undergraduate places in various colleges in the southern state of

Kerala were lying vacant when the gross enrolment ratio of the state is only estimated to be around 38%. Apart from thousands of vacant places in the traditional 'arts and science colleges', around 23,000 seats are empty in the state's engineering colleges. The impact of these changes varies from state to state. However, most of the recent changes paint a grim picture. For instance, in Gujarat, around 50% of the seats in the engineering colleges were lying vacant during the 2022-23 academic year. In Karnataka, dental programmes faced low demand during the same period. In November 2022, many places on the various postgraduate programmes of the central (national government-funded) universities in Haryana, Kerala, Pondicherry and Tamil Nadu remained vacant. This trend is further exacerbated by the declining tendency in the number of first-year students in certain traditional programmes in some

states. Recent reports say that even prestigious 'arts and science' colleges located in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal are facing difficulties attracting students to traditional programmes. Another development is the vacant seats in the undergraduate engineering institutions approved by the All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). During the 2021-22 academic year, 421,203 of the potential 1,253,337 places were unfilled. This is not a surprise because an AICTE committee in 2018 had observed that the capacity utilisation (places offered versus enrolment) during 2017-18 at undergraduate and postgraduate level was as low as 49.8%. Later, AICTE announced a moratorium on opening new institutions in traditional engineering and technology for two years. As a result, AICTE had decided not to accept applications for establishing new engineering

institutions until 2023-24 - except in high demand areas that have employability in the labour market. It was also recommended that existing postgraduate programmes be restructured and made research- and industry-centric. AICTE recently lifted its moratorium. This situation reflects the reality that much of engineering education is of poor quality and takes place in inadequately funded private colleges. However, the question remains, why are institutions facing an enrolment crisis? There are a number of hypotheses for these surprising changes - and these may have implications beyond India. Is it because of the growth of online programmes and other alternative forms of higher education? Or is it because of the transformation of the economy that has been constantly creating a demand for new skills? Or because large numbers of students choose to study abroad? Or

because of the poor quality of many private colleges? Demographics are not working against institutions - India's population is growing, although the rate of expansion is slowing. Although the GER (gross enrolment ratio) in an educationally advanced state like Kerala is only 38%, many colleges nonetheless face challenges in attracting students. It appears that a large number of students are rethinking the value of traditional colleges and programmes. Students are expecting institutions to provide them with better job opportunities. They are more pragmatic while making decisions because they have little faith in the value of traditional 'arts and science' programmes when many universities are in the process of starting four-year undergraduate programmes with multiple exit options. The impact of the crisis has already begun. Starved of tuition revenue, hundreds of private institutions have been closed in recent years. During 2021-22 alone, around 40 institutions,

mainly offering engineering and other professional courses approved by AICTE, were 'progressively closed' across India and they are not allowed to admit students. During the same academic year, 1,041 undergraduate, postgraduate and diploma courses approved by AICTE were 'progressively closed'. These courses were offered by colleges and universities and are mainly in engineering, computer science, information technology, management, pharmacy, etc. In Andhra Pradesh, 354 programmes were withdrawn from the affiliated colleges of the universities in the state. Although the survival of existing faculty in public institutions will be heavily influenced by declining student numbers, the government and government-aided private institutions may be able to survive these challenges for the time being with public funding. However, that is not the case with private self-funded institutions because

most of them are fully dependent on tuition revenue. The consequences of these changes will reshape the higher education landscape in India, and this underlines the increased urgency to restructure the sector. Governments - both at the centre and in the states - jointly need to find out where and why these declines occurred so that corrective measures can be made to avoid closure of institutions. It is also important to understand the changing patterns in enrolments vis-à-vis urban, rural, socio-economic background of students, type of institutions, programmes, etc. They should not wait until new enrolment issues occur and then decide how they will deal with each situation.

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ICAR-CIFRI Awards Progressive Fish Farmers on National Fish Farmers' Day, 2023

Kolkata, (KCN): ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (CIFRI) celebrated "National Fish Farmers Day" at its Headquarters at Barrackpore, Kolkata today (July 10, 2023) with gusto. National Fish Farmers' Day is celebrated every year on July 10, to commemorate the stupendous achievement of induced breeding technique, which is contemplated as the torchbearer of 'First Blue Revolution' in India. Prof. Hiralal Chaudhary and Dr. K. H. Alikunhi pioneered the 'Induced breeding technique which was successfully developed in Angul fish farm, Odisha on July 10, 1957

under the then Central Inland Fisheries Research Station, presently known as ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (ICAR-CIFRI), Barrackpore. The programme started with paying tribute to Dr. Hiralal Choudhury and Dr. K. H. Alikunhi. Dr. B.K. Das, Director, ICAR-CIFRI welcomed the dignitaries, farmers and all present there. He pointed out the government's efforts to provide aid for fisheries development through PMMSY to the tune of Rs. 20,000 crores. Moreover, ICAR-CIFRI has started a programme for empowering 3000 women by providing

them input for developing fish culture unit such as ornamental fish culture under SCSP programme. Dr. B.B. Jana, Retired Professor, University of Kalyani, West Bengal, Fellow, National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, New Delhi, and Secretary Kalyani Shine India appreciated CIFRI's initiative for farmers' livelihood uplift. He expressed his concern regarding river pollution and the continuously deteriorating environmental conditions which he considered as posing detrimental effect on the fisheries, their production and



conservations. Shri Lokman Molla, Secretary, Kultoli Milantirth Society, Sundarban appreciated CIFRI's initiative in

Sundarban. Prof. Kuldeep Krishan Sharma, Chief Guest and Vice-Chancellor, Himalayan University, Itanagar highlighted

ICAR-CIFRI's pioneering achievements in the inland fisheries sector as well as the institution's contribution in

empowerment. A MOU was also signed between ICAR-CIFRI and Himalayan University, Itanagar for research and academic collaboration. Professor Sharma stated that such a collaborative project can be very rewarding in the future. He said, the farmers who got trained at CIFRI can play the role of ambassador to disseminate the knowledge and Institute technology to other places, resulting in tackling the food security problem. In the programme, nine progressive fish farmers from Sapaul (Bihar), West Champaran (Jharkhand), Eluru (Andhra Pradesh), Nalbari (Assam), Gangtok

(Sikkim), Balasore (Odisha) and South 24 Parganas (West Bengal) were awarded. The objective of awarding farmers is to appreciate and popularise their works as well as to encourage other farmers towards the fisheries sector. One book entitled, "Success Stories from Wetlands" was released in which eight wetlands of states like West Bengal, Bihar, Manipur and Assam are covered. In today's programme, 90 fishing farmers were present. The regional centres of the Institute, Bangalore, Vadodara and Prayagraj also celebrated National Fish Farmers Day, covering 155 farmers and 20 students.

NEW VANDE BHARAT COACHES WITH TECHNICAL ENHANCEMENTS

Kolkata, (KCN): Vande Bharat Express trains are in high patronisation from the passengers not only for speed they are the choice of busy travellers for the reduced time to reach destination. These trains are now being equipped with more technical advancements to provide more comfort for the passengers on-board. Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, the Minister of Railways, Communications, Electronics and Information Technology recently visited Integral Coach Factory at Chennai to inspect the ongoing production of Vande Bharat Express trains. During his visit at the Integral Coach



Factory, the Minister lauded the ongoing production of Vande Bharat Sleeper Version & Vande Metro Coaches and emphasised that the Railways are actively considering the feedback from the passengers & stakeholders for the upgradation of these trains. Integral Coach Factory

recently brought forth an improved version of Vande Bharat Express with approximately 25 technical enhancement features which are being implemented for the next lot of Vande Bharat Express trains currently under production. These enhancements include an increase in seat reclining angle,

improved cushioning of seats, enhanced accessibility to mobile-charging points, extended foot-rests in the Executive Chair Cars, deeper washbasins to prevent water splashing, better lighting in wash-rooms, provision of fixing points for wheelchairs used by Divyangjans, capacitive touch reading lamps for ease of use and anti-climbing devices etc. The development of advanced coaches with improved features reflects Railway Ministry's commitment towards enhancing the overall travel experience of the passengers across the different classes.

Massachusetts Celebrates Niladri Bije Festival



Boston, (KCN): Massachusetts hosted 3rd Annual Car Festival, Return Journey, gold ornamentation and Niladri Bije ceremonies of Lord Jagannath with much pomp and massive fanfare. The Mega Celebrations were organised by Odia Communities based in New England, USA in active association with the New England Shirdi Sai Parivaar (NESSP). The New England's Shirdi Sai Temple situated at 99, Shirdi Way in Groton of Greater Boston, where the Trinity are presently stationed was aesthetically and elegantly decorated befitting to the Grand Occasion. On the Rath Yatra day at around 9.30.a.m., in the morning special religious rituals like Bigraha Puja of All the Four Deities followed by the homo for the Rath were performed

in a pious and solemn ambience as per vedic norms by priests Gunturu Bala Venkat Pavan, Rama Charayulu and Manohar Chandrasheker. Apart from local residents of Massachusetts around 800 Odias and non-Odia devotees along with their friends, family members and relatives from nearby states like Rhodes Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Maine also descended at Groton to take part in the holy fair. In the afternoon four Idols were taken in a grand procession to the colourfully decked up chariot parked in front of the Sai temple. Devotees present conducted the traditional sweeping in front of chariot called Chherra Pahanra. Then the long awaited and most sought after process of pulling up of chariot commenced. The entire atmosphere got

reverberated with the lyrical sounds of Bhajan, Kirtan, chanting of hymns, raising of slogans like Hari Bol, Jai Jagannath and playing of musical instruments like Ghanta, Kartala, Cymbals, Jhanja, Mrudanga and recitals of Odissi Dance. This Year's Rath Yatra evoked unexpected interest, unusual enthusiasm and unprecedented excitements among the spectators gathered to have a holy glimpse of Gods and Goddess on board the Chariot and earn lifetime fortune. The 20 ft. High chariot beautifully clad with attractive pipli appliques and alluring flowers was pulled around the boundary of Sai temple till 2 km and then taken back to the premises of the temple. The moving sight of Lord of the Universe sitting atop the Royal chariot in His

majestic style during the sojourn on the streets of Massachusetts was momentous, mesmerising and memorable. After reached back at the temple the idols were escorted back to the Gem Studded Altar by the servitors. Then all the Deities were decorated with golden attire for Suna Besa like being done in main temple at Puri. After that Arati was performed before the sanctum sanctorum. The highlight of this year's Car Festival was the offering of Fifty Six varieties of food items called Chhappan Bhoga to the Trinity specially prepared on the pattern of Anand Bazar at Puri. The delicious Prasad were then distributed among the attendees of the Rath Yatra. Presentation of a spectacular Cultural Jamboori consisting of scintillating Odissi dance performances and soul soothing recitals of Jagannath Bhajans was also part of the Mega Fiesta. The Chariot pulling ceremony became an all out success because of the strenuous efforts put up jointly by all Board members, founder members, present and former trustees, operating board members of the Temple along with Odia Community at large based in Greater Boston.

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America's Rhodes Island Hosts Car Festival

Rhodes Island, (KCN) ; Rhodes Island, the smallest state of U.S.A; celebrated Rath Yatra, the biggest Festival of the Lord of the Universe Lord Jagannath with much pomp, myriad splendour and massive fanfare. The Hindu Temple at Warwick, where the Lord Jagannath along with His siblings are presently being worshipped was aesthetically and elegantly decorated befitting to the Grand Occasion. The day of the sixth edition of Car Festival here began with the performance of special religious rituals like Mangala Arati and homo in front of the Four Deities in the morning by the priest Somnath Shastri. The whole ambience of the Temple was agog with pious and spiritual fervour. At

about 11.30 a.m. the Idols were taken in Dhadi Pahandi procession by the servitors and spectators to the colourfully decorated 15 feet high chariot parked in front of the Temple. Floral ornamentation of Deities and Chariot were immaculately done by Mother-Daughter Duo Shardha Nayak and Sudeepa Nayak. The entire atmosphere got reverberated with the chanting of hymns, roaring of slogans like Hari Bol and Jai Jagannath, blowing of conch and playing of musical instruments such as Ghanta, Mardala, Jhanja and Mrudanga. The splendid scene of Goddess Subhadra being carried in a swinging mode to the Chariot by exclusively lady worshippers was momentous and



memorable. Unusual interest, unexpected enthusiasm and unprecedented excitement were visible among the Odia and Non Odia devotees gathered here along with their friends, family members and relatives to take part in the Chariot pulling ceremony. People from far off places like Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts also descended at the Festival site in large numbers to have a holy glimpse of Trinity atop the Chariot and earn lifetime fortune. Renowned Philanthropist Subhansu Mohanty conducted the traditional service of sweeping in front of the chariot called Chhera Pahanra. With the rendering of Bhajans and Kirtans, the Ghosha Yatra commenced at 1.00 p.m. The Chariot was pulled

around 1.5 Kms in the outskirts of temple compound and then taken back to the premises of the Temple. The deities were then offered delicious Prasad prepared in the style of Ananda Bazar of Puri, which was later paraded by the devotees present. The auspicious sight of the Four Deities on board the Royal Chariot during their majestic sojourn on the streets of Warwick was just amazing and viewer's delight. The distinguished dignitaries present include famous painter Priyanka Sahani, Bio Technocrat Anup Mohanty and IT Consultant Chiranjeevee Mohapatra. This year's Car Festival witnessed a spectacular Cultural extravaganza consisting of soul soothing recitals of Bhajans by Pragyana Behera, Sunil Kumar Dooda and

Munmun Das and scintillating Odissi Dance performance in front of the Chariot by Reena Dash. The cultural session was ably coordinated and moderated by Munmun Das. The entire arrangements of Rath Yatra was neatly executed with overall guidance of World Odisha Society's International Co-ordinator Akshay Mohanty and able Organisers like Mani Mahapatra, Simmy Mahapatra, Saroj Behera, Ranjeetha Behera, Chandra Nayak, Shardha Nayak, Digvijay Mahapatra, Aruna Mahapatra, Bishwa Patnaik, Lina Patnaik, Sukanta Patra, Sashi Mohanty, Kalpana Mohanty, Bishnupriya Bal, Karuna Meheta, Santosh Behera, Pankaj Panda and Soumyashree Dash.

5T Boost For DoHE



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Department of Higher Education to have a dedicated pension cell and will maintain integrity and transparency in adherence with 5T governance of the Government, directed Atanu sabyasachi Nayak, Minister Department of Higher Education(DoHE). Minister Sri Nayak reviewed various activities of the DoHE in details yesterday. Though it was a holiday, the review was a crucial one and continued for more than two hours. A dedicated pension cell

should start functioning immediately and the employees must receive their pension on the very day of retirement. All the pending pension cases must be cleared up within specific time line, he directed. All out efforts be made to fill up the vacancies of teaching and non-teaching staff in the colleges. He impressed upon the officers to create a database of all the faculty of the Government aided /GIA colleges through a Software so that the vacancy can be monitored and rationalized.

Also reviewed the status of RUSA and World Bank funding, Students scholarships and others. A detailed discussion was made on further improvement in standard of higher education and development of educational Institutions in the state. The provision/allotment of funds in different heads be utilised properly in due time. Measure to be taken to achieve higher NAAC ranking and participation in National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) was also

discussed. While advised the officers of the department to maintain absolute integrity and transparency, Sri Nayak has warned for any deviation to this will not be tolerated. He has asked the Secretary Higher Education to personally review the funds pending in various colleges and ensure its early utilization. Among others Arvind Agrawal Secretary Higher Education, other departmental Officers were present in the review meeting held in Lok Seva Bhawan.

OSA Honors Gurujee

Chicago (KCN): America witnessed a grand celebration as the 54th annual convention of the Odisha Society of the Americas (OSA) kicked off today. Gurujee Chandra Bhanu Satpathy graced the event as the Chief Guest, highlighting the rich heritage, culture, literature, and art of Odisha. In his address, Dr.Satpathy expressed his belief in the resurgence of Odisha, as the talented Odia community showcased their excellence in sports, education, port-based commercial activities, and the IT sector in the USA. He commended Odisha's

achievements in education, healthcare, and disaster management. The convention commenced with an honorary citation presented by Mayor Scott Wehrli of Nville to Gurujee Dr. Satpathy, acknowledging his distinguished service and spiritual contributions as a global ambassador. In return, Gurujee felicitated the Mayor by presenting an Ashok Stambh as a symbol of appreciation. The event, presided over by Gyan Patnaik, President of OSA, witnessed the presence of esteemed personalities such as Consul General Somanath Ghose and Swami Sharanananda from the Chinmaya

Mission. The convention will continue until the 9 July and will feature a special session on Shree Guru Bhagawat tomorrow, further enriching the spiritual experience. The annual convention of the Orissa Society of the Americas has been a longstanding tradition, promoting Odia culture and tradition in North America for over five decades. As the largest and most organized Odia organization outside Odisha, OSA has played a vital role in nurturing Odia identity abroad. This year's International OSA 2023 Convention in Chicago has brought

together Odias from various parts of the world, showcasing the beauty of our language, culture, art, and forward-thinking vision under the theme 'Aarohi.' 'Aarohi' represents the progressive journey of modern individuals striving for success. Odias in India and North America have seamlessly blended tradition and culture with the necessary skills and knowledge required in today's world. The 54th Convention has attracted business and social leaders from Odisha and North America, fostering collaboration and envisioning a brighter future for the Odia community.



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Samsung Launches Galaxy M34 5G in India with Monster Display, Camera and Battery at Just INR 16999

Bhubaneswar: Samsung, India's largest electronics brand, today announced the launch of Galaxy M34 5G. The latest addition to Samsung's immensely popular Galaxy M series, promises to redefine smartphone photography with the 50MP (OIS) No Shake Camera and elevate the viewing experience with monster 120Hz Super AMOLED display coupled with segment-leading 6000mAh battery.

philosophy, we are pushing the boundaries of innovation even further with the new Galaxy M34 5G, a stunning device that is ready to power the infinite passions of our young MZ consumers. Boasting an impressive 50MP No Shake Camera, flagship features such as Nightography, massive 6000mAh battery, immersive 120Hz Super AMOLED display, up to 4 generations of OS upgrades and 5 years of Security updates, Galaxy M34 5G stands tall as a Monster 5G

device. At a price of INR 16999, Galaxy M34 5G not only disrupts the segment, but it also exemplifies Samsung's prowess in delivering top-tier technology at an affordable price," said Aditya Babbar, Senior Director, Mobile Business, Samsung India. Ranjit Babu, Director, Wireless and Home Entertainment, Amazon India said, "The Galaxy M series is the epitome of best-in-class features and performance that is truly monstrous in nature. And, with Amazon's pan India

reach, we have been able to ensure that you can get your hands on this unique smartphone with our assurance of quick, safe and reliable delivery. Get your hands on the Monster this Prime Day." Galaxy M34 5G features a 50MP (OIS) No Shake Camera to shoot high-resolution and shake-free photos and videos, eliminating blurred images caused by hand tremors or accidental shakes. The camera setup also includes an 8MP 120-degree Ultrawide lens and a 13MP high-

resolution front camera for stunning selfies. Galaxy M34 5G supports 25W fast charging giving you more power in less time. Galaxy M34 5G is powered by 5nm-based Exynos 1280 chipset making it fast and super power-efficient. With the ultimate speed and connectivity of 5G, users can stay fully connected wherever they go, experiencing faster downloads, smoother streaming, and uninterrupted browsing.

DIZO, by realme TechLife, launches DIZO Wireless Dash

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

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

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

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

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

DGGI, Kolkata Officials Bust Syndicates Operating in 19 States through Fake Firms, Fraudulently claiming ITC of 127 Cr., 1 Held

Kolkata, (KCN) In continuing drive against syndicates operating and managing fake firms, Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI), Kolkata Zonal Unit has busted a major crime syndicate based in 19 States.

In this syndicate, one person was involved in the activities of creating shell firms/companies, generating fake invoices without supply of underlying goods/services and passing on fake ITCs on commission basis. Total 127 shell companies were created and passed on huge amounts of fake ITC of approx. Rs 126.9 crores during the F.Y. 2021-22 &

F.Y. 2022-23. Human intelligence was developed through extensive market surveillance and further developed by data analysis to strike at the entire syndicate. The officials of DGGI, Kolkata were able to trace this mastermind and nabbed him. The mastermind has admitted his indulgence into fraudulent activities.

In this case, the mastermind behind running the above racket, created shell firms/companies and got GST registration for fake entities through procuring Aadhar, PAN, photograph etc from individuals at a minor

cost. The mediators confirm regarding existing/fake entities to which fake invoices are to be issued, without actual supply of goods and or services, with the sole intention of earning commission on total invoice value and for passing on fake input tax credit. They issued fake e-way bills using fake vehicle numbers from local brokers and entered the same in invoices with hidden motive to camouflage the fraudulent Input Tax Credit passed on and thereby aiding their recipient entities to avail fake input tax credit. Three mobile phones and two laptops

have been seized in the operation. The mastermind has been arrested and produced before Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Sealdah and is remanded for judicial custody.

DGGI, Kolkata Zonal Unit along with DGGI (SNU), East has been in forefront in West Bengal in detecting fake ITC cases. During the last F.Y. 2022-23, DGGI has booked 32 cases involving fake ITC of Rs. 242.47 crores, out of which Rs. 16.59 Crore have been recovered and four persons were arrested in connection to the above cases.

In this F.Y. 2023-24, in less than four months, four syndicates of fake invoices have been busted with total detection of Rs. 535 crores involving 156 shell firms/companies and five persons playing the role of mastermind have been arrested. Following absolute zero tolerance against fake invoicing, DGGI is continuing its drive against more such syndicates and their masterminds, who are jeopardising administration of GST by issuing fake bills. Any information received in countering fake ITC menace will be suitably rewarded as per CBIC guidelines.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Area Director, Indian Hotels Company Limited.

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

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

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

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

ViStrengthens 'Vi Hero Unlimited' Proposition with 'Data Delight'

To ensure a worry free data experience for its prepaid users, Vi, leading telecom service provider, has launched 'Vi Hero Unlimited Campaign' with yet another unique proposition, 'Data Delight'. With this, Vi users can unlock up to 2GB of extra data every month, over & above their daily quota, at no extra cost. Truly providing an unlimited data experience, Vi Hero Unlimited portfolio also includes other unique benefits such as Unlimited High Speed Data from 12am - 6am and Weekend Data Rollover. In addition, to further strengthen its

hero unlimited portfolio, Vi has introduced more recharge packs under the portfolio.

Vi Hero Unlimited packs are structured to provide a one-stop solution to the common concern of data quota exhaustion faced by prepaid users. Its differentiated offerings aim to provide more value to Vi's Unlimited plan users. In today's digital world where availability of mobile internet has become a crucial factor, Vi Hero Unlimited brings a dose of oxygen when needed the most.

To promote the proposition, Vi has launched a high decibel

ATL campaign themed - 'Sirnaamkanahinkamka unlimited'. Featuring popular actor Vinay Pathak, the Vi campaign is planned for 8 weeks and to promote this unique 'Hero Unlimited' proposition, multiple media platforms like TV, Digital and OOH along with large on ground activation programs will be actioned.

Vi Hero Unlimited packs start with recharges of Rs. 299 and above daily data quota packs. Vi has also added new recharge packs with higher daily data quota at Rs. 359, Rs. 409 and Rs. 475 under Hero Unlimited portfolio.

Microtek Organised Rockstar & Star Retail Partners' Meet in Bhubaneswar

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

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

Odisha market." The key people of the industry were present at the event. The company also felicitated its channel partners at the event. The event was attended by the officials of Microtek International and trade partners from Odisha. Odisha is one of the important markets for Microtek and the company is looking forward to expanding its presence in the state with the new series. Microtek is planning more such activities for the Odisha Market to create awareness about its new products and further strengthening its business relations with the retail market in the state. The price of the new product range starts from MRP Rs. 6240 and the products are already available through the company's vast distribution network across India.

TVS EUROGRIP SHOWCASES OFF-HIGHWAY RANGE AT EXCON 2022

Chennai: TVS Eurogrip, one of India's largest manufacturers & exporters of Two & Three wheeler tyres and Off-Highway Tyres is showcasing their Off-Highway range of products at Excon 2022 at Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), Bengaluru.

The largest construction equipment exhibition in South Asia, Excon 2022 is expected to attract over 1,500 exhibitors including 350 from abroad. The exhibition has 10 country pavilions and is set to attract 80,000 business visitors. This mega expo witness's industry leaders demonstrating latest innovations, developments, trends and a slew of products are slated to be launched over the next four days.

We've played enough cricket, we'll brush this one off: Cummins

London:The 2023 Ashes has seen history being invoked at different points in its runtime. It was Edgbaston 2005 all over again when Pat Cummins and Nathan Lyon sneaked the visitors over the line in the first Test. When Lyon hobbled off the field at Lord's with a calf tear, there were throwbacks to Glenn McGrath's injury that played a role in turning the course of that 2005 series. This week at Headingley, both sets of players revisited events from the corresponding Test match four years ago and how Ben Stokes' heroic fourth-innings 135* kept the Ashes alive. After Australia's lead was halved following another Headingley win for England, Cummins wouldn't be overly perturbed at history repeating itself in Leeds

as long as the series continued along a similar path in the following Test at Old Trafford. For the Stokes-engineered heist had little effect the following week in 2019 as Australia calmly bounced back to register a thumping 185-run victory in Manchester, win that ensured the famous urn wouldn't leave their grasp. The similarities notwithstanding, the circumstances of the two defeats in Leeds couldn't be more different. First of all, the personnel involved - playing and coaching staff - for the visitors are different. Then there's the fact that Australia hadn't reached a position in this Headingley Test anywhere close to the level of dominance they'd enjoyed four years ago before being swept away by the Stokes wave.



Although Cummins' side held sway for a good portion of the first innings, this Test had more of an ebb-and-flow to it before culminating in England's narrow victory on Sunday. "It does," Cummins said, when asked if the defeat felt different to the shock the dressing room was left with four years ago.

"It wasn't one big partnership (Stokes-Jack Leach). "I think this game ebbed and flowed the whole way through, whereas that one in 2019 we were ahead for most of it. We're all kind of used to it - playing cricket there's normally a winner and a loser. We've had a wonderful run up until now, winning the

first three matches this tour [including the WTC Final against India]. "It's a shame, and it's one of the games you look at and everyone thinks you could have done something just a little bit different that might have contributed to a different result. But we've all played enough

cricket, so [we will] brush this one off and make sure we get ready for Manchester," he said. Stokes, obviously thrilled at the outcome, was himself unwilling to buy into the concept of having snatched the proverbial momentum for the remainder of the series. "I remember going to Manchester in 2019 and actually saying the complete opposite," the England captain said. "I said we had to park everything that happened at Headingley, all the noise that was around that game. "We got over the line but we know the job at hand and what's in front of us is way more important than what's been said, and what's been done. And it will be the same again in Manchester, albeit after another great game of cricket and we've kept

the series at 2-1. We just have to park everything from this week but also continue in the way in which we play because I said last week at Lord's, we find ourselves in the perfect position for the way we play cricket." Meanwhile, the Australian captain will have to ponder over selection matters when the squad regroups next week in Manchester. Mitchell Marsh, playing a Test after four years, scored a fine century on the opening day but realises there is spot for just the one all-rounder in the XI with incumbent Cameron Green likely to return after missing out in Leeds with a minor hamstring injury. Once again, the situation is not dissimilar to one in 2019 when Marnus Labuschagne impressed

all by stepping in as concussion substitute for Steve Smith and ended up keeping his place even when the senior batter returned for Old Trafford. Usman Khawaja was then the fall guy. This time around, David Warner's position is one under the scanner following twin failures vs Stuart Broad that took his tally of dismissals to the England seamer to 17. "You keep all options open," Cummins said. "We've got nine or 10 days now, so we'll take a deep breath. We'll go away for a few days. "But everyone comes back into it. Greeny should be fit for Manchester. Josh [Hazlewood] will be back in there as well. So we should have a full roster and we'll have a look at the wicket and have a chat and work out the best XI."

Nigar Sultana 'frustrated' with experienced players not converting starts

New Delhi:Bangladesh captain Nigar Sultana feels that the top-order's inability to carry on after getting starts hurt them in the three-match T20I series opener against India at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium on Sunday. India beat Bangladesh by seven wickets, scoring 118-3 in 16.2 overs after restricting the hosts to 114-5. Bangladesh were comfortably placed at 52/2 in 8.3 overs before the game slipped away from them and India crawled back with the help of some disciplined bowling. Bangladesh opener Shamima Sultana (17) and Shathi Rani (22), and one-down batter Sobhana Mostary (23), got starts but were unable to continue with their innings like the way Harmanpreet Kaur did for her side, scoring an



unbeaten half century to guide her team over the line. "We should have scored at least 140 runs and then it could have been a bit difficult for them," Nigar told reporters after the game. "I think we have the skill. There is obviously potential as they (top-order batters) are playing in the national team from a long time. I think the players will have to come out of this (bad patch) individually. When a player gets a good start, why would she get out

after reaching 25? She has to carry on the innings," she said. "You have to be more careful about shot selection. I think it might also be a lack of attention. Why would there not be performance if the skill is there? "I think there was a lack of intent. When you play for the national team, then of course you are experienced and that is why you are playing. We are continuously playing and the coaches are training us in different

situations. Still, why can't we do it," she wondered. Sultana said she expected better from the more experienced players in the side. "Sometimes, pressure works on players individually when there are a couple of dot balls and then there are two more trying to overcome that. It's okay for those who are coming from the Under-19 level but when it is from those who are playing for the national team regularly, then it is frustrating to see. "Basically where I bat my responsibility is to build the innings and also finish it and taking that into consideration, my run out is one of the key reasons behind us not scoring big against them. "In the middle over I think we played far too many dot balls. The wicket was low and slow and there was turn too but still were still short by 20 to 25 runs," she

said. Speaking after the win, Deepti Sharma felt that the wicket was quite difficult to bat on and India's experienced bowlers outshone their opponents. "They played well in the powerplay and did well in the middle overs. I think their emerging players also played well but we have experienced bowlers who know where to bowl in the middle overs and we just executed the plan. They can of course do well in the coming days," Deepti said. "It was not an easy target because the wicket was slow and low and we played according to the situation. We covered up as a batting unit. Obviously as a bowling side, they are very good and improving series by series."

Grigor Dimitrov Dominates Frances Tiafoe, Advances To Wimbledon Men's Singles Fourth Round

New Delhi:Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria made an impressive comeback at Wimbledon 2023, advancing to the fourth round in the men's singles competition after defeating the talented American player Frances Tiafoe, who currently holds a top-10 ranking in the world. Dimitrov, ranked 24th in the world, had previously reached the semifinals of the grass-court major back in 2014. He displayed his exceptional skills once again as he outplayed the 10th-seeded Tiafoe in a commanding fashion, winning the match 6-2, 6-3, 6-2. This victory marked his return to the fourth round at Wimbledon for the first time since 2017. The match was interrupted by heavy rain on Saturday evening, but Dimitrov remained unfazed. Throughout the



encounter, he showcased his dominance by hitting 33 winners compared to Tiafoe's 14. Remarkably, Dimitrov did not face a single break point and successfully converted five out of nine opportunities of his own, securing the win in just 99 minutes. Recognizing Tiafoe's dangerous playing style and court presence, Dimitrov acknowledged the need to maintain his focus. He praised Tiafoe's powerful serve and return while emphasizing the importance of taking

care of his own game. Expressing his joy, Dimitrov shared that his recent weeks in England had been remarkable, and he aimed to savor every single day on the court. Dimitrov's consistent performance at the Grand Slam events this year has been notable, having reached the third round at the Australian Open and the fourth round at Roland Garros. Although he had not dropped a set prior to this match, he encountered stiffer competition against Tiafoe.

Stokes has 'no hesitation' that England can win the Ashes from here

London:Ben Stokes, the England captain, is confident that England can regain the Ashes following their three-wicket win over Australia, at Headingley, on Sunday. Having lost the first two Tests, England needed to win all the remaining games of the five-match series in order to win back the urn. The England captain said he had 'no hesitation' that they can win the series from hereon. Since the 1936-37 series Down Under, when the Don Bradman-led Australia won the series, no team has won the Ashes after being 2-nil down. Harry Brook's 75 helped England over the line at Leeds on

the fourth day in a tricky run-chase, but they will have to beat Australia at Old Trafford and Oval in the next two games, in what has so far been a tightly-contested series, in order to make the hope come true. "Another down-to-the wire game," Stokes admitted after the game. "Nice to get over the line and keep our hopes alive. "It is obviously really big in the context of the series. We knew we needed to win this Test to keep alive our hopes of winning the Ashes, so it's a good win. If you look at the first two games in terms of how tight they were, getting over the line in another tight game can mentally help...

knowing that it's another close game but we've got over the line in this one. "The first two didn't go our way. If you flip it round and we didn't win this one and it's tight again, you would think it's just not meant to be. We're obviously over the moon that we won this one but it's just the start of what we know we need to do." Stokes also credited the performances put up by Mark Wood, Chris Woakes and Moeen Ali who were brought into the side for the third Test. "We brought Woody and Woakes back in and it's great when decisions like that impact the game. That's what we look at, what impact can players have and how



can we use them. All three of those guys did that this week. Woakes, who hadn't played a Test since March 2022, chipped in with six wickets in the match before playing a crucial hand in the tense run-chase in the fourth innings, finishing unbeaten on

32 - which included a 59-run stand with Harry Brook before a crucial unbeaten 24-run partnership with Wood. "I didn't even look at the fact that it's been so long since he (Chris Woakes) had played red-ball," Stokes said. "He's a

quality performer. He's Mr Consistent. Having someone who can bat like the can at No. 8 is a massive help, and when the ball's doing a bit in the air or off the pitch he's massively in the game." Wood also impressed with his pace,

especially in the first innings, where he returned a fifer. He then played two entertaining and handy cameos with the bat lower down the order, crunching the four sixes in his 16-ball stay at the wicket across two innings. "When you've got someone who can come in and bowl 95mph, it's a massive help," the English captain said. "It impacts the game, whether he's taking wickets at one end or they come at the other. Great to see him smiling, running in and bowling rockets. And with the bat, he's a free spirit, and very clear in his mind. He walked out knowing how he wanted to take the game on, doesn't

always come off but it gives you a better chance." Moeen Ali didn't have such a big part to play after coming back into the XI as a replacement for the injured Ollie Pope. He picked up two wickets in the second innings, but importantly was tasked with batting at No 3 in the chase. The move didn't work out too well with Mitchell Starc cleaning him up with a yorker on 5. However, Stokes reserved praise for the all-rounder. "Moeen always wants to impact the game, he said to Brendon last night that he wanted to take them on and have a crack at No. 3. Felt like he could have an impact up the order."