

SECRETARY GENERAL OF MUSLIM WORLD LEAGUE CALLS ON THE PRESIDENT

New Delhi: The Secretary General of Muslim World League, Dr Mohammad bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa called on the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (July 12, 2023).

Welcoming Dr Al-Issa on his first official visit to India, the President said that India appreciates the role and objectives of the Muslim World League in promoting tolerant values, moderation of consciousness and inter-faith dialogue. She stated that India, as a multi-cultural, multi-lingual, multi-ethnic and multi-religious society, celebrates unity in diversity. Our more than



200 million Indian Muslim brothers and sisters make us the country with the second largest population of Muslims in the world.

The President said that India attaches great importance to its relationship with Saudi Arabia. The two countries have a

longstanding history of amicable relations rooted in trade and people to people ties. Both our countries have valuable teachings to share with

the world, she added. The President said that India and Saudi Arabia both condemn terrorism in its all forms and are calling for 'zero tolerance' against terrorism. The two leaders agreed that there is a need for a holistic approach to counter terrorism and violent extremism, and this is possible only by engaging with moderate schools of thoughts. The President appreciated Dr Al-Issa's stand against extremism, terrorism and violence. She expressed confidence that his visit to India would provide more avenues for collaboration with the Muslim World League.

Gupteswar Cave Shrine In Koraput To Undergo Facelift, Odisha CM Sanctions Rs 20 Crore

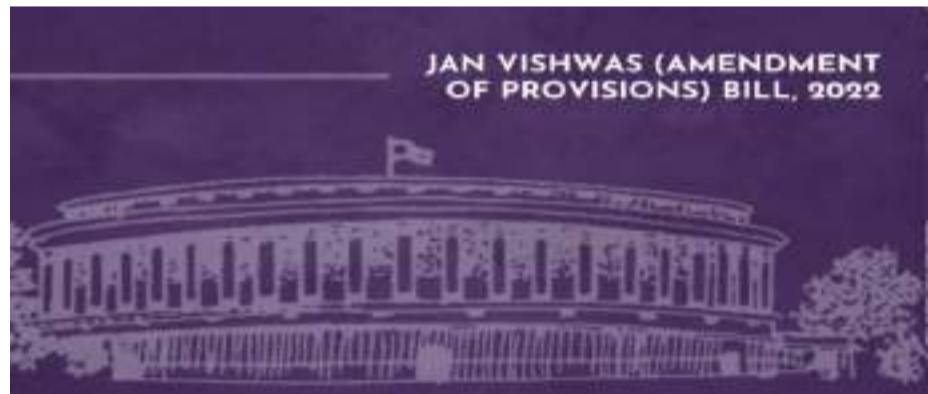
Bhubaneswar(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today sanctioned Rs 20 crore for the development and beautification of the famous Shaivite shrine in Gupteswar cave situated about 55 kilometres away from Jeypore town of Koraput, which is to be carried out without damaging its natural surroundings. The shrine will be developed as a prominent religious destination to attract tourists and devotees. The approved project proposal includes the development of main road connecting the shrine, its electrification, Khondalite stone laying of pavement, beautification of the entrance gate, lighting of



the tourist site and construction of drinking water posts and toilets for visitors coming to the religious destination. Sabari riverbank will also be developed. Owners of makeshift shops near the cave shrine will be rehabilitated in a permanent vending zone. Massive plantation will be done to prevent soil erosion and provisions will be made for the

protection of the hill and to prevent probable landslides as well. It is pertinent to mention, a detailed proposal in this regard was earlier submitted by Koraput Collector Abdaal Makhtar for the CM's approval. The proposal was prepared after discussion with servitors and committee members of the cave shrine, including local people's representatives and residents.

Cabinet approves changes to Jan Vishwas Bill to decriminalise offences in 42 laws



New Delhi, (KCN): The Union Cabinet on Wednesday cleared the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2022 that proposes to decriminalise various offences in 42 laws, including minor ones that invite jail term. The Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2022 was introduced in the Lok Sabha on December 22, 2022 and its aim is to reduce the compliance burden on individuals and businesses to fulfill the twin objectives of ease of doing business and ease of living for the citizens.

It will amend almost 113 imprisonment clauses in various pieces of legislation, governing matters pertaining to the environment, air pollution, housing, and money laundering, among others. Soon after its introduction, the Bill was referred to a joint Parliamentary panel led by BJP MP P.P. Chaudhary. The panel had submitted its report in the Lok Sabha on the proposed legislation in March 2023 during the Budget Session. It had suggested that the government should bring the amendments proposed in the law with

"retrospective effect for abating pending legal proceedings in respect of offences being decriminalised". Unlike civil liabilities, criminal liabilities cannot be imposed retrospectively. However, they can be done away with retrospective effect. The panel in its report agreed in principle with a majority of the 183 provisions proposed to be amended across 42 Acts administered by 19 ministries. In many instances, it had recommended imposition of penalty rather than fine to "avoid increase in litigation".

Odisha to conduct digital crop survey

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): The Odisha government is going to conduct a digital crop survey across the State to ascertain the exact area under cultivation by farmers. The survey will be done using a mobile application developed jointly by the Centre and the State government. In the first phase, the survey will be conducted in four districts - Nuapada, Nayagarh, Deogarh, and Bhadrak. The survey will be expanded to other districts later.



As per reports, the field staff of the agriculture department will visit the farmlands and take pictures of the plot with the exact longitude and latitude. They will add the details of the farmer and the type of crop

cultivated, in the app. It will be particularly helpful while compensating farmers for crop loss due to natural disasters. "While crop survey is not new to Odisha, it was conducted manually by

our field staff. That was often not accurate and gave us an approximate figure. But we have decided to make it digital so that we can get accurate figures," said Agriculture Department Director Prem Chandra Choudhary. "We will start the pilot project this year in four districts. This will be a plot-wise crop survey which will be done through a mobile app. This will help us ascertain the exact amount of crop cultivated in the State," Choudhary added.

Odisha: Capital Hospital To Provide 24-Hour Surgery Facilities

Bhubaneswar (KCN): The Capital Hospital will soon provide round-the-clock surgery facilities to needy patients and people injured in mishaps. Henceforth, no such patient will be referred to other hospitals," Sahu added. A special OT has been set up at Capital Hospital to provide 24-hour surgery facilities. "Now, around 200 doctors are working in Capital Hospital. Doctors and health staffs will be deployed in three shifts to provide

the round-the-clock surgery facilities," he said. Earlier, there was no such arrangement to provide surgery facilities at Capital Hospital at night. As a result, people injured in mishaps and needy patients were referred to other hospitals, sources said. In a related development, a team from the National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS)

inspected quality of healthcare at Capital Hospital. Members of the team have inspected healthcare quality at 19 departments of the hospital. The hospital authorities have opted for NQAS survey for the first time in this year. Capital Hospital is the first 800-bedded hospital in the country to opt for NQAS inspection, sources said.

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Man Shot Dead, Daughter Hurt Over Land Dispute In Odisha's Ganjam

Bhubaneswar (KCN): A person was shot dead while his daughter sustained bullet injuries in a firing incident over land dispute in Khallikot area of Odisha's Ganjam district today. The deceased has been identified as Bijay Kumar Behera of Kumunda village under Khallikot police limits, sources said. Bijay's daughter Gayatri Behera sustained injuries in the incident, they added. According to sources, the in-laws of Gayatri were engaged in a land dispute with one of their close relatives for the last few days. Gayatri had invited Bijay to mediate between the two quarrelling parties to solve the dispute. However, Prashant Kumar Behera, a member of the rival family, opened fire on Bijay, sources said. A critically-injured Bijay was rushed to a hospital at Polsara, where he was declared dead on arrival.

Odisha: Artistic Gymnastics Selections For Asian Games 2023 Conclude In State Capital

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Artistic Gymnastics Selection Trials for Asian Games 2023 culminated on Wednesday at the Gymnastics Centre in Kalinga Stadium of Bhubaneswar. The event, organised by the Gymnastics Federation of India in association with the Sports and Youth Services Department, Odisha, saw the finest gymnasts from across India vying to establish their place as part of the core group of Indian Gymnastics team ahead of the mega sports event. In the Men's Senior

Individual category, Yogeshwar Singh from Haryana, Odisha's Rakesh Patra and Tapan Mohanty bagged the top three spots while the Women's Senior Individual Category saw Dipa Karmakar in the first place, followed by Pranati Das and Pranati Nayak in second and third, respectively. One of the favorites heading into the contest, Dipa Karmakar was the stand-out performer in her category. On her performance, she said, "I have given my best here and I am looking forward to getting better from here.

I am always committed to giving a hundred per cent." Dipa Karmakar further opined that many gymnasts are likely to emerge from Odisha due to the State's commitment towards the sport. "The standard of the High-Performance Centre is very good, and there are three more across Odisha, which will surely help athletes, grow," Karmakar stated. Speaking on Dipa Karmakar's performance, ace Indian gymnastics coach, Bishweshwar Nandi said, "It is not easy to come back after injury

and perform so well. We had to be cautious with our approach, but we are very pleased with the result." Coach Nandi also praised the facilities at the gymnastics Centre and appreciated the initiative of Odisha to promote the sport of Gymnastics. Speaking on his performance and securing his place in the Indian contingent, which is to compete in the Asian Games 2023, Tapan Mohanty said, "This was my first time giving trials for the Asian Games, the competition was full of top quality athletes.



Secretary to CM (5T) Shri VK Pandian during his visit to Dhenkanal District

For there are Moonlit Nights

Pravat Nalini Mahapatra

In the world of nothingness
dream of moonlit nights
let me live and sing
Sweet songs for tomorrow
Where are those
moonlit nights ?

In my dreams concepts, hopes of possibilities
those germinate in the hidden box of my heart
And a new flower blooms
spreads its wings
in the courtyard of my mind

For there are moonlit nights
I live the struggling life
and cross the zigzag roads

Those moonlit nights
are the consolation for my endless travel
amidst heaps of
dissatisfied break of dreams
and the desert of pains.

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Ranjan Mahapatra

Nationals without Entitlement

Dwit David Philip

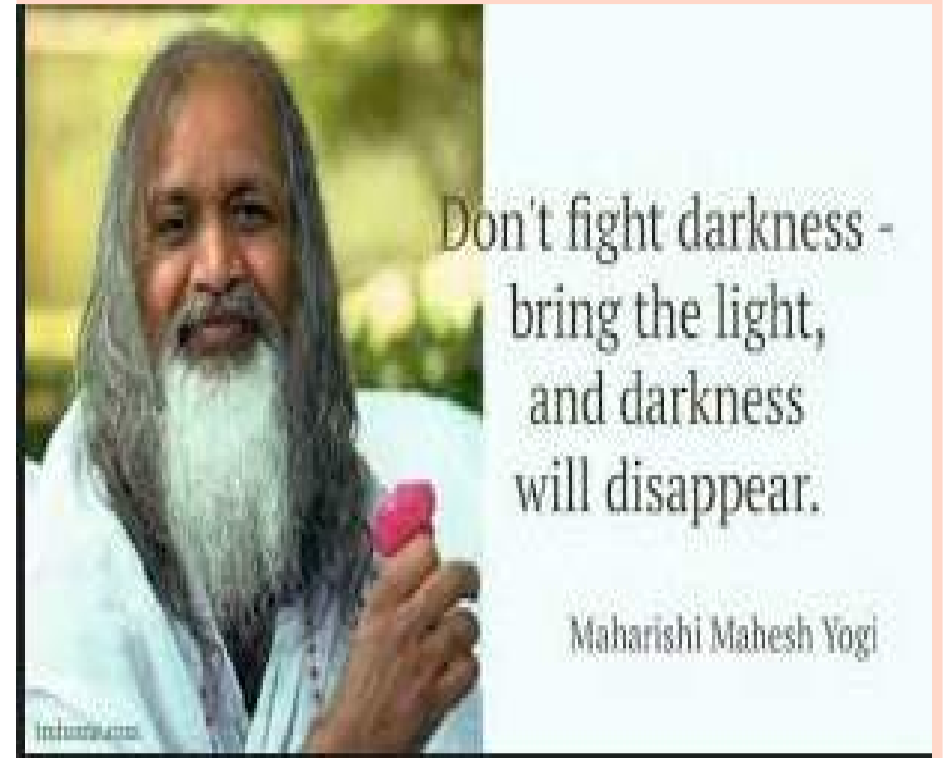


There are lands around while one is born,
None is his nor her, where he or she crawls and stands on,
Government says, it's state owned,
Fathers says, it's mine to be yours later on,
Or the owner says, pay price or tax, as it's not your own,
Mother says, you are fortunate, not fallen,

Came to know, Entitlement is determined before one is born,
There are States that say, to it's citizens, "we all belong to one nation",
There are groups that say, "it's not for your blood", "it's Hindusthan and Hindus' nation",
It's Savarkars', Golwarkars' new nation,
Gandhis' blood says, from Kashmiries to Kanyakumaries and Gujaratis to Manipuri all are One, Indians, Citizens and one Union,

But Kutia Kandh, Ho, Mushahari Santhalies atc. are saying, "we need entitlements" living without land, don't we belong to this land?
Hindus' nation? Primitives' nation?
Or A nation, for us, to be born?
Don't burn, the nation has already been burnt.

Bhawanipatna
Kalahandi Odisha



LEGEND OF SHRI JAGANNATH

(Story of Balaram Das)

In the sacred precincts of Sripuruttam, there resided a renowned mahout named Somnath, who nurtured a multitude of disciples. Among his devoted students, Balaram Das from the noble Vaishnav caste shone as an epitome of erudition. His existence revolved around uttering the divine name of Lord Srihari, sustaining himself through humble alms. Whenever he chanced upon the mellifluous utterance of the Lord's name, it felt as if he had attained spiritual liberation, compelling him to pause in his mendicant journey and bask momentarily in tranquil contemplation.

Yet, like the moon adorned with faint blemishes, Balaram Das harbored a grievous flaw. In those scarce moments he could spare, he surreptitiously ventured to the house of a courtesan. Within her embrace, he sought solace as if life itself were destined solely for this purpose. During the auspicious month of Asada, the grand festival of Rath Yatra unfolded, wherein Lord Jagannath, accompanied by His elder brother Lord Balabhadra and younger sister Devi Subhadra, embarked on their sacred chariots to visit their affectionate aunt, Srigundicha. Witnessing the majestic spectacle of Lord Jagannath atop the resplendent Nandighosh chariot, the sins of even the gravest transgressors were believed to be absolved. The sheer delight experienced by those fortunate enough to glimpse this extraordinary event knew no bounds.

On that momentous day of Rath Yatra, Balaram Das found himself indulging in the company of a courtesan, engrossed to the point of obliviousness. However, in the midst of his reverie, the melodic strains of instruments heralding the advent of Lord Jagannath's procession reached his ears. An intense realization suddenly gripped him – it was the day of Rath Yatra. Overwhelmed with remorse, he lay upon the harlot's bed, exclaiming in anguish, "Alas! How wretched is my existence! The divine Lord has already embarked upon His chariot, while I, immersed in sinful pursuits, wallow in shame. Behold how I betray myself by indulging in the company of

a courtesan. O great Lord! Forgive this foolish soul." Undeterred by the humiliation, Balaram Das swiftly made his way from the courtesan's abode towards Lord Jagannath. With folded hands and a heart heavy with remorse, he approached the resplendent Nandighosh chariot. Casting his gaze upon the divine countenance of Lord Shri Jagannath, he was overcome with deep emotion. However, as the Brahmins caught sight of Balaram, their ire surged forth, and they admonished him sternly, "Oh Das! What is this abomination? Your body is smeared with turmeric stains, your face bears traces of lip color. How dare you approach the Lord in such a sinful state! Without cleansing yourself or seeking purity after leaving the courtesan's quarters, you audaciously mount the Lord's chariot! Shame upon you! May your devotion be reduced to mere ashes. You dare stand before the very feet at which Lord Brahma and Lord Shiva themselves bow down! Do you not possess an ounce of fear? Begone from the chariot!" Thus chastised, the Brahmins forcibly ejected Balaram from the chariot, their voices resonating with increased vehemence, "Flee! Go, inform your father of your disgraceful conduct!" Overwhelmed by the scornful words of all those present, Balaram Das felt his countenance grow pallid, consumed by a sense of helplessness and profound sorrow. He stood upon the ground, gazing tearfully at the divine ebony visage of the Lord. Prostrate upon the soil, he cried out to Him, "Oh Mahabahu! Though You wield the powerful conch and discus, You did not sever my head with Your own hands, yet through the actions of others, You have inflicted upon me such immense suffering. In what manner does this augment Your glory? Now, I comprehend the vastness of Your mercy." Rising from the ground, Balaram Das fixed his gaze upon Jagannath's divine black countenance, tears streaming down his face. He spoke with profound emotion, "Oh Kalia! You are the cherished son of Nanda Gopala. Now, as You occupy Your sacred

Nandighosh chariot, Your pride seems to preclude the bestowal of Your grace upon me. No trace of compassion did You cast my way. I approached You, believing You to be my dearest confidant. Very well then! I have recognized Your stance this time. I shall retreat and witness who shall steer Your chariot. Let us see how You embark upon the journey to Mother Gundicha's abode! Oh Nandighosh! I hereby pronounce a curse upon You. May Your wheels never turn again. And hear this, my Lord! Hear me out! As the protector of my soul and servant of Your divine will, You stand as the singular deity for billions of beings in this vast universe. If You do not extend shelter to a humble servant such as myself, then whose dishonor is this? It matters not if You subject me to any punishment, but let none other partake in this endeavor. I am forever Yours, my Lord."

Filled with anger and disappointment, Balaram Das turned his gaze away from Lord Jagannath and departed from the scene. He made his way directly to the sandy shores, finding solace upon a sand dune. Sitting there in profound sorrow, he began constructing three miniature chariots out of sand. With a heavy heart, he addressed the Lords represented by these humble sand chariots, saying, "O Great Lord! If I am truly Your devotee, then You, along with Your divine siblings, shall reside within these small chariots fashioned from the depths of my soul." As he spoke with such impassioned emotion, his eyes welled up with tears, and his forehead was moistened by the weight of his emotions.

The compassionate Lord Mahaprabhu, understanding the yearning of His devoted servant Balaram Das, could no longer find contentment seated atop the Nandighosh chariot. He swiftly descended from His majestic vehicle and proceeded toward the sandy beach where Balaram Das sat immersed in sadness. Only an idol remained within the Nandighosh chariot at that moment, for the essence of the Lord's being had journeyed forth to meet Balaram Das. Overjoyed at witnessing the Lord, accompanied by His brother and sister, seated within the sand chariot on the shore, Balaram cast his gaze down in reverence, his heart brimming with gratitude.

How could the Lord remain oblivious to the thoughts coursing through Balaram's mind? He smiled gently and addressed Balaram, saying,

"Hey Das! Do not despair. Witnessing the anguish within your heart, I have forsaken the grandeur of the Rath Yatra festival to be by your side. Now, reveal unto Me your desires."

Overwhelmed by the Lord's words, Balaram Das could no longer contain himself. With utmost devotion, he prostrated before the Lord's feet. Rising from his humble stance, he joined his hands together and spoke with deep reverence, "Oh supreme embodiment of humanity! By



Your command, the universe is brought into existence. The celestial beings dance to the tune of Your directives. You are the creator of all creation. I am but one among the billions of creatures within this vast creation. How could You forsake Your exalted abode and come to a lowly person like me? People have forgotten Your magnificence and bow their heads before other deities. They abandon the holy Ganga, seeking solace elsewhere in shallow wells. Foolish souls turn away from nectar and consume poison, only to meet their demise. Oh Lord! For those who have You as their divine protector, even heaven holds no significance. Please forgive this foolish servant of Yours. Though I have committed countless sins, Your mercy has forever embraced me. Oh Lord! May my mouth be silenced for the words spoken today out of anger. I beseech You, may my transgressions be obliterated. Oh Lord! How You have forsaken Your heavenly abode, relinquishing all forms of joy, to seek refuge amidst this impurity. You have come here because of me, leaving behind the happiness that accompanies Your divine siblings. I have committed a grave offense by depriving You of Your bliss. The Lord Himself has suffered greatly due to my wicked deeds. Oh Lord! Please grant me forgiveness." On the other hand, as the spectacle unfolded outside the sacred shrine of Shrikhetra on the revered Badadanda road, astonishment filled the air. The onlookers were

perplexed to witness the immobility of the chariot. Devotees who had gathered with eager anticipation questioned the brahmins on the chariot, demanding an explanation for the lack of movement. Eventually, news of this predicament reached the king's ears, and he swiftly ordered for more people from his kingdom to come and pull the chariot. Leading the charge, Maharaja summoned hundreds of ministers and together they approached

souls into their laborious task. However, despite their unwavering determination, the chariot remained motionless, standing firm like an immovable mountain. Exhaustion soon took hold of the participants, both human and elephants, as they sat on the ground, breathing heavily, their efforts in vain. King Prataprudra Dev, deeply concerned about the stalled Nandighosh chariot, contemplated his own actions, thinking he must have unknowingly committed a grave transgression. Overflowing with sorrow, he sought to understand the Lord's intentions and earnestly meditated upon Him. In the midst of his anguish, the Maharaja fell into a profound slumber. In a divine intervention, the Lord appeared to him in a dream, expressing compassion for his devoted servant. The Lord reassured the king, saying, "Why do you suffer from excessive sadness and self-doubt? Rest assured, it is not your fault. Listen carefully with an open mind. My devotee, Balaram Das, came to Me with great love and devotion, but unfortunately, your people mistreated him. Overwhelmed with grief, this devoted soul sought solace by the seashore, pouring out his heartache to Me. In response to his deep anguish, I left behind the revered Nandighosh chariot and rushed to his side. Wherever my devotee resides, there I am present. I am intimately aware of the joy he bestowed upon Me, his fervent worship, and the rituals performed with utmost dedication. Even Indra and Lord Brahma are acquainted with his extraordinary devotion. But how can you fathom such depth? How can you comprehend the sentiments of My devotees? Hence, I am currently present on the beach, bound by his unwavering love. Consequently, the chariot cannot proceed. Understand that a devotee is an extension of Myself; their souls are intrinsically pure. I safeguard and cherish them, holding the chakra in My hands. I experience all their joys and sorrows. O King! Remove any doubts from your mind. Everything I revealed about My devotee Balaram Das is absolute truth. If you genuinely desire to see Me aboard the Nandighosh chariot, you must swiftly summon the Brahmins. They unjustly insulted and tormented My devotee, causing him immense pain. Let them wear arrows around their necks and clutch arrows

between their teeth as a symbolic punishment. Only when they prostrate themselves at Balaram Das's feet, begging for forgiveness, will My chariot resume its journey. Now heed My words and proceed with dignity to fetch Balaram Das from his abode. Bring him to Badadanda, seat him upon the Nandighosh chariot, and implore him to lead the Rath Yatra. Only then will My chariot move forward. However, if you fail to comply, know that either the chariot shall remain stationary or I shall be considered false to My word." The king abruptly awoke from his slumber as soon as Lord Mahaprabhu concluded His message in the dream and vanished. He sprang to his feet, urgently summoning his attendants, instructing them to punish the Brahmins responsible for disparaging Balaram Das and bring them before him. The guilt-ridden brahmins pleaded with Balaram Das, acknowledging their wrongdoing and begging for forgiveness. They humbly asked him to accompany them to the Nandighosh chariot and expressed their remorse for their actions. Overwhelmed with emotions, Balaram Das, who had been deeply hurt by their behavior, contemplated the sincerity of their apology.

After a moment of reflection, Balaram Das, being a devotee of Lord Mahaprabhu, embodied the qualities of compassion and forgiveness. He recognized that forgiveness was an integral part of his own spiritual journey. With tears in his eyes, he forgave the guilty brahmins and assured them that he was ready to move forward. Balaram Das accompanied the brahmins back to the Nandighosh chariot, where King Prataprudra Dev awaited their arrival anxiously. As they reached the chariot, the king approached Balaram Das with utmost respect and reverence. He bowed down before him and offered heartfelt apologies for his inability to protect him from the injustice. Moved by the king's humility and genuine remorse, Balaram Das embraced him with warmth and forgiveness. He acknowledged the king's devotion and explained how Lord Mahaprabhu had appeared in his dream and instructed them to continue the Rath Yatra with dignity. Balaram Das agreed to enter the Nandighosh chariot and resume the journey. With Balaram Das on board, the atmosphere around the chariot transformed. The air

was filled with anticipation and renewed energy. The devotees assembled at Badadanda witnessed this divine reconciliation, and their faith in the Lord and his devotees deepened. As the king and Balaram Das took their positions, the crowds erupted in joyous chants and devotional songs. The rhythmic beats of the drums resonated through the streets as the Nandighosh chariot began to move forward, guided by the unwavering devotion of those who pulled it. The remarkable journey of the Rath Yatra unfolded with Balaram Das at the helm, guiding the sacred Nandighosh chariot through the streets towards the Gundicha temple. The sight of the chariot rolling forward effortlessly filled the hearts of the onlookers with awe and devotion. Amidst the resounding chants of "Jai Jai" and the thunderous roars of the wind, the Nandighosh chariot glided forward, accompanied by the other two chariots of Lord Balabhadra and Maa Subhadra. The streets were adorned with joy and reverence as devotees pulled the ropes of the chariots, participating in the divine procession. King Prataprudra Dev, overwhelmed by the glorious spectacle, praised Balaram Das and recognized his unwavering devotion to Lord Jagannath. Joined by the travelers who had come from afar to witness the grand event, the king expressed his admiration for Balaram Das, acknowledging that the Lord himself bestowed great blessings upon his devotees. As the chariot reached its destination, the Gundicha temple, a collective sense of fulfillment and spiritual ecstasy embraced everyone present. The devotion, unity, and forgiveness displayed throughout the journey had culminated in this extraordinary moment. The legacy of Balaram Das would be remembered for generations to come. Their story would serve as an inspiration, reminding people of the transformative power of devotion, forgiveness, unity, and unwavering faith in the divine.

And thus, the grand festival of Rath Yatra came to a close, leaving behind a trail of divine blessings and spiritual awakening. The devotees dispersed with hearts brimming with love and reverence, carrying the sacred essence of the Rath Yatra within them, nurturing their connection to Lord Jagannath, and spreading the message of devotion and unity throughout the universe.

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Salman Khan Hails Shah Rukh Khan's Jawan Prevue, Says 'Pathan Jawan Ban Gaya'

After the action thriller film 'Jawan' prevue was unveiled, SRK and other star cast have been lauded by the audience but today it's special as Salman Khan heaped praises on King Khan. Salman took to Instagram and shared the 'Jawan's prevue and wrote, "Pathan jawan ban gaya, outstanding trailer, absolutely loved it. Now this is the kind of movie we should see in theatres only. I toh for sure seeing it 1st day ko hi. Mazaa ahh gaya wahhhhh.." Reportedly, Shah Rukh Khan has a cameo in the film. The official announcement is awaited. Prior to 'Tiger 3', Salman and SRK were seen together in Siddharth Anand's blockbuster 'Pathaan'. The film, which went on to become a blockbuster, marked the return of SRK to the silver screen after a four-year hiatus. 'Tiger 3', the third part of the Tiger franchise, is being directed by Maneesh Sharma. The film will release in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu this Diwali. The upcoming actioner stars Emraan Hashmi as the antagonist. Katrina Kaif is also a part of the film. Coming back to 'Jawan', Shah Rukh, on Monday, unveiled the prevue. SRK shared the prevue



on his Insta which he captioned, "Main kaun hoon, kaun nahin, jaanne ke liye, READY AH? #JawanPrevue Out Now! #Jawan releasing worldwide on 7th September 2023, in Hindi, Tamil & Telugu." 'Jawan', promises to be a high-octane action thriller that outlines the emotional journey of a man who is set to rectify the wrongs in society.

wanting more. The prevue began with the inimitable voiceover of King Khan, building up the excitement for what awaits. One of the highlights for fans is witnessing the various looks of SRK, in avatars they have never seen before. Moreover, the prevue unveils a star-studded cast, featuring names from across Indian cinema. With clips of explosive action sequences, grand songs and a menacing performance by SRK on the retro track 'Beqar Karke' in a bald look, the film promises to be full of surprises.

When Farhan Akhtar Quit Rice, Roti, Burnt 3500 Calories Daily For Bhaag Milkha Bhaag



One of Akhtar's most memorable performances has to be when he portrayed the role of Milkha Singh in the biopic 'Bhaag Milkha Bhaag' directed by Rakesh Omprakash Mehra. On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of this masterpiece, here's looking back at Farhan's impeccable transformation. To portray the role of the olympian runner, Farhan gave his all to ensure that when the biopic comes to life, it's made perfectly. Akhtar's splendid physique and transformation only added to his unbeatable performance. In the film, Milkha Singh's entire life is shown. So Farhan had to play the role of an army cadet as well as the role of Milkha Singh at the peak of his athletic career. There was a vast difference between the physical requirements of both roles. For his transformation, he first had to put on 8-10 kgs while he portrayed the role of an army cadet and shed off those 10 kilos later to play the role of the sprinter. He did not

runner, although his diet did remain the same the portions became smaller and he cut down to 1800 calories. For protein, he would have an omelette of six egg whites and mushrooms with orange juice for breakfast. Salt was also restricted since the water retention would cause him to look puffer. Two hours later, he'd have a bowl of oatmeal with half a glass of skimmed milk. Half an hour later, he'd chug down some coconut water. Lunch would be sauteed broccoli, asparagus, beans, baby cabbage and pak choy along with grilled chicken. Everything would be prepared in olive oil. Later on a protein shake after two hours. Berries were the only fruits that he could eat as they have a low glycemic index and provide the right antioxidants. Every evening, a bowl of boiled chana or moong salad with cucumber, tomatoes and a low-calorie dressing.

Spotted: Shraddha Kapoor Begins Shoot For Stree 2



The first part of 'Stree' was released in 2018 and turned out to be a massive hit at the box office and received great reviews from the critics as well. Shraddha Kapoor astounded many for her performance in the movie. Post its success, Maddock Film's comedy horror universe is all set to expand, and the shooting has begun for the second part. The actress was spotted on the sets in Chandernagore. The fans irresistibly flooded social media with clips from the sets of Stree 2. A few days back, Shraddha was spotted at the airport when she was heading to the town of Chandernagore for the shoot of Stree 2. The first part was released in 2018 and turned out to be a massive hit at the box office and received great reviews from the critics as well. Along with comedy, the film also offered a social message at the end. 'Stree 2' will be helmed by Amar Kaushik, who directed the first part, and will have the same cast of RajKumar Rao, Shraddha Kapoor, Pankaj Tripathi, Aparshakti Khurana, and Abhishek Banerjee in prominent roles.

Rajveer Gurjar Bassi releases more than 10 films and upcoming suiting in such a short time

By Ashok Gurjar Patni, Rakesh Kumawat. Story Hey-Hanuman Singh ki, music Hey, Amjad Ali or Karan Singh Ka, singer - Rubina Khan, Karan Singh, Iqbal Varsi ka. As well as Rajveer Gurjar's Rajasthani film "Aata SATA", the color of Aulad, many of the films that were released as well. There was also a super hit. Apart from this, Rajveer has also produced many songs and albums. Rajveer Gurjar has over 1.50 lakh followers on Instagram. Mr. Gurjar said that all this was possible because of the love of my fans. Who are still with me today. And very soon Mr. Gurjar will be seen among the fans with the upcoming film.



Bigg Boss OTT 2, Day 25 Written Updates: Avinash-Falak Get Closer, Pooja Bhatt, 4 Others Nominated

In today's episode of Bigg Boss OTT 2, the tautness remained intact in the house as Bigg Boss introduced a malicious task to nominate contestants for this week. Undoubtedly, it gave rise to more confrontations, conflicts, arguments and disagreements. The show began with a short quarrel as Bebika criticised Falak for her newly 'configured personality'. Thereafter, Manisha Rani and Abhishek's fun banter justified the morning as they were discussing their oh-so-insightful toilet habits. Talking regular show business, opining against a contestant wasn't enough so Bigg Boss' task instructed the housemates to surrender a 'personal' item in order to nominate someone.

The Boatman of Srinagar

Prof. Manas Ranjan Mahapatra



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G20 Summit: A diplomatic masterstroke to rekindle the Socio-economic growth in the Union-Territory Kashmir



The Group of Twenty (G20) is the intergovernmental forum for global economic cooperation comprising of 19 Major Countries and The European Union including Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, South Korea, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States. On December 1st, 2022 India takes over the Presidency of the G20 Forum from Indonesia. India under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has witnessed excellent growth in various sectors, strengthening India's position on the global platform. The achievements of India in the field of science and technology are endless. Be it space or medicine, India's innovation has a worldwide reputation. India is the largest democracy in the world and rapidly growing economy. Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam which means "One Earth, One Family, One Future" is the theme of India's G20 Presidency, and will work to promote Universal sense of

oneness, as mentioned earlier by our Honourable Prime Minister. Kashmiri's are anticipating that the G20 meetings will rekindle the Socio-economic growth, and would provide an opportunity to manifest it's eco-tourism ventures, cultural assets, Kashmiri Handicrafts, Traditional Handlooms, ancient culture at the global level. The G20 summit in Kashmir will present the great progress that the region has made in the last few years. It will also initiate a virtuous economic cycle of greater investment, growth and job creation, benefiting the entire region and particularly the youth. Realizing this vision requires the region to prioritize impactful investments such as infrastructure expansion, healthcare, education and skill development. The sensational summit represents an unprecedented moment for the region. An opportunity to influence strategic alliances and partnerships, gain global attention and move towards self-sustaining economic growth, attract foreign investments and eventually paving the way for new and exciting opportunities for the local population, which indeed will benefit the youth by generating job opportunities through numerous ways. Moreover, the summit represents a unique and unprecedented

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opportunity to promote cohesion and stability across the region. Policy dialogue between international leaders can usher in an era of lasting peace, leading the region towards achieving sustainable goals. Investments in health care, education and skills development will empower and enlighten the people with the necessary knowledge and skills to take advantage of the given opportunities gaining from the esteemed event, it will definitely enhance their well-being and drive economic growth and development. Social development can be triggered which will be quite helpful to the local population in achieving their survival objectives. As mentioned earlier, People who are associated with the traditional handicrafts and handlooms in Kashmir are anticipating that the G20 meeting will be a turning point for the handicraft sector. The eco-tourism ventures will come on the global map and is a golden opportunity to manifest and promote the valley's heart-throbbing beauty and its abundant tourism potential to the world, which will give a new height to the J&K's growth, stability and development. The prestigious G20 Summit is expected to have a positive impact on the tourism and

rest other sectors in the valley. Notably, it's very important that we do not lose the sight of the fact that the Decision by India to hold a G-20 summit in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) is described as a progressive and developmental stride which has provided an opportunity to India to get an acknowledgement of Jammu and Kashmir at the global level. The G20 Summit in Kashmir will serve as an opportunity for India to display the reality to the world that normalcy has returned in the union territory. The decision of hosting a G20 summit in Jammu and Kashmir manifests unparalleled opportunities for the region, developing hope for reawakened stability, tranquility and prosperity. Jammu and Kashmir being a restive region have often seen numerous hurdles and upheavals due to vibrant circumstances through internal as well as external factors, the development of the region remained restricted, continuous commotions in the region shattered the hopes and aspirations of the people from time to time. People were jaded overwhelmingly due to various circumstances. Undoubtedly, Kashmir is eminent for its breathtaking sights and places hence, tourism is the backbone for it's economy generation but

unfortunately, due to the various commotions this sector too faced numerous hurdles, unemployment graph in the valley kept soaring, various sectors faced innumerable losses and tourism sector comes at the top. Nevertheless, J&K has now got a golden opportunity to manifest it's beautiful sights at the global level. When people across the world will get visualizations of it's breathtaking sights it will definitely attract more and more tourists come to the valley and eventually will generate employment opportunities to the local population, it will also be of great help in the infrastructure development and many more so the youth in particular gets opportunity to meet their survival objectives. The gathering of international leaders in the region is a paradigm-shifting opportunity to influence policies that could lead to lasting peace and stability in Jammu and Kashmir. Well we do hope that the prestigious event will fulfill the aspirations of the people across the valley. We Hope for the best outcomes.

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Vivekananda: a life of propensity for hardwork



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generous expenditure of midnight oil. Their hardwork is fueled by their passion and high energy levels that serve as an example to their admirers.

One of the essential requirements of a good manager, or a leader-administrator, is propensity for hardwork, or have it but would favour to suppress it, should try occupations where they will be easy to use to evade any need to apply themselves dilligently. These people should realize that industriousness has in it a sense of morality, whereas idleness is a betryal of human capacity. It is a typical and aerobicized, for people to consider forward to abandonments, but it is normal or fine when they fear to return to duties: they often engage in a

Vivekananda himself took this idea to the extreme, even jeopardizing his own health in the process. He had been balancing throughout his U.S sojourn. He was talking or giving classes during the day or in the evening sometimes these lectures and subsequent Q&A periods ran well into the night. And he was constantly planning his Indian work and instructing his followers in India through long letters. His letters from the United states constantly reminded his admirers in India the desirability of a good work practice. He wrote to Alasinga



perumal in 1984 from the U.S, " if your duties are too serve and do not let you have any time, let G. G do the business part, and by and by I hope to make you independent of your

college work so that you may, without starving yourself and family, devote your whole soul to the work. So work, my boys, work!" He wrote swami Brahmananda in 1897, "work I want--

I don't want any humbug." Work, work, work was his favorite battle cry---work without expecting the fruit thereof. Hard and incessant work had been vivekananda's path of life long before he even dreamt of founding the Ramakrishna mission organization. When he was living in calcutta with his brother-disciples before he left for his tour of india and then the west, he would immerse himself in relentless work. Speaking later of those days, swami sadananda, one of his early disciples, said: During these years swamiji would work twenty-four

hours at a time. He was like lunatic in his activity. Early in the morning, whilst it was still dark, he would drink of divine nectar!" And long after midnight he and the other sages would still be sitting on the roof of the monastery building, singing hymns of praise. It was not that vivekananda had to set the tone for his followers, they were all hard-working anyway. But with his boundless energy he served as a model for eliciting extra diligence from them. "Arise! Awake! and stop not till the goal is reached

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Letter to Editor

Dear Editor

Bhutan is a small Himalayan nation locked between two giant countries, India and China. India has suzerainty over Bhutan following the legacy of colonial British era and following agreement between Britain, India and Bhutan during the transfer of power. This beautiful country has long been a close friend and ally of India; and citizens of both countries don't need visa to visit one another. A question that really haunts us now is whether Bhutan is indeed a real friend of India now? The global geopolitical scenario has changed in the past few decades following World War II; and both India and China are recognized as formidable global economic and military powers. Has Bhutan also changed under these paradigm changes happening around us? Where does Bhutan stand now ?

The unprecedented love for China from this landlocked, picturesque Himalayan nation has already stimulated a belligerent China in aggressively occupying border areas and building villages. Indian foreign policy off course has harmed India. But Bhutan's own political mismanagement and political will needs to be duly acknowledged in the process. Once occupied as it has started slowly in the remote areas without objection from Bhutan will have deep consequences in the geographical balance of the entire region. The eternal love and happiness of the Himalayan nation will evaporate. Bhutan is playing with fire by pitching the game of enjoying the clash of the Titans in the region between India and China and has become too ambitious without actually understanding the future consequences. The Bhutanese political think tank is absolutely responsible for this, no wonder they act as too naive in front of India. Anti Indian sentiments are being fanned within Bhutan by the pro China section of Bhutanese political oligarchy. Bhutan is a now prominent anti Indian nation under the table; who exploits all the benefits from India; but, work for Chinese deep interests. By Bhutan, I don't mean the ordinary citizens of the country; but the top political bosses are corrupt, selfish and aggressively anti Indian in attitude and sentiments. The Chinese are bribing them to infiltrate deep inside Bhutan. The infiltration has already started. India should have integrated Bhutan post partition; but our long term failures have boosted Chinese infiltration deep inside the Himalayan nation.

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ICMAI to host Global Summit 2023 of Cost & Management Accountants for two days in Delhi from 14th July

Kolkata (Partha Roy):ICMAI to host Global Summit 2023 of Cost and Management Accountants for two days in Delhi on 14th & 15th July 2023. Theme of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI) organised Global Summit 2023: "Unlocking Sustainability: G20 Presidency Paves the Way for an ESG-driven New World Order". Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Union Minister of Law and Justice & Minister of State for Culture and Parliamentary Affairs will be Chief Guest, Dr. Subhash Sarkar, Minister of State, for Education will be Guest of Honour and Mr. Atul Sobti, Director General, Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) will be Guest of Honour of the Inaugural Session of the GS2023 on 14th July, 2023.

CMA H Padmanabhan Chairperson of Global Summit 2023 organising Committee of ICMAI, CMA Biswarup Basu, Past President, CMA Kaushik Banerjee, Secretary ICMAI, CMA Arup S Bagchi Senior Director of ICMAI briefed the media about Global Summit 2023 at Press Club, Kolkata. The two-day Global Summit is promoting Environment Social Governance (ESG) to promote judicious use of various resources to facilitate corporates, Governments to tackle various issues & challenges including climate change related issues. CMA H Padmanabhan mentioned ICMAI has presence in 178 countries through its associates. The summit is celebrating the India's G20 Presidency through knowledge sharing. Global Summit 2023 is being organised on the



inspiration of Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Cost and Management Accountants trained by ICMAI are present across all continents. This is the fourth global summit being organised by ICMAI as mentioned by CMA Biswarup Basu. Biswarup Basu added

knowledge sharing during summit will empower various leaders and practitioners of cost management to optimise resource planning as well as minimise leakage. Minimising leakage will facilitate optimal use of resources and support to tackle several issues related to climate

change. CMA Kaushik Banerjee mentioned the summit will sensitise on cost management challenges across various sectors as well as explore various option to find solution to the challenges through knowledge sharing. The summit is pathway for

enhanced Cooperation on global resources management. CMA Kaushik Banerjee mentioned the ICMAI is world's second largest institute involved in development of cost management professionals. The Institute of Cost Accountants of India

(ICMAI), is organising a knowledge-sharing forum in the form of Global Summit 2023 (GS2023) at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi on 14th and 15th July 2023. The summit will be attended by top management of corporate houses from all sectors of industries, Bureaucrats, top Defence officials, diplomats, scientists, Cost and Management Accountants from various nations, including students of ICMAI in India and other nations. The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (erstwhile The Institute of Cost and Works Accountants of India) was first registered as "Indian Institute of Cost and Works Accountants" on the 14th June, 1944 under the Indian Companies Act, 1913. On 28th May, 1959, the Institute was established by a special Act of Parliament, namely, the Cost Accountants Act, 1959 as

a statutory professional body for the regulation and development of the profession of Cost and Management Accountancy. The Institute is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India. The Institute is headquartered in Kolkata having four Regional Councils at Kolkata, Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai, 114 Chapters in India and 11 Overseas Centres. The Institute is the largest Cost & Management Accounting body in the world, having approximately 5,00,000 students and 90,000 qualified CMAs all over the globe. The Institute is a founder member of International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), Confederation of Asian and Pacific Accountants (CAPA) and South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA).

Uniform Civil Code Divisive, Goes Against Dr Ambedkar's Assurance: DMK To Law Panel

Chennai: The DMK today said it has submitted its representation against the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) to the Law Commission, urging it to recommend to the Centre to not implement the proposed code. The UCC is divisive and would disturb peace and harmony, the party, which is led by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin, said in its submission to the law panel. In its strong argument against the UCC, the DMK relied on Dr B R Ambedkar's assurance, Constitutional provisions, the Constituent Assembly debates, the State's rights to legislate on the

subject, minority rights, distinctive customs of Scheduled Tribes, the concept of Hindu Undivided Family, and the 'need' for a uniform caste code to eliminate caste discrimination. While India's beauty has always been in its diversity, the introduction of a 'divisive' law like the UCC for 'political gains' would disturb peace, tranquility, and harmony between the religious groups in Tamil Nadu and therefore is not desirable in the interest of the public, the DMK told the law panel. Conflicts between ethnic or religious groups can lead to terrible violence like in Manipur, which the union and state

governments have been 'unable to control', the party said in its submission. The party said one law for the lion and ox is oppression. Each religion has evolved its unique, distinct custom and tradition over centuries of practice, in keeping with their beliefs and religious texts. To upset them with brute force is nothing short of tyranny and oppression and must not be committed by the state, it said. The UCC has wide spread ramifications on the rights of citizens of all denominations and has a potentially 'disastrous' effect on the secular ethos, law and order,

peace and tranquility in the State and intrusion into the legislative powers of States, the party's submission said. On marriage and divorce, both the Union and the States have concurrent power and taking away the power of States to enact laws was unconstitutional and against the principles of cooperative federalism, the party said. Strongly opposing the UCC based on its possible impact on personal laws in matters like religion, adoption and succession, the party said, "Such a Uniform Civil Code is an anti-thesis to the right of freedom of practising and propagating one's religion under Article 25

of the Constitution of India and the rights given to minorities under Article 29." Extensively quoting from Constituent Assembly (CA) debates on UCC and the Constitution's Article 44 on the subject, the DMK said on marriage and succession, which are 'part' of religious tenets, even the members of the CA had voiced concerns. Based on Dr B R Ambedkar's assurance, the draft Article 35 (present Article 44) was passed by the CA. Ambedkar had urged caution while dealing with the UCC and wanted the Parliament to first apply it to those who voluntarily seek to be bound by the UCC.

Devotees throng ancient Mahadev Temple manuniya in first Monday of Sawan

Ratlam(KCN):Devotees throng the ancient Mahadev temple in Tal tehsil of Ratlam district of Madhya Pradesh on the first Monday of Sawan. People came from far away to take water and Kavadi to visit Baba Mahadev, as well as people from the administration were seen serving in the temple. The temple priest Kailash Ji Sharma said that Mahadev's unrepeatable Leela was seen. Here the bite of a poisonous animal heals instantly. According to people and priest ji, it was told that Mahadev also showed many miracles, and a grand fair is also held on mahashiv night



every year. And thousands of devotees come to visit. Mandir President Thanh Singh Ji Tanwar, Puspendra Singh Patidar ji, Mangil ji sharma, Dara Singh Ji, Prakash Ji Patidar, Prakash Panchal ji were present.

Congress' Nationwide Silent Protest Against Rahul Gandhi's Disqualification

New Delhi: Congress launched a nationwide silent protest today against the disqualification of party leader Rahul Gandhi from Lok Sabha. Congress leader and workers from across India tied black ribbons on their faces, arms and staged 'maun satyagraha' after Rahul Gandhi's petition seeking a stay on his conviction in a 2019 defamation case was dismissed by the Gujarat High Court. 5j42r98o Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy D K Shivakumar along with a host of ministers, legislators and Congress top leaders held placards at the Freedom Park with the photograph of Rahul Gandhi and a message that the "roar of the truth must prevail". The

protestors tied a black ribbon on their mouth to symbolically convey that the freedom of speech was in danger and anyone speaking against the Central government would face backlash. Congress leader Sachin Pilot also targeted the Narendra Modi-led government at the Centre, saying there is a "conspiracy" to put pressure on people who advocate democracy and expose those in power. The former Rajasthan deputy chief minister took part in a silent protest organised here by the Congress. "We are not going to back down and will put forth our views firmly. We will face them (the BJP) on all fronts," he told reporters. The party will reach out to people as they and their vote are the "biggest power in a



democracy", said Sachin Pilot. Madhya Pradesh Congress Chief Kamal Nath also sat on a protest along with Senior Congress leaders, MLAs, and party workers. "Rahul

Gandhi was disqualified from Lok Sabha membership through a devious step by the BJP, but he is always ahead in fighting his battle with truth and courage against the misuse of

power and raising the issues of the people," the MPCC said. Goa Pradesh Congress Committee (GPCC) president Amit Patkar, who led the protest, said the agitation was staged to denounce

"injustice" done to Rahul Gandhi. Tripura Congress also sat on a silent protest in solidarity with Rahul Gandhi. "Gandhi was disqualified as Member of Parliament

for speaking the truth. We have faith in the judiciary and hope Rahulji will get justice from the Supreme Court," said Tripura Congress MLA Sudip Roy Barman. Jharkhand Congress president Rajesh Thakur along with party colleagues sat on a silent protest by sporting black masks on faces at Babu Vatika at Morabadi ground. "The Modi government is making all efforts to silence the voice of Rahulji, who has been vocal against corruption, unemployment and inflation that have put common man of the country in trouble," he told reporters. West Bengal Congress chief Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury along with his party colleagues wore black bands on their arms and gathered

at the Mahatma Gandhi statue at the Mayo Road-Dufferin Road to stage the 'maun satyagraha'. In Kerala, PCC chief K Sudhakaran, Leader of Opposition V D Satheesan, MPs including Kodikunnil Suresh, Rajmohan Unnithan and K Muraleedharan and presidents of various District Congress Committees and so on were among those who took part in the silent protest. "The Modi government is trying to insult Rahul Gandhi and keep him away from the Parliament. But the Congress workers in the country will unitedly rally behind him to check all such moves," said Congress MP Kodikunnil Suresh.

Odisha Co-op In Global Meet

Belgium: The Joint International Cooperative Alliance Committee on Cooperative Research Global and European Cooperative Research Conference in Leuven, Belgium has appreciated the participation of Team Odisha Co-operation. Team Odisha Co-operation headed by Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak, Minister Co-operation presented details in the International Meet. Leading Co-operative Stalwart T Prasad Rao Dora, President of Odisha Co-operative Bank, the Apex Bank

of the State of Odisha in Co-operative Sector Illustrated the efforts of the Banking Sector in Co-operative system, which is helping out the farmers in a big way. Shri Dora is having wide experience in Co-operative sector, both National and International sphere. Senior Mandarin Udhav Charan Majhi, Managing Director of Odisha Co-operative bank and Registrar Co-operative Societies of Odisha also attended the Meeting. Shri Majhi is well conversant with mechanism of Co-



operative sector in the State. The International Conference explored a range of topics, including: innovations in cooperative governance; new technologies and cooperative governance; new forms of cooperativism; cooperatives innovating towards ecological sustainability; cooperatives, social innovation and civic wealth creation; resilience, crisis and innovations; cooperatives in new sectors and developments in traditional sectors;

innovations in cooperative law; and cooperative innovations in the field of cooperatives with a view to making the Cooperatives most viable medium for all round economic

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Pandian Cares Differently Able

Angul(KCN): Top Mandarin, VK Pandian, visited Angul District to review the progress of various developmental works in the district and redressal of public grievances. During his visit he heard the appeal of a differently able youth and directed the District Administration to take care.



At first he visited Shree Jagannath Temple and Maa Budhi Thakurani temple and interacted with the temple committee, priests and public regarding the development of the Temple and providing better pilgrim facilities. Then he visited Khalari High School covered under 5T HST programme, interacted with the students & teachers present there regarding 5T High School Transformation initiative. He motivated the students to keep working to fulfill their goals and aspirations. Then he proceeded to Mission Shakti Café Angul and interacted with members and

appreciated their activities. He then proceeded to Pabitra Nagar, offered garland to the statue of Late Pabitra Mohan Pradhan, prominent freedom fighter and Ex-Deputy Chief Minister, after which interacted with local public, heard their grievances and assured expeditious redressal. Then he proceeded to Pallahara and interacted with local public, heard their grievances and assured expeditious redressal. Also, he

discussed the progress of Mega Pipe Water Supply project plan for Pallahara under Angul district. The project at a cost of Rs.467.21 Crore will be completed by December, 2023 and will benefit 263 villages. Later he proceeded to Maheswari Temple Athamalik. The development of the temple and pilgrim facilities was discussed with the temple committee and public. Later Shri Pandian visited Athamalik Indoor Stadium and

interacted with local public, heard their grievances and assured expeditious redressal. Shri Pandian reviewed the progress of Mega Pipe Water Supply Project for Kishorenagar and Athamalik. The project at a cost of Rs. 162.12 Crore will be completed by August, 2024 and will benefit 256 villages. Shri Pandian proceeded to Kishorenagar, interacted with local public, heard their grievances and assured expeditious redressal. He reviewed the progress of Mega Pipe Water Supply Project for Kishorenagar. The project at a cost of Rs.162.83 Crore will be completed by August, 2024 and will benefit 199 villages. Special Secretary to CM and Sports & Youth Services Secretary, R Vineel Krishna, DIG Brijesh Kumar Rai, Collector & DM Angul Siddharth Shankar Swain, and other District level officials accompanied him during the visit.


Process Begins For Supp Budget

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Expecting that the Supplementary Budget, 2023-24 is likely to be presented in the Assembly anytime either in the Monsoon or Winter Session, the Finance Department has initiated the process for preparation of the Budget in advance. Compared to last year, the Finance Department has initiated the process at least three months ahead. Director of Budge, Satya Priya Rath has written a letter to all Additional Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries and Secretaries of different departments to submit the proposals by July 31, 2023.


The priorities of the State Government in the medium-term still remains to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) through faster reduction of poverty, increasing farmers' income by crop diversification and direct benefit transfers, providing piped drinking water to all, making available quality affordable health care facilities, enabling quality education & skill development, providing quality physical infrastructure for improving economic activities. The State Government is in mission mode to empower women in every sphere of economic activities, modernise the health facilities at PHC level and building world class tertiary healthcare facilities in the State and providing quality primary education at the village level, so that the State could achieve an

inclusive growth, the Director said. On economic and fiscal outlook, he said IMF's World Economic Outlook growth projections (April, 2023) shows that India's growth would be around 6.3% during FY 2023- 24. However, GSDP growth of the State will be 8% in 2023-24 as projected at the time of formulation of Annual Budget, 2023-24. The revenue receipts till June, 2023 have registered a growth of 12.79% over the previous years' collection. The total expenditure (other than debt servicing) till June, 2023 is 15% of the budget estimation for 2023-24 compared to 12.3% previous year. "The pace of expenditure needs to be expedited, while enhancing the capacity at the execution level to increase the pace of

expenditure, particularly capital spending," he suggested. While formulating the Annual Budget, 2023-24, the limit of fiscal deficit of 3% of GSDP was fully employed for financing the budget. However, expenditure relating to livelihood and completion of the ongoing capital projects are to be assessed by the Departments in a holistic manner, so that economic activities in the State will get the required boost, he said. Shri Rath told the departments that Supplementary Statement of Expenditure, 2023-24 is proposed to be an exercise for re-prioritization of the budget in which the administrative departments would be allowed to augment the provision in one unit only by locating equivalent savings in some other unit of expenditure.



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Some 10,000 People Attend First Power of Colour Festival at Kirovsk Ski Resort

New Delhi : Approximately 10,000 people attended the Power of Colour Festival at the Big Wood Ski Resort in the Murmansk Region city of Kirovsk. The festival took place on 6-7 May as part of the plan of events of Russia's chairmanship of the Arctic Council in 2021-2023, which are managed by the Roscongress Foundation. The main goal of the festival was to promote Arctic tourism. The musical part of the festival was headlined by Olga Seryabkina, Moya Michel, and DJ Clubkilla. Regional stars, including DJ Deep Touch, DJ

Silinsky, DJ Tanitsoy, DJ Gabur, and DJ No Izi, as well as the cover band Naveka Band, also performed on the main stage of the festival. Nine public catering establishments from the Murmansk Region and Karelia presented their dishes during the gastronomic part of the festival. Visitors to the Taste of the Arctic food court learned about the unique restaurant dishes in a street food format. Over two days, guests tasted 5,200 servings of Arctic dishes and 3,300 servings of beverages. The event was held under the patronage of the Gastronomic Map of Russia project with

the involvement of project manager Yekaterina Shapovalova. In addition, the MURMANSK.TRAVEL Market site provided guests with an opportunity to take sightseeing tours with the best guides of the Khibiny tourism cluster, take part in master classes, purchase exclusive souvenirs, and also send a postcard around Russia for free. The festival guests sent a total of 6,500 postcards. The Power of Colour Festival was organized by the Ministry for the Development of the Russian Far East and the Region's Tourism



Committee, the Kirovsk City Administration, the company PhosAgro, and the Kirovsk Agency for the Development of Tourism and Entrepreneurship with the support of the projects Gastronomic Map of Russia, Silver Necklace of Russia, as well as the Tourism Information Centre of the Murmansk Region. The Big Wood ski resort is the highest mountain resort in northwest Russia. It is located on the southern and northern slopes of Aikuyvenchorr Mountain and includes trails with every level of difficulty. Big Wood is

on list of Russia's best ski resorts, and in 2022 it won the nomination 'Best Ski Resort in Russia in the Northwestern Federal District' of the Mountains of Russia National Award. It remains open for skiers even in June.

Russia is chairing the Arctic Council in 2021-2023. A cross-cutting priority of the chairmanship is to ensure responsible governance over the sustainable development of the Arctic. The comprehensive programme of Russia's chairmanship of the

Arctic Council aims to promote cooperation to improve the well-being and quality of life of the Arctic population, including the Indigenous peoples of the North, adapt the Arctic to the effects of climate change, conserve the biodiversity and unique ecosystems of the Arctic, ensure socioeconomic development, find solutions in matters concerning global energy and transport security, promote scientific cooperation in high latitudes, and strengthen international cooperation.

Eastern Command of Indian Army & Red FM Celebrate Vijay Diwas With The Guts & Glory - Salute 71

Bhubaneswar : 93.5 RED FM, India's leading private radio and entertainment network is thrilled to announce its partnership with the Eastern Command of the Indian Army to commemorate Vijay Diwas with a grand celebration titled "Guts and Glory - Salute 71." This event aims to pay tribute to the historic victory of the 1971 war and honor the brave soldiers who made it possible. As part of this unique initiative, Red FM will captivate its audience on-air with narrations of intriguing

war stories that depict the valiant efforts of the Indian armed forces during the 1971 war. Listeners will have the opportunity to learn about the heroic deeds of our soldiers, their unwavering spirit, and the sacrifices they made to ensure our nation's victory. Red FM will also collate all stories as episodes under a podcast, which will be available on various audio streaming platforms. Reflecting on the announcement, Lieutenant General

Rana Pratap Kalita, said "I am delighted to know that Red FM has taken the initiative to narrate stories of valour and courage of our soldiers who fought in the 1971 war. In our vision to salute the bravery of the heroes, we are delighted to present to you Guts & Glory - Salute 71, as part of this year Vijay Diwas Celebration. We are hopeful to present a deeper insight into the triumphant moment of Indian history." Speaking on the announcement, Nisha Narayanan, Director &

COO, RED FM, and Magic FM, said, "On the occasion of Vijay Diwas, we are elated to be joining hands with the Eastern Command of the Indian Army to honor the lives of the 1971 war veterans. Our army men live through times that are unimaginable to us. The sacrifice of our veterans is truly unfathomable but as a brand, we are looking forward to commending the valor of the keepers of our nation. The Guts & Glory - Salute 71 initiative will also

recognize the unsung heroes who walk amongst us as common citizens. We are hopeful that these stories will enrich us with empathy and esteem for the gallant troops who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom." The initiative will be rolled out in 12 East-Indian stations namely, Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, Asansol, Siliguri, Agartala, Patna, Muzaffarpur, Jamshedpur, Guwahati, Shillong, Aizawl, and Gangtok. Tune in to 93.5 RED FM to listen to these stories.

Airtel Xstream Fiber unlocks its NEW All-in-One plans

Bhubaneswar: To serve the needs of premium households who want the next generational connectivity and entertainment experience, Bharti Airtel ("Airtel"), India's premier communications solutions provider, has once again raised the bar in the home broadband segment with the launch of three new all-in-one plans built for the evolving entertainment needs of today's connected homes.

Vir Inder Nath, CEO - Homes, Bharti Airtel had this to say: "Our new plans are built for India's emerging entertainment needs. Through these bundle offers we plan to offer our discerning customers great value, convenience and unlock a multi-faceted digital experience."

Increased broadband consumption in Indian homes has given rise to the phenomena of hybrid viewing, where families are looking to consume OTT content on the TV screen along with linear TV without the hassle of managing multiple subscriptions and devices. Airtel's plans are the first of their kind in terms of catering to the evolving entertainment needs of the whole family and come with: Subscription to 17 premium OTTs to go with unlimited data. This includes Netflix, Amazon Prime, Disney+ Hotstar and Airtel Xstream Premium ((SonyLiv, Lionsgate, Hoichoi and 11 more OTTs). 350+ TV channels covering the best of linear TV. Airtel 4K Xstream TV Box* that allows you to enjoy OTT and linear TV content with a single device and single remote.

EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES AWAIT SINGAPORE AIRLINES CUSTOMERS

Singapore: Airlines (SIA) today unveiled its all-new flagship SilverKris and KrisFlyer Gold lounges at Singapore Changi Airport Terminal 3, following a S\$50 million re-design, upgrade, and expansion project. This will further enhance the on-ground customer experience at the Airline's main hub, and comes as the demand for international air travel from and through Singapore takes off once again.

The Private Room, the First Class section of the SilverKris Lounge, the Business Class section of the SilverKris Lounge, and the KrisFlyer Gold Lounge can collectively accommodate around

1,150 customers within their 6,100 square-metres, translating to 30% more seats and space. This also doubles the capacity that was available during the pandemic while the upgrading works were going on. The Airline has created a sanctuary that has been thoughtfully designed to enhance the comfort and convenience of diverse groups of travellers, and meet their evolving needs in the coming years. Customers will be able to enjoy world-class products and services, as well as enticing food and beverage options, around the clock at the lounges before their flight.

Mr Goh Choon Phong, Chief Executive Officer, Singapore Airlines, said:

"Extensive customer engagement and research have gone into the design of the new SilverKris and KrisFlyer Gold lounges. Customers will enjoy thoughtfully curated product offerings and experience the signature Singapore Airlines hospitality, all within a comfortable and restful environment, ensuring that they are refreshed and ready for their journey."

"Opening these lounges at this time signals our commitment to SIA's premium brand and growth strategy. It reinforces our position as Changi Airport's anchor airline, and reflects our confidence in Singapore's future as a pre-eminent global air hub."

WHEC recognizes Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham as excellence worldwide in Gender Equality

Barcelona: Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham was invited to the UNESCO World Higher Education Conference (WHEC), which recently took place in Barcelona, Spain. UNESCO recognized Amrita as one of five universities of excellence worldwide for its performance in gender equality. The WHEC aims to reshape ideas and practices in higher

education to ensure sustainable development for the planet and humanity, as well as to define and prepare a roadmap for a new era of higher education. As the world comes out of COVID-19, the WHEC's goals and strategic scope remain, and the new timeframe represents an opportunity to deepen and expand common efforts of knowledge

production, policy dialogue, exchange, and networking.

Swami Amritaswarupananda Puri, President of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, participated in a round table called "Universities' Contribution to Gender Equality: A global perspective". Adding to his views Swami Amritaswarupananda expressed how Amrita is

making a difference in terms of gender equality and which policies have been put into place at the university level. Gender equality is number five in the United Nations' list of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He explained how the culture of gender equality is not implemented only in terms of policies within Amrita, but also practiced in spirit.

The round table included Dr. Gloria Bonder, UNESCO Chair on Women, Science and Technology; Dr. Ricardo Vilanueva Lomeli, University General, University of Guadalajara; Ms. Elizabeth Shepherd, Leader of the Consultancy team, Times Higher Education; and Dr. Victoria Galan-Muros, Chief of Research and Analysis,

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Zaka Ashraf-Jay Shah meet green-flags Asia Cup hybrid model

New Delhi: The hybrid model for the 2023 Asia Cup stands. Cricbuzz has learnt that Zaka Ashraf, the new chairman of PCB's management committee, met with Jay Shah, the BCCI secretary and the President of the Asian Cricket Council, and discussed the schedule of the Asia Cup during a cordial meeting. With all the boxes now ticked, the schedule is also expected to be released on Friday.

Since Zaka Ashraf replaced Najam Sethi at the helm of Pakistan cricket affairs, he had been vocal in his displeasure with the hybrid model, which involved four games in Pakistan and as many as nine in Sri Lanka. However, it now appears that the new PCB administration has agreed in principle to the proposed model, and



there is no stopping the Asia Cup, scheduled to take place from August 31 to September 17. "It's a good beginning and there will be more meetings like this," Ashraf told Pakistan media. "We have agreed to have more meetings and improve relations. It's a good beginning,"

the PCB chief added. Ashraf told the Pakistan media that he invited Shah to Pakistan for the Asia Cup and was in turn invited to India by the latter for the World Cup but sources in the BCCI have denied the exchange of invitations. "We have had talks over the Asia Cup and the

hybrid model was approved. There was no such thing as an invitation to each other," the BCCI source, who is currently in Durban, said. Arun Singh Dhumal, the BCCI representative to the ICC's CEC meeting, categorically denied the possibility of Shah visiting Pakistan. "Mr Jay

Shah has not agreed to any invitation and will not be travelling to Pakistan," the IPL chairman, who is in Durban, said.

Meanwhile, during the Chief Executives Committee (CEC) meeting of the International Cricket Council (ICC) held in Durban on Tuesday, no decision was reached regarding the regulation of the growing number of Twenty20 leagues. Full member boards have previously claimed that these leagues are causing a drain of talent from their member countries. It is understood that the discussion on this contentious issue will continue.

Sources from Durban have stated that there is a need to regulate the leagues, but the specific form of regulation will be determined during the board meeting.

BCB to closely assess Tamim, mull Mashrafe for mentor role



Dhaka: The Bangladesh Cricket Board made an official statement on Tuesday (July 11) that they will discuss the ODI captaincy with Tamim Iqbal after he makes himself available following his six-week break.

Earlier, Tamim decided to withdraw his retirement one day after making it public that he would hang his boots with immediate effect, but didn't disclose his stance on resuming his captaincy of the ODI

side. "Tamim is going to Dubai. He will go to the UK on July 25 or 26. He has taken two appointments in two medical centers in London," BCB's Cricket Operation Chairman Jalal Yunus told reporters in Chattogram on Tuesday. "First let him come. We are discussing it (captaincy) with him. There is an issue with his fitness. He (Tamim) said - let me come and then will discuss it," he added.

Jalal added that they will form a preliminary squad for the Asia Cup and Tamim's availability will be decided following his fitness status. Tamim is nursing a stiff back that forced him to miss the one-off Test against Afghanistan, and after playing the opening game of the three-match ODI series, he made the abrupt announcement that he would retire from international cricket.

"We will give out a 25-26-member preliminary squad (for Asia Cup) and we will know when he can join the camp. We will be watching his fitness to decide on that," he said. "Everyone would get a rest till 30th (July). Some would go to play outside. Then we would begin our preparations (for Asia Cup) with a conditioning camp."

Arjun Tendulkar Included In South Zone Squad For Deodhar Trophy



New Delhi: Legendary Sachin Tendulkar's son Arjun made it to the South Zone squad led by Mayank Agarwal that will take part in the upcoming Deodhar Trophy inter-zonal 50-over competition scheduled in Puducherry from July 24. The top

performers from each of the south zone states have got a look-in with a few like B Sai Sudharsan being kept as standby as they will be playing the Emerging Asia Cup in Colombo from July 13-23. Tendulkar junior, a left-arm fast medium bowler and a hard-hitting

lower-order batter, had made his debut for Mumbai Indians in the last edition of Indian Premier League and has been called up by the BCCI for an Emerging all-rounders' camp in August. He is a part of the South zone pace attack which comprises Karnataka new ball duo of Vidwath Kaverappa and Vyshak Vijaykumar along with V Koushik.

Arjun was Goa team's joint highest wicket-taker with eight scalps from seven games. Normally in Deodhar Trophy, the premier performer from each state gets a look-in and Arjun being a left-arm seamer brings variety to the attack.

Wimbledon 2023: Elina Svitolina Makes Sensational Comeback After Maternity Leave, Beats World No.1 Iga Swiatek

New Delhi: Elina Svitolina, who recently returned from maternity leave, made an impressive comeback by securing a spot in the Wimbledon semifinals. The 28-year-old Ukrainian defeated top-ranked Iga Swiatek in a thrilling match that ended with a scoreline of 7-5, 6-7 (5), 6-2 on Tuesday. Svitolina, who gave birth to her daughter in October, rejoined the WTA tour in April and received a wildcard entry to the grass-court tournament after reaching the quarterfinals at the French Open.

In a post-match interview, Svitolina expressed her disbelief at her achievements, stating, "First of all I'm going to

have a beer, probably. At the beginning of the tournament, if someone would tell me that I will be in the semifinal and beating world No. 1, I would just say that they're crazy." Her opponent, Iga Swiatek, a four-time major champion, had claimed her third French Open title last month but was playing in the Wimbledon quarterfinals for the first time. Svitolina dominated the match at one point, winning 20 out of 22 points against Swiatek on Centre Court, including 16 of the final 18 points in the first set.

Svitolina's next challenge will be against Marketa Vondrousova, and a victory in that match would secure

her a place in Saturday's final. This will be Svitolina's second appearance in the Wimbledon semifinals, with her previous attempt in 2019 resulting in a loss to eventual champion Simona Halep.

Despite her current ranking of 76th in the world, Svitolina has displayed remarkable form throughout the tournament. She has defeated four Grand Slam champions en route to the semifinals: Venus Williams in the first round, Sofia Kenin in the third, Victoria Azarenka in the fourth, and now Swiatek in the quarterfinals.

In another quarterfinal match, Marketa

Vondrousova triumphed over fourth-seeded Jessica Pegula in a closely contested battle that ended with a score of 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 on No. 1 Court. Vondrousova, a left-handed Czech player who reached the French Open final in 2019, staged a remarkable comeback after trailing 4-1 in the third set. This victory marks her fifth consecutive win on grass during the past eight days, an impressive feat considering her limited success on the surface previously.

Vondrousova expressed her delight at her unexpected progress, stating, "My best result here was the second round. It's amazing. I'm just loving

grass now." This win over Pegula marks Vondrousova's fourth victory against a seeded player in this year's Wimbledon tournament, having defeated No. 12 Veronika Kudermetova, No. 20 Donna Vekic, and No. 32 Marie Bouzkova in previous rounds.

As the tournament progresses, fans eagerly anticipate the upcoming men's quarterfinal matches. Seven-time Wimbledon champion Novak Djokovic is set to face Andrey Rublev on Centre Court, while Jannik Sinner will compete against Roman Safiullin on No. 1 Court later in the day.

Shoriful credits Taskin's inputs after career-best haul

Dhaka: Bangladesh's pace bowler Shoriful Islam thanked Taskin Ahmed for helping him with his lengths as he felt that paid off against Afghanistan in the last game of the three-match ODI series at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium on Tuesday (July 11).

Bangladesh, who have usually played three seam bowlers in the ODI, opted to field only two pacers - Shoriful and Taskin - in their playing XI during their crucial game against the tourists, looking to avoid the embarrassment of getting whitewashed for the first time in 11 years after the visitors clinched the series earlier by winning the opening two games.

Shoriful, who was playing his first game in the series, gave

Bangladesh double success when he got an outside edge off Ibrahim Zadran (1) on his first ball of the second over and also got an inside edge off Rahmat Shah (0) in the same over. He later trapped Mohammad Nabi (1) during his fantastic first five-overs spell where he finished with 3-8. Shoriful finished the day with career-best bowling figures of 4-21 as he also took the wicket of debutant Abdur Rahman (4).

"Today I bowled the first two to three balls in the front and didn't get any result. Taskin bhai then told me to bowl back of length. There was a chance of up and down. Then we changed our plan," Shoriful told reporters after the game.

Bangladesh pace unit failed to deliver in



the opening two games but came back strongly as the duo picked six wickets among themselves to peg Afghanistan back, before eventually rolling them out for 126.

Shoriful said that all the pacers are ready to seize their opportunity as the team management is opting to rotate the fast bowlers. "We, the pacers, are like a family. Our

coach has trust in everyone. He is rotating the pacers so that everyone is ready when he is given a chance," he said.

"I have trained a lot. Hathu sir has worked especially with me. I

have seen a lot of drill videos when I was at home. I tried those in the training sessions and today I wanted to bowl in the same way," he said. "There is always win and loss in sports. We

had bad games in the first two matches. The kind of team we are, we tried to make a comeback in the game," Shoriful said. Afghanistan head coach Jonathan Trott said that not getting partnerships in the middle led to their lowest ODI total against Bangladesh in the series-concluding last game.

"We kept losing wickets. We never had a partnership. You need that big partnership when rebuilding your innings from 15 or 20 for four," Trott said after the match.

"You need to bat for 15-20 overs to eat out those overs. Score the majority of the runs and leave it to the tail. "We got out. The guys didn't execute. They didn't adjust to conditions. They played bad shots. Mentality wasn't right

today. It is not the first time this has happened in the last game of the series as well. It is something we have to fix if we want to get better as a side.

"We can't keep relying on one or two players to get us runs. Everyone has to chip in. The way that Azmat applied himself at No 7, it showed how you should go about batting on this pitch. Das (Litton) showed how to play on that wicket.

"I don't like losing matches in this way. We lost the last ODI in Sri Lanka similarly. We had to win the series. This time we already clinched the series. It is not to do anything with the pressure of the situation. It is more the mentality of the longevity of ODIs," he concluded.