

India's 'Bahubali' rocket LVM3 puts Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft in orbit

New Delhi: India's 'Bahubali' rocket successfully put the moon spacecraft -- Chandrayaan-3 -- into orbit on Friday afternoon in a copy book style. The LVM-3, the country's heavy rocket, nicknamed 'Bahubali' as it carried the 3.8-tonne Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft like the hero in of the film of the same name lifts a heavy lingam, slung the moon-bound craft in its intended earth orbit. From there it will be a long journey for Chandrayaan-3 as the distance between the earth and the moon is about 3.844 lakh km. In his remarks after the launch, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman S. Somanath said: "Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft has started its journey towards the moon. The LVM3 rocket orbited the spacecraft precisely at the intended orbit." Union Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh said: "It is indeed a moment of glory to India. Thank you Team ISRO for making India proud.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi." At 2.35 p.m. the LVM3 rocket rose into the sky from the second launch pad here at Satish Dhawan Space Centre. The 43.5 metre tall rocket, weighing about 642 ton, furiously rushed upwards and 16-minutes into its flight, the rocket put Chandrayaan-3 into orbit. The Indian space agency will raise the spacecraft's orbit by a series of manoeuvres to put it on Lunar Transfer Trajectory from August 1 onwards, Somanath told media later. A couple of days after the spacecraft enters lunar orbit, the lander will make a soft landing on the moon near its South Pole. The Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft comprises a propulsion module (weighing 2,148 kg), a lander (1,723.89 kg) and a rover (26 kg), the ISRO said. Incidentally, the Chandrayaan-2 payload also weighed about 3.8 ton with the orbiter weighing 2,379 kg, the Vikram lander 1,444 kg, including the Pragyan rover 27 kg. During the Chandrayaan-2 mission ISRO had named the lander as



Vikram in memory of country's space pioneer Vikram Sarabhai and rover Pragyan means wisdom in Sanskrit. But this time around, ISRO has not officially named the lander and the rover. According to ISRO, the propulsion module has Spectro-polarimetry of Habitable Planet Earth (SHAPE) payload to study the spectral and Polari metric measurements of Earth from the lunar orbit. The lander payloads are: Chandra's Surface Thermophysical Experiment (ChaSTE) to measure the thermal conductivity and temperature; Instrument for Lunar Seismic

Activity (ILSA) for measuring the seismicity around the landing site; Langmuir Probe (LP) to estimate the plasma density and its variations. A passive Laser Retroreflector Array from NASA is accommodated for lunar laser ranging studies. On the other hand, the rover will carry: Alpha Particle X-ray Spectrometer (APXS) and Laser Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy (LIBS) for deriving the elemental composition in the vicinity of the landing site, ISRO said. According to ISRO, the moon mission is divided into three phases -- the earth centric phase (Pre-

Launch, Launch and Ascent and Earth-bound Manoeuvre), the Lunar Transfer Phase (Transfer Trajectory), and the Moon Centric Phase (Lunar Orbit Insertion Phase, Moon-bound Manoeuvre Phase, Propulsion Module and Lunar Module Separation, De-boost Phase, Pre-landing Phase, Landing Phase, Normal Phase for Lander and Rover, Moon Centric Normal Orbit Phase -100 km circular orbit- for Propulsion Module). With the successful launch, the 'Bahubali' rocket has notched up an impeccable record of seven consecutive

PM Modi hails dedication of ISRO scientists

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday hailed the relentless dedication of India's scientists on the launch of Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) lunar mission Chandrayaan-3. Propelled by an LVM3-M4 rocket, the Chandrayaan-3 mission lifted off at 2:35 pm from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. Sharing a tweet by ISRO, Modi tweeted: "Chandrayaan-3 scripts a new chapter in India's space odyssey. It soars high, elevating the



dreams and ambitions of every Indian. This momentous achievement is a testament to our scientists' relentless dedication. I salute their spirit and ingenuity!" Earlier today through a series of tweets, the Prime Minister, who is currently on a two-day visit to France, had sent his best wishes to the third lunar mission of

ISRO. "Best wishes for Chandrayaan-3 mission! I urge you all to know more about this Mission and the strides we have made in space, science and innovation. It will make you all very proud," the prime minister had tweeted. "14th July 2023 will always be etched in golden letters as far as India's space sector is concerned. Chandrayaan-3, our third lunar mission, will embark on its journey. This remarkable mission will carry the hopes and dreams of our nation," Modi said

successful missions. This is the fourth operational flight of LVM3. The LVM3, with a capacity to carry four ton, is a three stage/engine rocket with two strap-on motors powered by solid fuel. The second stage is a core liquid fuel booster and the third is the cryogenic engine. The lander is expected to reach the moon's vicinity

on August 17. After parting of ways with the spacecraft, the lander is expected to soft land on August 23 at about 5.47 p.m. The lander will descend to the moon from a height of about 100 km from the moon's surface. The soft landing is a tricky issue as it involves a series of complex manoeuvres consisting of rough and

fine braking. Imaging of the landing site region prior to landing will be done for finding safe and hazard-free zones. Subsequent to the soft landing, the six-wheeled rover will roll out and carry out experiments on the lunar surface for a period of one lunar day which is equal to 14 Earth days.

Naba Das murder was pre-planned, reveals charge sheet

Bhubaneswar,(KCN): The Crime Branch (CB) charge sheet in the sensational Naba Das murder case has a statement by the deceased's son Bishal Das saying that the murder of his father was pre-planned. CB had earlier recorded Bishal's statement on February 11 which has been attached to the charge sheet. As per Das' statement, Naba Das had many rivals in Brajarajnagar, so the



murder was pre-planned. The charge sheet further revealed that prime accused Gopal Das was under the impression that Minister Naba and his supporters would eliminate him

because he had dared to stop some vehicles belonging to the minister and his supporters during MV checking while he was posted at Badmal Police station. During interrogation,

Gopal admitted that he was preparing to kill the minister for some time. In order to succeed in his plan, he had also visited Samaleswari Temple, Sambalpur with his brother and observed his mundane and took oath to kill Naba Das anyhow in near future. The charge sheet highlights that Gopal had also made efforts to shoot him during the inauguration of the statue of late Kishore Mohanty in the Brajarajnagar area but could not get an

opportunity. Since that day, he had kept his service pistol always loaded. Gopal came to know about the scheduled programme of Naba at Brajarajnagar on January 29. Taking this opportunity, he started preparations to kill Naba. He had sold his gold ring to a goldsmith and sent away his brother, who used to run a hotel, and other staff to Berhampur, fearing Naba's supporters would kill them after the incident.

IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL THE LEGISLATORS TO STRIVE FOR INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT AND WORK IN PUBLIC INTEREST: PRESIDENT MURMU



New Delhi: The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu addressed the members of Rajasthan Legislative Assembly at Jaipur today (July 14, 2023). Speaking on the occasion, the President said that the principles of the Constitution have been set on the ideals of our freedom struggle. These constitutional ideals of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity should be the guiding principles for all legislators. The President said that Rajasthan has very strong traditions in every aspect of civilization and culture. The spirit of fighting for self-respect is deeply ingrained in the people of Rajasthan.

It has been the basis of the glorious history of Rajasthan. She stated that people of all communities of Rajasthan including tribes have presented unique examples of patriotism. The President said that people's charming nature and the artifacts of Rajasthan attract people from all over the world. From the desert of Jaisalmer to Mount Abu, lakes of Ranthambore present a lustrous shade of nature. She also noted that the enterprising people of Rajasthan have made an impressive mark in various fields of commerce and trade in India and abroad. The President said that it is a matter of pride for Rajasthan

that both the Houses of the current Parliament are being presided over by former members of Rajasthan Legislative Assembly. The President said that the polity based on equality and democratic sentiments has existed on this land since ancient times. After independence, public representatives from Shri Mohanlal Sukhadia to Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat provided effective leadership in implementing inclusive and welfare schemes in the state. She stressed that it is the duty of all the legislators to strengthen this tradition of inclusive development and work in public interest.

Another Cheetah Dies At Kuno National Park

Bhopal: Another cheetah died at the Kuno national park in Madhya Pradesh on Friday, Officials said. With the fresh incident, eighth big cat casualty was reported in nearly four months. The African cheetah, Suraj, was found dead at the Kuno National Park early this morning. Officials said they are trying to ascertain the exact cause of Suraj's death. On Tuesday, another male cheetah, Tejas, was found dead at the national park. The feline's autopsy had revealed that the cheetah was unable to recover from a "traumatic shock" after a violent fight with a female cheetah. On March 27, a female



Cheetah named Sasha died due to kidney ailment, on April 23, Uday died of cardio-pulmonary failure and on May 9, Daksha, a female cheetah, died after a violent interaction with a male during a mating attempt. Two cheetah cubs died of "extreme weather condition and dehydration" on May 25. Suraj's death is yet another blow to the Centre's cheetah reintroduction programme launched in September last year, by Prime Minister

Narendra Modi. Earlier, the Centre had denied any lapses behind the deaths of the six cheetahs. "There is no lapse behind any of the cheetah deaths. Even in the case of the deaths of the three cheetah cubs, global wildlife literature clearly mentions 90% per cent infant mortality among cheetahs," said an official. In May, South African wildlife expert Vincent van der Merwe had predicted more cheetah deaths and said that the reintroduction project is going to see an even higher mortality, when the cheetahs would try to establish territories and come face to face with leopards and tigers at the park.

Odisha Plus 3 admission: First phase cut-off marks out, Ravenshaw top choice for Commerce

Bhubaneswar,(KCN): The first phase cut-off marks for admission into various degree courses were released by the Odisha Higher Education Department on Friday. As per the data made available by the department, a total of 2,23,310 students had applied for admission, out of which 1,74,195 students were selected in the first phase. While 1,08,483 students were selected in Arts stream, 17,217 students were selected in Commerce stream. Ravenshaw University in Cuttack and BJB Autonomous College in Bhubaneswar have once again emerged as the primary choice for students to pursue Higher Education.

Missing Bhubaneswar boy rescued after 8 days; cyber criminals' involvement suspected

Bhubaneswar,(KCN):A 16-year-old boy, who had been missing from Maitri Vihar area in Bhubaneswar, was traced to a place near Jenapur railway station in Jajpur district on Friday. The boy identified as Yogesh Balaji had gone missing from Maitri Vihar area on July 6. Upon not being able to find him despite frantic search at all possible places, his family members had lodged a complaint with the Maitri Vihar police station. After the police could not make any breakthrough



in the case, the distressed parents had also staged a demonstration at the Maitri Vihar police station. They had alleged that their son had been kidnapped and the

son, the parents now heaped praise on the Commissionerate Police, saying that they got back their son because of the intervention of the police. Interestingly, even after the rescue of Yogesh, his parents are receiving WhatsApp messages regarding the ransom money. Suspecting the role of cyber criminals in the case, the Commissionerate Police has launched an investigation.

Spurned girl lands at lover's pre-wedding ritual, threatens to end life

Bhubaneswar,(KCN):In a scene straight out of a Bollywood movie, a girl on Thursday night arrived at her alleged boyfriend's house where the latter's pre-wedding ritual was underway and staged a demonstration on the marriage altar. She threatened to end her life if justice is not delivered to her. The incident was

reported from Tota Sahi village under Balanga police limit of Nimapara block in Puri district. As per the allegation, Ramesh Mallik, a resident of Tota Sahi, befriended with the girl who hails from an area under Puri Town Police station. Later, they fell in love. On the pretext of marriage, Ramesh had



also established physical relationship with her, it was alleged. On hearing that Ramesh was going to marry

someone else, the victim came to his house at Tota Sahi and sat on the marriage altar. She said she wouldn't budge till justice is delivered to her. "On the pretext of marriage, he had established physical relationship with me. When he came to know that I was one month pregnant, he gave me

medicine for the termination of the pregnancy. He has ruined my life and is going to ruin yet another's life," she said. "If I don't get justice, I will end my life," she added. Since no police complaint has so far been lodged, reaction from the police couldn't be obtained.

Reservoirs Have Better Storage



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Reservoirs in Odisha are having more live storage than last year. Central Water Commission is monitoring live storage status of 146 reservoirs of the country on weekly basis. Odisha is having 163 Dams. Out of which there are 07 Major and 38 Medium Reservoirs. Out of the 146 reservoirs in India, 18 reservoirs are of hydro-electric projects

having total live storage capacity of 34.960 BCM. The total live storage capacity of 146 reservoirs is 178.185 BCM which is about 69.11% of the live storage capacity of 257.812 BCM which is estimated to have been created in the country. As per reservoir storage bulletin dated 13.07.2023, live storage

available in these reservoirs is 59.503 BCM, which is 33% of total live storage capacity of these reservoirs. However, last year the live storage available in these reservoirs for the corresponding period was 69.726 BCM and the average of last 10 years live storage was 53.904 BCM. Thus, the live storage available in

146 reservoirs as per 13.07.2023 Bulletin is 85 % of the live storage of corresponding period of last year and 110% of storage of average of last ten years. The overall storage position is less than the corresponding period of last year in the country as a whole but is better than the average storage of last ten years during the corresponding period.

AMRI Hospital has touched a record 100 robotic knee replacement surgeries

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): In a first-of-its-kind achievement for Eastern India, AMRI Hospital Bhubaneswar has touched a record 100 robotic knee replacement surgeries within a short period of four months. The landmark is a testimony to AMRI's clinical excellence and technical superiority, touching a new horizon in the specialty of Orthopedics & Joint Replacement, and bringing to Odisha a groundbreaking technology. As advancements in healthcare innovation is rapidly re-shaping modern medicine, AMRI Hospitals has constantly endeavored to introduce robotic surgery in joint replacement to the people of Odisha, and has

become the front-runner in the field of Robotic Knee Replacement Surgery within a short period of time. This historic milestone has been achieved under the aegis of Dr Sunil Kumar Dash, Senior Consultant & Director, Orthopedics & Joint Replacement, AMRI Hospital Bhubaneswar. Starting in March 2023, till date Dr. Dash and his team have successfully performed more than 100 knee replacement surgeries using robotics and the testimonies of the patients who underwent surgery bear witness to the success of the high level of skill judicious use of technology at AMRI Hospitals. All the patients have reported faster recovery, better

knee movement, and less pain than through conventional methods, which in turn has led to shorter hospital stay and faster return to normal life. Dr. Dash has been invited as a Thought Leader in the field of Robotic Knee Replacement at various international platforms to educate surgeons from Israel, Thailand, and other nations. With his drive to make Robotic Knee Replacement more accessible to the people of Orissa, the people of the state are sure to benefit from such advances in global technology. Dr Dash explained that in Robotic Surgery surgeons use a robotic surgical arm to execute parts of the procedure,

assisting in areas that demand the steadiest hand and navigating small places. The robotic arm can work from 3D images of the surgical area and perform a range of tasks, including prepping the bone, introducing and balancing the implant, and checking for the right fit. "Advantages of Robotic Knee Surgery have already established itself as a powerful tool for doctors. It offers lower long term costs, better clinical outcome, and higher patient satisfaction," he said. Mr Rupak Barua, Group CEO, AMRI Hospitals, said, "We are proud to have touched this landmark and we are happy with the glowing feedback from the patients.

Construction of FOBs at Satsang Vihar, Palasuni in Bhubaneswar to start soon: MP Aparajita Sarangi



Bhubaneswar(KCN):Work on foot-over-bridges at Satsang Vihar and Palasuni in Bhubaneswar is going to start soon, informed MP Aparajita Sarangi on Friday. Sarangi revealed this while releasing her annual report card as the Member of Parliament of Bhubaneswar Lok Sabha Constituency. As per Sarangi, the construction work of FOB at Satsang Vihar will start on August 1, while the construction of Hanspal FOB will be finished by

December 31. Addressing a press conference, Sarangi said, "With the blessing of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and help of Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, I have succeeded in starting several projects worth Rs 6462 crore in Bhubaneswar Parliamentary Constituency." "The projects include 30 vehicle underpasses, nine flyovers, four foot over bridges, capital region ring road and many more. More

importantly, I have been monitoring the progress of all the projects every week," she said. "Palasuni is an accident-prone place. We need a subway to minimise these accidents. During the first year of my term as MP, I started work on a foot-over bridge at Hanspal Square. It got delayed due to land acquisition issues. But that has been resolved now and the NHAI has been directed to complete the same by December 31, 2023," Sarangi said.



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Sunny Deol's Intense Action Avatar Loaded In New 'Gadar 2' Poster

Makers of the upcoming period action film 'Gadar 2' thrilled the audience by dropping an intense poster featuring Sunny Deol on social media. Taking to Instagram handle on Thursday, Zee Studios shared a new glimpse of Sunny's character in the movie. In the poster, Sunny can be seen donning an intense avatar by holding a giant wheel instead of handpump. The post caption read, "Jab baat parivaar aur desh par aaye, toh Tara Singh ke saamne koi bhi dushman na tik paaye! #Gadar2 aa rahi hai bade parde par lagane iss Independence Day! Cinemas mein 11th August se."

As soon as the poster was unveiled the actor's fans flooded the comment section with heart and fire emojis. Helmed by Anil Sharma, 'Gadar 2' film



stars Sunny Deol, Ameesha Patel and Utkarsh Sharma in the lead roles. Bringing back the magic and nostalgia of Tara and Sakina's love story, the makers rearranged the iconic chartbuster, 'Udd Jaa Kaale Kaava'. In no time the song started trending across various social media platforms and garnered tremendous love and appreciation from the fans. The song is choreographed by

highly skilled, Shabina Khan. Speaking about her experience choreographing Sunny Deol and Ameesha Patel, Shabina Khan said in a statement, "Working with Sunny sir has always been wonderful. I am a fan girl actually and when a fan gets to work with their superstar, she is on cloud nine. I worked with Sunny sir when I was an assistant and he was doing his other films and since

I've worked with him earlier I understand what he likes and what he dislikes." She added, "I worked with Ameesha as an assistant choreographer earlier, that's why we had a good bonding and when the actors and directors believe in you, then your work becomes 50% easier. Working with both of them was amazing, while shooting for Udd Jaa Kaale Kaava I only had one thing in mind,

it's such a cult film and a cult song and I can't go wrong with this. That's why I was on my toes for every single shot and when your hard work pays off and when people say things like they went back in time after watching the song, that's when I feel I have accomplished something as a choreographer who also takes the story ahead with the director." 'Udd Jaa Kaale' has received over 50 million views on various social media platforms. Recently, the music maestros Udit Narayan, Mithoon and Film Director Anil Sharma united to celebrate the success of reprised version of the song 'Udd Jaa Kaale Kaava'. The original song was sung by music maestros Udit Narayan and Alka Yagnik, the new version of the

song is recreated and rearranged by Mithoon. Udd Jaa Kaale Kaava was initially composed by Uttam Singh and the lyrics were penned by Anand Bakshi. 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'.

Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah Controversy: Ex-Cast Member Priya Ahuja Rajda Aka Rita Reporter Alleges 'Mental Harassment'

After Jennifer Mistry, who played Roshan Sodhi on the popular sitcom Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah levelled sexual misconduct allegations against the makers, former cast actresses who have been a part of the show have opened up too. Recently, Monika Bhadoriya, who played Bawri on the show talked about the misbehaviour she faced during her stint and now another actress Priya Ahuja Rajda who was seen in Rita Reporter's character has alleged 'mental harassment'. In an interview with ETimes, Priya Ahuja Rajda talked about her

experience while on the show, "Yes the artists have to go through mental harassment when they work on Taarak Mehta. Kaafi hota hai... mentally I've also gone through difficulties while working there but it didn't affect me much maybe because Malav, my husband who was the director of the show for 14 years, he was earning. One benefit I had of working there was since I didn't have a contract I was never stopped from working outside. Asit Kumarr Modi bhai, Sohil Ramani or Jatin Bajaj (he's like my younger brother) they never misbehaved with me. But as far work is



concerned I've been subjected to unfair treatment. After I got married to Malav they reduced my track. It was no longer how it used to be. I've been clueless about my track in the show after pregnancy and when Malav left the show. I messaged Asit bhai so

many times asking him about my track in the show but there has been no response. Sometimes he would comment "Arre tuihe kaam karne ki kya zarurat hai Malav is working Na". I'm an individual and I did not get this show because I was Malav's wife. I was a part

of this show before I got married to Malav. I never got a proper response. Malav was shooting and I was also working on some or the other thing it wasn't affecting me financially, so I never bothered to speak," she said. She also shared how she didn't even know whether her track was on the show or not. "I am feeling bad that ever since Malav has left the show they haven't called or responded to my message. It has been six months since he left the show and they haven't called me to shoot. That I feel as an artist is unfair. I called up Sohil and requested him to ask Asit ji about my track in the show,

I even dropped a message to Asit bhai asking if I am still a part of the show but I haven't heard from both of them and I think it is a little unfair. Even if I am not a part of the show tell me I'm not dying to comeback but it is wrong that Malav has left the show, so now you don't want to call me. Joh attitude raha hai in the last 6-8 years I was very sure they will not call me. I'd told Malav also about it when he was leaving the show that now they won't call me, neither they will announce that I'm still part of the show, not they will call me. They will keep me hanging."

Akshay Kumar, Emraan Hashmi-Starrer 'Selfiee' Second Trailer is Out, Makers Tease Boycott Bollywood Trend

Akshay Kumar and Emraan Hashmi are raising the temperature high as their upcoming film 'Selfiee' is about to hit the theatres. Amid promotions all over the country, the makers of 'Selfiee' unveiled the second trailer of the film on Wednesday.

Fans already know that the film is a tussle between a superstar and a super fan. In the second trailer, the situation gets grimmer and the fight between Inspector Om Prakash (played by Emraan) and superstar Vijay (played by Akshay) takes an ugly turn involving their families.

Taking to Instagram Akshay posted the trailer with a caption, "Aam aadmi ki kahaani toh bahot sun li, ab Vijay Kumar ki bhi sun lo.. Dekhiye #SelfieeTrailer2. And watch #Selfiee in cinemas on 24th Feb."



Sharing the same trailer Emraan wrote, "Superstar ke saath #Selfiee nahi, panga le liya. Watch #SelfieeTrailer2 Now. Aage ki story - only in cinemas, Feb 24."

There's another treat for the fans. In a new teaser of the movie, 'Boycott Bollywood gets featured. 'Boycott Bollywood' is trending for quite some time on social media, as Bollywood is repeatedly attacked for diverse

reasons. Taking a hilarious stand on the burning subject, the teaser shows, when 'Boycott Bollywood' is mentioned by a producer, Akshay points fingers at himself suggesting if he were the reason or not. The producer in the teaser promptly replies to Akshay's gesture, 'No, Sir.'

'Selfiee' is the official Hindi remake of the Malayalam film 'Driving License', which starred Prithviraj and

Suraj Venjaramoodu in lead roles. Akshay and Emraan will reprise their roles in the remake.

The film will also showcase the recreated version of the 90s hit song 'Main Khiladi Tu Anari', sung by Udit Narayan, and Abhijeet Bhattacharya and recreated by Tanishk Bagchi.

Helmed by Raj Mehta, Akshay and Emraan have collaborated for the first time in 'Selfiee'.

15 Years of Jodhaa Akbar: Makers Celebrate the Journey of an Eternal Love Story

Regarded as one of the most spectacular visual experiences on the Indian screen, Ashutosh Gowariker's Jodhaa Akbar clocks 15 years today. Celebrating the epitome of love, respect and royalty, AGPPL offered a recap of the essence of Jodhaa Akbar with a special video.

Taking to their social media, AGPPL posted the video saying, "Jodhaa and Akbar's love continues to shine brightly through the ages as a symbol of mutual respect, tolerance and open-mindedness between a man and woman, husband and wife. Today we are



proud to celebrate the 15th year since our journey that brought their eternal romance to the silver screen."

Incidentally, today also marks the birthday of the director and producer of Jodhaa Akbar, Ashutosh Gowariker. The leading man of the film Hrithik Roshan took to his social media to wish the filmmaker along with a few glimpses of the film. He wrote, "Happy Birthday @AshGowariker. Thank you for trusting me with the monumental responsibility of being a part of Jodhaa Akbar. Your direction & my incredible co-stars will forever be cherished. #15yearsOfJodhaaAkbar".

Odisha launches Rural-Urban Transition Policy

Pradeep Kumar Panda



Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has approved the visionary “Odisha Rural-Urban Transition Policy” under 5T Governance. The policy aims at removing the rural-urban divide in providing essential urban infrastructure, amenities, and services to all citizens residing in the fast-growing rural areas adjoining the cities. This is a first-of-its-kind policy, which intends to introduce a series of progressive and pragmatic measures to address the challenges of unplanned and unregulated urbanisation. The existing system of notification of a rural area as an urban area brings about abrupt changes in the political and administrative setup, impacting the socio-economic conditions of

the citizens as there is no window period for them to accommodate the sudden change. It also lacks a participatory and inclusive approach, which often leads to resistance and breeds litigation. There has been a steady increase in the Odisha’s urban population over the decades. As per 1941 Census, only 3% of the total population in Odisha lived in cities and towns as against 13.86% for India. Though the percentage of urban population is less in Odisha, the pace of urbanization in the State between 1941 and 2011 was low as compared to the pattern for the country as a whole. In 2011 census, the proportion of population living in the urban areas of the state stood at 16.68% as compared to 31.16% for the country. Population density of Odisha stood at 269 per sq. km in 2011. Odisha ranks 31st in the list of most urbanized states of the country, while in terms of actual urban population, the state ranks 11th in the list of states with the largest

urban population. Presently, 19% of Odisha’s population resides in urban areas and this is expected to reach 21% by 2031. The growth of census towns or peri-urban areas accounts for nearly 40% of the urbanisation in the state. However, these peri-urban and rural areas have been grappling with the challenge of inadequate access to social infrastructure and civic amenities and services even after declaring such areas as urban areas. After intensive consultations with the experts and practitioners, it has emerged that the absence of a comprehensive policy and robust institutions to contain unplanned urbanisation has been the primary reason for this situation. As a significant shift from the previous system, therefore, the Rural-Urban Transition Policy aims at providing urban civic amenities of services to the people in the identified rural areas much before the areas are formally notified as

urban areas. The policy allows the creation of a special budget for the implementation of infrastructure projects and delivery of services while actively involving the elected representatives, officials, and all other stakeholders in the planning, execution, and monitoring of the transition process. Under the policy, rural areas after an intensive process of identification will be declared as urban areas coming into effect from the date on which the tenure of the existing elected representatives expires. During the interim period, the notified rural area will be taken up for up-gradation of infrastructure and services to provide all urban services on par with the adjacent urban areas. During the transition period, ward delimitation and other administrative measures will also be put in place so that from the effective date the area will start functioning as a full-fledged urban area with all required urban infrastructure services. This policy provides for

the constitution of steering and implementation committees with top officials of the state government including the Chief Secretary and experts driven from various domains viz. urban planning, finance, engineering, management, IT, etc. This will ensure the convergence of government schemes and interdepartmental coordination for a smooth and seamless transition of the peri-urban and rural areas into full-fledged urban areas. The policy proposes to adopt a “Hub and Spoke” model with the State Urban Development Agency at the state level and District Urban Development Agencies and Development Authorities at the city level serving as the Hub and Spokes respectively. The Odisha Government is of the firm belief that the new policy will transform the urban landscapes like never before while effectively balancing the needs of both growth and sustainability.

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Monsoon Wedding Tips to Keep in Mind

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As the raindrops fall and love fills the air, monsoon weddings offer a unique charm and a touch of romance.

Monsoon and romance go hand in hand. The season of love as they call it gets even better when rain makes an appearance. Furthermore, what is more, marvelous than the idea of a monsoon wedding?

The thought of having a monsoon wedding sounds romantic and exciting. Those cold breezes, unannounced downpours, and droplets of water make it the best time of the year for romance, love, happiness, and joy.

The romance of a monsoon wedding outweighs its practicality. While monsoon offers a slew of challenges when it comes to wedding preparations, it appears that this season is the ideal time to tie the knot. Monsoon weddings bring a unique charm and a touch of romance to the celebration.

The rain is a reality especially if we are getting married in the monsoon season. How can we do that? While a monsoon wedding gives a major romantic feel it is also extremely adventurous for there are some crucial things that you need to plan to avoid discomfort and unexpected troubles that can prevent you from enjoying your wedding. Looking beautiful on the wedding day is not merely a matter of make-up and dress. It needs weeks of care. If a skin care program is followed four to six weeks before the wedding, it can really help to reinvent your beauty. The skin type and the season should be taken into consideration. For instance, a Monsoon bride, with oily or combination skins, may face a real problem. Oily skins look even more oily and dull, due to sweat and oil secretions being deposited on the skin. Indeed, during the Monsoons, high humidity poses a problem. Sweat on the skin also attracts dirt and pollutants from the atmosphere more easily.

1----Water Proof Makeup-----This is crucial. The constant threat of rain showers and humidity can easily ruin your carefully applied makeup. I will suggest all brides to choose waterproof makeup products over

regular ones during the monsoon wedding. Be it rain showers or tears, the waterworks are bound to get flowing, which will create a landslide on your face if you're wearing products that aren't waterproof.

Get a makeup trial done with waterproof cosmetics and splash some water to check if the makeup stays on or not. This will help you check with your makeup can withstand the humidity of the day. Also, if you have frizzy hair, check with your hairstylist on how you can tame them in the humidity. To ensure

and fashionable.

3---Wedding Outfits Amidst the joyous celebration, one crucial aspect to consider is the choice of fabric for wedding attire. Choosing the right fabric for monsoon wedding attire can make a big difference in keeping you comfortable and stylish throughout the event.

Opt for lighter fabrics such as net, chiffon, georgette, crepe, and satin which are water sustainable. Not only will they dry faster but will also make you feel airy and more comfortable.. They will



your makeup stays in place, set it with a translucent powder. This will help absorb excess moisture and oil, keeping your foundation intact. Cleanse your face thoroughly to remove any impurities, and follow it up with a lightweight, oil-free moisturizer. This will help create a smooth canvas for your makeup application. Work in setting powder in light layers and build coverage gradually as you go for a soft, natural glow that will also blur pores and give you a flawless, ready-to-click complexion. Similarly, choose power-based blushes, bronzers, and eyeshadows for they're not only waterproof but also last longer than cream-based ones.

2----Footwear If you're having an outdoor monsoon wedding, it is critical to select footwear that provides a solid grip and prevents slipping when you move around on the mucky ground and slippery floors. Walking in heels is no cakewalk and when it's all muddy and the grass is squishy, it is more difficult to walk than we thought off as there are high chances of slipping and getting your heels stuck in the wet grass. No matter how much you love tiptoeing in those gorgeous heels, it is best to pick shoes or sneakers under your lehenga. If you want heels, pick kitten heels or wedges instead of pointy stilettos. Wear some classy juttis which look very stylish and they will go perfectly well with your outfit and at the same time be hassle-free and comfortable. You can even go for Punjabi juttis as they are highly comfortable

not get ruined by rainwater and hence, are a wonderful choice. One of the biggest mistakes that the brides make while choosing outfits for their monsoon weddings is choosing heavy fabrics like velvet, brocade, raw silk, etc as rainwater might react with it and spoil the intricate embroidery. Silk is a luxurious fabric that offers a very convenient option for monsoon weddings. Silk has a beautiful drape, which adds elegance to any outfit. Just be sure to choose lighter-weight silk, like crepe, to stay cool in the heat. A silk dress can keep you looking glamorous and chic, while still being comfortable for a monsoon wedding.

4----- HAIRSTYLE The hair is quite possibly the most worrying part of our look, especially when we know that the humidity will catch up to it eventually. Hair tends to get frizzy during this weather especially if it is windy. While open hair is lovely, it tends to get frizzy in this humid weather.

Keeping the humid climate in mind, a sleek bun, messy plaits, or an elegant ponytail are ideal hairstyle choices as go well with almost all outfits and are less risky for monsoon as they promise to keep the frizz at bay. Opt for lighter hair accessories over full-floral buns.

It is best to do a braid and or any trendy bun, because strong winds may ruin your open hair. Even if you wear a simple Lehenga but with perfect hairstyle it gives you the most distinctive look and makes you look classy and elegant

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Fighting for Justice: The Case of Smt. UliBiswasray (Odisha)

Rabindra Kumar Mishra



In the impoverished state of Odisha, India, where progress and development seem confined to urban areas, social welfare schemes like the Madhu babu Pension Yojana (MBPY) and Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana (PMAY-G) are vital in helping marginalized communities. However, the implementation of these schemes is not without flaws, as corruption and negligence often hinder their effectiveness. One distressing case exemplifying this issue revolves around Smt. UliBiswasray, a resident of Bhismagiri Panchayat and wife of Sri PanchananBiswasray. Despite living in poverty for the past 35 years and working as a household keeper, Nani, and caretaker since the 1980s, she has been unjustly denied the benefits of both the PMAY-G and MBPY. This denial of aid is even more disheartening when contrasted with reports of undeserving households, supported by political connections, receiving assistance. In the face of such injustice, Sociologist and Human Rights Activist Mr. Rabindra Kumar Mishra has tirelessly fought for justice on behalf of Smt. UliBiswasray. In 2019, he appealed to the relevant departments, including the State Social Security and

Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (SSEPD) department, Ganjam Collector, and relevant ministers. However, despite these efforts, no visible action was taken. Undeterred, Rabindra continued his appeals, even reaching out to the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) for assistance. The Honourable CMO was notified of the situation and subsequently informed the Ganjam Collector. Rabindra also made numerous requests to other officials such as the Panchayat Executive Officer (PEO), Block Social Security Officer (BSSO), Block Development Officer (BDO), and Ganjam Collector, but unfortunately, there was no fruitful outcome. The persistence shown by Rabindra Kumar Mishra in seeking justice for Smt. UliBiswasray is commendable. It is through the unwavering efforts of individuals like him that systemic issues can be brought to light and addressed. In a state marked by glaring disparities between urban centers and rural regions, it is crucial that welfare schemes reach those who are genuinely in need. The case of Smt. UliBiswasray serves as a stark reminder that corruption and negligence can undermine the intended purpose of social welfare schemes. It is imperative that the government and authorities responsible for implementing such programs remain vigilant and ensure transparency, fairness, and equal access to benefits for all eligible individuals. In response to Mr. Rabindra Kumar Mishra's appeal on behalf of Smt.

UliBiswasray, the district collector acted by instructing the Additional District Magistrate to investigate the matter. However, the Block Development Officer (BDO) of Digapahandi, who appears to be unaware of the provisions of the Madhu babu Pension Yojana (MBPY), recommended closing the grievance, suggesting that Smt. UliBiswasray could only avail of the pension after a death vacancy occurred. This response raises concerns about the BDO's understanding of the situation and the eligibility criteria of the scheme. Undeterred by the lack of progress, Rabindra Kumar Mishra continued his efforts and appealed to the Chief Minister's office once again. However, when there was still no outcome, he decided to take the matter to the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in February 2023. Mr. Mishra submitted all the relevant details and correspondences related to the case, highlighting the violation of human rights at all levels. Recognizing the seriousness of the issue, the NHRC registered Case No. 466/18/5/2023 in the Law Division of the NHRC in New Delhi. The NHRC wrote to the District Magistrate of Ganjam, acknowledging the complaint of denial of social welfare benefits, such as MBPY, to an eligible victim. In April 2023, the NHRC issued a final reminder to the District Magistrate, requesting an action taken report on the matter by June 2023. However, despite the final reminder, no report was received. As a result, the NHRC has decided to summon the District Magistrate of

Ganjam to appear in person before the Commission on August 28, 2023. If the required report is submitted by August 21, 2023, the personal appearance of the District Magistrate may be dispensed with. This proactive step by the NHRC demonstrates their commitment to addressing the alleged denial of social welfare benefits and the urgency of resolving the matter. The case of Smt. UliBiswasray highlights a larger issue faced by many vulnerable families who belong to poor sections of society. These families are often excluded from housing schemes and pension yojanas, despite being eligible for assistance. It is essential that all eligible individuals from vulnerable backgrounds receive the benefits of housing schemes, basic amenities, healthcare, and other social welfare programs. The government must prioritize addressing the ground reality and ensuring that these benefits reach the intended beneficiaries. It is disheartening to see that ineligible individuals can access government benefits through political favoritism or pressure groups, while the truly deserving and vulnerable sections of society are left out. Often, these marginalized individuals are unable to raise their voices due to lack of literacy, awareness, and support. Achieving inclusive development and fulfilling the vision of a vibrant and new Odisha, as envisioned by the honorable Chief Minister, requires ensuring that the benefits of government schemes reach the poorest and most vulnerable sections of society. While the Madhu babu

Pension Yojana (MBPY) and Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana (PMAY-G) aim to uplift the marginalized sections of society in Odisha, India, instances of corruption and negligence hinder their effectiveness. Through the determined efforts of activists like Rabindra Kumar Mishra, hope for justice and equitable distribution of welfare benefits remains. It is essential that the government takes immediate action to rectify the situation, address the needs of vulnerable individuals, and bridge the gap between urban and rural areas in terms of development and welfare provisions. In conclusion, the case of Smt. UliBiswasray and the efforts made by Rabindra Kumar Mishra to seek justice highlight the urgent need for transparency, accountability, and equal access to social welfare benefits. The NHRC's intervention and summons of the District Magistrate demonstrate the seriousness with which they are addressing the issue. It is crucial for the government and authorities to take immediate action to rectify the situation and ensure that the benefits of welfare schemes reach those who genuinely need them. By doing so, Odisha can make significant progress in achieving sustainable development goals and creating a more equitable and inclusive society.

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BOBBY CHAKRABORTY'S INSPIRATIONAL 399th ANTI ADDICTION CAMPAIGN AT IIMC SIKSHANGAN HOGOLKURIA, 24 PGS(SOUTH)

Kolkata: On July 13th, actor/activist/teacher of method acting, Mr. Bobby Chakraborty's global, award winning, free of cost anti addiction campaign no. 399, took place at IIMC Sikshangan Hogolkuria (24pgs-South), which is a rural school for the lesser privileged. It was his 3rd session in this school, founded by Dr. Sujit Kr. Brahmochary and Mrs. Barnali Brahmochary, both strong supporters of Bobby's awareness program, right from its inception. It was a warm, humid afternoon, when around 300 students of the 7th – 10th grade assembled around the stage on the ground

outdoors. The session started with a welcome speech from the teacher-in-charge Mr. Avishek Chatterjee. It was a challenge henceforth for Bobby to keep the attention of the students intact, who were sitting all around him, instead of just at his usual frontside. But as it happens in all his adda's, it didn't take much time for Bobby to make it clear to the students, who he calls his 'soldiers', that this particular session can change their lives for the better, if they learn to fight against 'harmful popular trends'. The official photographer was



Ayush Das, an extremely well-mannered, hardworking soldier from class 10. Bobby based his adda on the simple yet powerful formula of

life being HCF(Health-Career-Family), which led the soldiers to shout out

the mantra 'I AM THE KING OF MY MIND' at the top of their voices, innumerable

times. Bobby started with the perils of substance abuse and then switched gears to the irreparable damage that the evils of smartphone, misuse of internet and social networking sites are causing to the mental health of a young mind. He devised easy and effective ways to combat with all these evils, which made the session very interesting for the children. He narrated the true story about his family of how his uncle died out of addiction, which brought tears in everyone's eyes. The ceremonial title of 'the 1st soldier' went

to Ritesh, who was the most vocal and interactive throughout the session. The title of 'the trendsetter' went to Ayan. The surprise contest at the end had Raja, Rupam and Suparna as the winners, who along with Ayush were given special HCF t-shirts, gifts and community service certificates by Bobby. Bobby thanked Mr. Apurba Chakraborty for coordinating everything perfectly on behalf of IIMC to make this extremely interactive session into a memorable one, before he drove off the campus, with his teary eyed soldiers bidding their 'Bobbydada' an emotional goodbye.

BJP's 'Jallianwala Bagh' Reference To Police Action On Bihar Protesters

New Delhi: The BJP on Friday likened Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar to Brigadier General Reginald Dyer, who was involved in the 1919 Jallianwala Bagh massacre, and demanded his resignation after a party leader died allegedly in a police lathi-charge in Patna. The opposition party in Bihar alleged that the police lathi-charge during the "Vidhan Sabha march" was a "pre-planned conspiracy" of the state government to instil fear among people and prevent them from holding protests for their rights and justice. The BJP's Jehanabad district general secretary Vijay Singh died while taking part in the march organised by the party against the Nitish Kumar government. Party leaders have alleged that Vijay Singh succumbed to injuries he suffered in a "brutal" lathi-charge by



the police. The party demanded the arrest of the "culprits" behind the police action and claimed the lathi-charge and use of tear gas shells during their protest against various decisions of the Bihar government was a reminder of similar incidents during the British Raj. "It was the same as the Britishers had done with people protesting against the Simon Commission," said Nityanand Rai,

Union minister of State for Home and the BJP's MP from Bihar's Ujiyarpur, said a press conference. "Indeed, Jungle Raj 3.0 has arrived in Bihar," he added. He sought the Nitish Kumar government's answer over the "police brutality" unleashed on the people of Bihar who were holding a "peaceful demonstration", demanding rights and

justice. The kind of barbarism witnessed on the streets of Patna yesterday was a reminder of General Dyer who is known for his barbaric way of crushing those demanding justice," he said. "Lathi-charge on teachers, lathi-charge on students, lathi-charge on women... This shows that Bihar's Nitish Kumar and Tejashwi Yadav government is conspiring to crush their opponents like the British," he said.

"The BJP demands his resignation." Chief Minister Nitish Kumar is in charge of the state's home department. Asserting that the BJP will continue the struggle in Bihar, Mr Rai demanded the state government roll back all the decisions taken against the interests of farmers, students and teachers in the state. "The use of force by the police on BJP leaders and workers was a well-thought-out conspiracy of the state government to instil fear in the minds of the people of Bihar so that nobody dares to organise such kind of march, demonstration and protest in future," he alleged. The Union minister said BJP leaders and workers cannot be scared by lathis and bullets. "Vijay Singh has made a big sacrifice for the farmers, labourers, teachers, students and, women's rights," he added.

Youth Services And Sports department Kupwara organizes Trekking Camps across Kupwara Kashmir



Kupwara Jk (Aasif Malik): The Department of Youth Services & Sports Kupwara under the aegis of District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Zahoor Ahmad Wani organized Trekking Camps at various locations of Kupwara district. On the occasion, more than 700 students under the age groups 14 and 17 years took part. The students

and the escorted personnel of Youth Services & Sports department explored different areas with untouched scenic beauty during the conduct of trekking camps. These camps provided them an opportunity to come out of the daily routine activities and explore unseen areas of their district. The participants showed enthusiasm

while on the way to the expedition, besides, exhibited discipline in all facets of the programme which is the wont of such activities. It is pertinent to mention here that the trekking programme is being carried out in a phased manner in which both boys & girls are participating separately. The programme will culminate on 18th of this month.

Indian Army Organizes "Empowerment Through Skill Development" Program in Kalaroos Kupwara Jk

Kupwara Jk (Aasif Malik): The Indian Army organized a 'Empowerment through Skill Development' Program in the Forest Guesthouse, Thayan, located in the Kalaroos Block. The primary objective of the program was to empower the local youth by providing them with valuable skills and knowledge. The event saw an enthusiastic turnout of 70 participants.



Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), STRIVE, Skill Mission India, and Common Services Centre (CSC). An interactive session conducted allowing the attendees to gain a deeper understanding of these initiatives. The knowledge acquired during these sessions

provided the participants with valuable insights and opened up new opportunities and avenues for them. The participants expressed their gratitude to the Indian Army for organizing such an informative session. The event concluded with tea and refreshments.

Muslim World League Chief Says Islam Has No Place For Extremism

New Delhi: Islam has no place for extremism and believes in protecting humanity, Muslim World League secretary general Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa said on Friday as he delivered the 'Khutbah' or sermon at the Jama Masjid here. A 'Khutbah' is traditionally delivered on Fridays ahead of the Jumma prayers. Al-Issa also said people who pursue the path of violence shall be defeated. He added that Islam gives great importance to good moral character and Muslims must be kind to everyone.



"Islam does not like double-speak and Muslims need to be truthful," the Muslim World League secretary general said in his sermon delivered in Arabic. He said Islam has no place for extremism and teaches respect

for entire humanity. Islam believes in protecting humanity, he said and added that Islamic message respects geography, context and diversity. Al-Issa, who is on a visit to India, has met President Droupadi Murmu and Prime

Minister Narendra Modi. A day after meeting Modi, Al-Issa on Wednesday had hailed the prime minister's "passionate perspective" towards inclusive growth and said that they agreed

on the importance of working together to confront all aspects of extremism and hatred, regardless of their source. MWL is an international NGO headquartered in Mecca, with members from all Islamic countries and sects. It aims to present Islam and its tolerant principles, provide humanitarian aid, extend bridges of dialogue and cooperation with all, engage in positive openness to all cultures and civilisations, follow the path of centrism and moderation, and ward off movements calling for extremism, violence and exclusion.

Mantra For Transformation

Bhubaneswar(KCN): As many as 181 new officers different departments today joined the State Government today- 104 Teacher Educators in School & Mass Education Department, 62 assistant Director Law in the Home department and 15 Assistant Director statistic in the Planning & Convergence Department. An orientation programme was organized for the new recruits at the convention centre in Lok Seva Bhawan.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik asked the new officers to make efforts to see Odisha transformed faster. The CM said that all of us have a common objective to see Odisha

transform in the fastest time possible. All of us need to serve Odisha with a kind of passion that no one has seen ever. There is nothing more happiness than to see our motherland transform where we have a significant contribution. The efforts the new recruits made to build their career, the same efforts are also required to build a new, empowered Odisha, the CM called upon.

Speaking on the transformational initiative of the state, the CM said that the 5T Initiative has accelerated the development process of the State. He asked them to follow the principles of this initiative.

He further said that the new officers are highly educated, talented and



committed youth of our state. He said he has great hope and confidence in them. The CM expressed confidence that the contribution of the new recruits to the state will have significant impact

in the transformation process. He said that the Teacher Educators will have a significant role in developing realistic and progressive curriculum and textbooks for school

children. The quality of teacher training is critical for transforming the classroom practices and integrating technology by use of smart classrooms and ICT laboratory, he

added. Assistant Directors of Law, he continued, are required to assist the Government for timely and accurate handling of various cases. It will help the public in obtaining justice and

the rightful fulfillment of their obligations, thus fostering good governance, he said. Statistics Assistant Directors have a huge role in the planning process, he said further. Realistic and accurate planning is reliant on the quality of statistical data we can generate, he emphasized on better collection of statistical data. Minister Planning & Convergence Shri Rajendra Dholakia and Minister School & Mass Education Shri Sudam Mandri spoke on the initiatives of their departments and asked the new recruits to work with dedication to realize the objectives of the Govt. Chief Secretary,

Pradeep Jena expected the new officers to work with enthusiasm for the development of Odisha. He underlined the importance of transparency and technology in governance.

Three officers Teacher Educator Jitendra Panda, Assistant Director Law Soumya Sonalika and Assistant Director Statistics Sagarika Muduli shared their experiences in the recruitment process and appreciated the speed and transparency in the entire process. They expressed commitment and dedication for their new job.

ACS Home, Deo Ranjan Kumar Singh gave the welcome address, and School & Mass Education Secretary Aswathi S offered the vote of thanks.

MISHTI For Mangrove

Bhubaneswar(KCN): While Odisha is vulnerable to recurrent natural disasters like cyclones and storms' Mangrove forests have served as bio-shield along the coastal areas and have helped to save lives and livelihoods of people particularly of fishers and local community.

So, enhancing the ecological health of mangroves is imperative to ensure the sustainability of coast and coastal communities. According to Government of India has launched MISHTI Program with an objective to take up mangrove reforestation and afforestation along the coastal districts of India by adopting best practices that already exist in India as well as



from other countries including Indonesia. Odisha is going to benefitted in a big way.

This program is also envisaged to develop mangrove associated ecotourism initiatives

and livelihood generation in coastal states. "MISHTI" will contribute to the efforts of 'Mangrove Alliance for Climate (MAC)' – an intergovernmental alliance for promotion of Mangrove, of which India became its active member during the (COP27) Currently, there is approximately 5000 sq kms of area under mangroves and through the MISHTI program an additional area of 540 sq km is proposed to be covered across 9 States and 4 Union Territories. The scheme is planned to be implemented for a period of five years from 2023-2024 to 2027-2028. MISHTI is to be implemented by converging CAMPA Fund, MGNREGS, and other sources

IBDP Gets 4 More Yrs



Bhubaneswar: To improve and enhance working facilities nearer to worksites, the State Government has extended the Irrigation Building & Development Program (IBDP) for a period of another four years, from 2023-24 to 2026-27.

Department of Water Resources (DoWR) has issued a resolution in this regard on Thursday.

The State Government has decided to extend the tenure of the

scheme for a further period of four years with an outlay of Rs 49.90 crores, which will be met from State's own resources.

As per the resolution, the ongoing scheme has been extended to meet the requirement by way of constructing new buildings, completion of ongoing building works under IBDP phase II along with refurbishing the existing buildings of the department.

IBDP envisages construction and

refurbishing of new and existing buildings respectively of the Department of Water Resources to meet the space requirements after restructuring of cadre.

Repair and maintenance work of residential and non residential buildings which could not be taken up due to paucity of normal maintenance funds on need basis, would be taken up under the program.

The Water Resources

Department has proposed to construct, extend, renovate & refurbish 94 non - residential and residential buildings under the scheme during the four years. As per the plan, the Government has proposed to utilize Rs 5 crore during the current financial year while Rs 21.45 will be spent in 2024-25 and Rs 13.45 crore in 2025-26. Similarly, the Department has earmarked Rs 10 crore for the financial year 2026-27.



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International Chimpanzee Day

(Dr. Monika Raghuvanshi and Dr. Sonika Kushwaha, Indian Biodiversity Conservation Society)

To mark the significance of some momentous events, we commemorate the days on which these events happened to take place. Other than this, certain days are celebrated to generate awareness among the masses about essential subjects like awareness against any disease, gender equality, education, poverty, etc. Similarly, to create awareness regarding the environment and its rich biodiversity, Indian Biodiversity Conservation Society prepared a Green Calendar that has all days concerned with nature. One of these important days is World Chimpanzee Day. It was celebrated for the first time in year 2019 by

Jane Goodall Institute in Washington. July 14, has long been a special occasion, as it was on this day in 1960 that Dr Jane Goodall, began her pioneering research on wild chimpanzees in Gombe National Park, Tanzania. This year, there is an effort to save the chimpanzees.

Unfortunately, chimpanzees are listed as Endangered in the IUCN Red data List. At the end of the 20th century, there were an estimated 1–2 million chimpanzees in 25 countries in Africa. Current estimates suggest that there are now only 350,000 chimpanzees left in 21 African countries. They suffer from threats such as natural habitat loss, disease, fragmented populations, illegal



wildlife trafficking and are still being kept as illegal pets in many biomedical research facilities around the world, as well as roadside attractions and unaccredited zoos. The Jane Goodall Institute is doing important work to stop these threats and save chimpanzees. Humans and chimpanzees are the main members of the Apes species. Sixty

million years ago, the ancestors of humans and chimpanzees were the same. The brain of a chimpanzee is half the size of a human. Chimpanzees have an average lifespan of up to 40 years. Chimpanzees live in hierarchies in which more than one member may be dominant, suppressing the members below through displays of power. Interesting facts about

Chimpanzees and their intelligence

- Chimpanzees are capable of making strategies and are deceitful.
- They use stone and stick tools for digging and extracting termites.
- They communicate through signs and sounds.
- Chimpanzees perform mourning, courtship, rain dance etc.
- Chimpanzees eat fruits,

insects, eggs and meat. Hence they are omnivores.

- Chimpanzees can be infected with diseases such as measles, herpes, hepatitis B, etc.
- Chimpanzees are 6 to 7 times stronger than humans.
- They can learn human sign language.
- When ill, they consume medicinal plants to cure themselves.

The hoolock gibbon is the only ape found in India, belonging to the hoolock genus of the gibbon family of Hylobatidae. Unfortunately, other apes such as gorillas and chimpanzees are not native of India and can be found in some of the zoos.

OYO halves stay prices for Hockey World Cup in Bhubaneshwar and Rourkela

Bhubaneshwar: Global hospitality technology platform OYO has offered a 50% discount on stay across all its hotels in Bhubaneshwar and Rourkela for Hockey World Cup. The scheme is valid for the entire duration of the tournament from January 13-29, 2023. Approximately 800OYO hotels are covered under this scheme in these two cities. More than 1500 rooms will be available to accommodate the guests. Odisha is hosting the international event for the second consecutive time, the previous one having been held in Bhubaneshwar in 2018. Steel City Rourkela will be the fourth Indian city to organise the event. The matches will be held at two venues - Birsamundra Hockey Stadium in Rourkela and Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneshwar. Divided into four groups of four teams each, a total of 16 teams this year are vying for the World Cup trophy. The host country, India, has been placed in Group D along with England, Spain, and Wales. Thousands of spectators from all around the world are expected to visit Bhubaneshwar and Rourkela for this mega hockey tournament.

To avail this discount, guests can download the OYO App, click on the red 'Nearby' icon to discover a valid participating hotel, select the coupon code 'HockeyWC' and hit the Book Now button. They can also resolve their queries quickly with OYO's 24*7 chatbot - Yo! Chat. There are many hotels such as Hotel Swain Heritage, Hill Side Aqua, Aditya International, Prime Residency and Hotel Bhinna Sakhal in Bhubaneshwar and Hotel Priyal Amrit Sagar and The Prestige Tridev in Rourkela located in close proximity to the stadiums making it convenient for the guests to stay and enjoy scintillating hockey matches throughout the tournament.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Muskaan Litfest for Child Authors showcases young literary talent

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

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

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

day Litfest (Jan 10-12) was organized in collaboration with IGNC and in association with India International Centre and Sahitya Akademi as the knowledge partner. Shree Cement supported the event as a part of its corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative. The festival was inaugurated in the presence of Priyank Kanoongo, Chairman, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR). Also present on the occasion were Sachchidanand Joshi, member secretary, the executive and academic head of IGNC; K N Shrivastava, Director of

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

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

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

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

Almonds Food for Fitness

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

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

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

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

BCCI posts record 72 per cent uplift in its ICC revenue share

New Delhi: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has witnessed a significant uplift of 72 percent in its revenue share from the International Cricket Council (ICC). The development was communicated through an email from Jay Shah to the state associations on Friday, following the ICC's approval of the revenue distribution to its member boards at its Annual conference in Durban on Thursday. "The BCCI has been allocated a share of 38.5% in the new revenue distribution model approved by the International Cricket Council (ICC) Board in

its recent meeting held in Durban, South Africa. As you are aware, India's share was 22.4% in the previous cycle, which is now at 38.5%, a jump of approximately 72%. This is a significant increase in BCCI's share. This achievement is testament to the collective efforts and support of all our state associations and my colleagues at the BCCI," the BCCI secretary said in the mail, in possession of Cricbuzz.

This website reported on Thursday (July 13) that the revenue share allocated to the Board of Control for Cricket in



India (BCCI) amounts to approximately \$231 million or approximately Rs 2,000 crore annually. This

substantial increase can be attributed to the significant media rights agreement signed by the International Cricket

Council (ICC) with the Indian broadcaster, Disney Star. Under this new deal, Disney Star secured the

broadcasting rights for the next four years by offering a staggering \$3.1 billion. In comparison, the previous broadcast agreement spanned eight years and was valued at only \$1.9 billion. This substantial surge in the media rights deal has resulted in a remarkable boost in the BCCI's financial prospects. "This allocation reflects the tremendous efforts and contributions made by each one of you and the faith you have shown in the leadership at the BCCI. Our strong diplomatic and strategic ties with fellow ICC members have played a

vital role in securing this substantial share for India. This is a recognition of the significance of India as a nation in world cricket and underlines the fact that the heart of cricket well and truly beats in India," he further said in his communique. He also revealed that BCCI got allocation of a substantial amount to ICC's strategic fund. "In addition to our share in the revenue distribution, we have also advocated for a substantial portion of funds to be allocated to the ICC's strategic fund. This fund will be instrumental in fostering the growth of sport and investing in the

development of cricket in the next media rights cycle."

Arun Singh Dhumal attributed this to the visionary leadership of the BCCI. "The BCCI has in recent years bolstered its global standing as a visionary board under the astute leadership of Mr Jay Shah in the pantheon of cricket, wherein the BCCI has lead by example, be it the WPL, pay parity for women or the proliferation of the sport globally with the IPL. It was thus, just a matter of time before its contributions to the game of cricket were recognised by the ICC," the IPL chairman said.

'It was an emotional moment': Yashasvi Jaiswal on debut 100

New Delhi: Runs, runs and more runs have been Yashasvi Jaiswal's currency lately. A breakout year at the IPL was followed up with a call-up to the India squad for the WTC final, and now a debut in the longest format in West Indies. On the eve of the first Test in Dominica, Rohit Sharma put a lot of faith behind the Mumbai batter to come good and give India what they've always rated very highly - a left-right combination up top.

Jaiswal repaid the faith shown in him to become just the third Indian opener with a century on Test debut after Shikhar Dhawan (Mohali 2013) and Prithvi Shaw (Rajkot 2018). The 21-year-old, now the fourth youngest centurion on debut for India in Tests, revealed that the moment he got to the landmark was an emotional one, and vowed to keep going when play resumes on Friday. "It feels really good. It



was an emotional moment [getting 100]. My batting is still going on so the effort will be to play as long as possible for the team," Jaiswal said. "This is the start of my career so I'll strive to take that as long as possible too and see how focussed and disciplined I can be going ahead. "It was very emotional for me, for my family. And for all those who have supported me throughout because it has been a long journey for me. I want to

thank everyone who has helped in any way along the way and I want to dedicate this to my parents because they've had a big influence on my life, and I want to thank God. Don't want to say too much... I am happy, but this is the start. I need to keep up," he added. Rohit expected big things from Jaiswal and went on to forge a record first-wicket partnership for India against West Indies in the format - 229 runs. Through the alliance,

Jaiswal would reveal, that he kept talking to Rohit while batting. He kept explaining to me how to bat on this wicket and where the runs would come. We had very good communication between us," Jaiswal said. "Before the game also, he was talking to me, telling me 'you have to do it'. So I kept thinking about that and how I should prepare

mentally and score runs. So I think I've learnt a lot from this game and I'll try to keep doing that going forward too."

"It makes a lot of difference when experienced players and legends of our team [like Rohit, Virat, Rahane] sit with you, talk to you... It makes a big difference because I keep learning from them," Jaiswal added.

Even as Jaiswal enjoyed a record-breaking day, there's a lot more in store for him. He is currently batting on 143, and is only 44 short of Shikhar Dhawan's 187 which is the highest individual score by an Indian batter on Test debut. He is also just 57 away from becoming the first Indian batter to smash a double hundred on Test debut. But numbers aren't quite on Jaiswal's mind.

"My aim is to give the team a good start [on Day 3]. Besides that, what happens, happens (about 200)," he said.



Dhaka: Bangladesh skipper Nigar Sultana has rued the opportunity to beat India in the recently-concluded T20I series. Bangladesh earned a consolation win in the final T20I but things could have been different had they kept their nerve in the second encounter as well where they lost despite restricting India to a total below 100.

"We are really happy as we have won here after a long time," Nigar said about the win that came after a gap of five years. Their previous win against India came in the 2018 Asia Cup.

"We have always had close matches against

India. We felt that if we played a little better, this series would have been ours," she said. "I keep telling everyone that only when you allow your brain to tell yourself that we can beat India, we can definitely beat them. I think I am successful in that way but there's a lot left to do as a team. I think we could beat a team like India due to our change of mentality."

Nigar praised Shamima Sultana, who made a valuable 42 to steer her side home in the final T20I. "A run chase becomes easier when one of the top-order batters stays till the 14th or 15th over and Shamima did it

well. I was telling her to stay till the end," she said. "I didn't think the equation was too complicated. Taking singles made the chase easy for us. The ball wasn't coming on to the bat in this wicket. An aggressive shot could have been costly. I told her to carry on playing shots. If she carried the innings deep, it will make the equation easy for us." She also plays the sweep well although she got out playing the sweep in the last two matches. But I told her that you should play the shot that you're good at. I told her not to stop it, but make sure she plays the sweep properly.

Pathum Nissanka recalled for opening Test against Pakistan

New Delhi: Sri Lanka have recalled Pathum Nissanka to their Test squad for the first Test against Pakistan. Nissanka, who has played just three Tests for Sri Lanka, last featured in the format last year against Australia at home. The opener was in scintillating form recently in the World Cup qualifiers, smashing a couple of hundreds in Sri Lanka's successful campaign. Apart from Nissanka, pacer Kasun Rajitha has also been added to the 16-member squad with the selectors naming the squad only for the first game of the two-Test series. Lasith Embuldeniya, who didn't get a game against Ireland recently

at home, has been handed the axe. The likes of Asitha Fernando, Dushan Hemantha and Milan Priyanath Rathnayake have also been dropped from the squad that hammered Ireland 2-0 in the series in April. Dilshan Madushanka, who has had an impressive start to his ODI career this year, has found a spot in the squad for the longer format and will be in frame to make his debut. While Praveen Jayawickrama has been called back to the Test squad with his last appearance coming in May 2022, uncapped Lakshitha Manasinghe was included after an impressive showing against Pakistan in the

tour game recently. The first Test between Sri Lanka and Pakistan will kickstart this Sunday (July 16) at Galle before the teams move to Colombo for the second and final Test, which will commence on July 24.

Squad: Dimuth Karunaratne (C), Nishan Madushka, Kusal Mendis, Angelo Matthews, Dinesh Chandimal, Dhananjaya de Silva, Pathum Nissanka, Sadeera Samarawickrama, Kamindu Mendis, Ramesh Mendis, Prabath Jayasuriya, Praveen Jayawickrama, Kasun Rajitha, Dilshan Madushanka, Vishwa Fernando, Lakshitha Manasinghe

Wimbledon: Rohan Bopanna, Matthew Ebden Crash Out Of Men's Doubles

London: The duo of Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden crashed out of the men's doubles event of the Wimbledon 2023 following a straight-set defeat in the semifinals on Thursday. Bopanna and Ebden lost 7-5, 6-4 to the top-seeded Dutch-British pair of Wesley Koolhof and Neal Skupski in the semifinals of Wimbledon 2023. In the opening set, both partners matched each other shot for shot in the early exchanges. When the scores were 3-3, Wesley Koolhof and Neal Skupski won a break point to take control of the match and ride the momentum to win the first set. The second set was again a tight one, with neither duo giving an inch. Early on, Rohan

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