

SRC Issues Rain alert

Bhubaneswar(KCN): With IMD predicts heavy rain in the state for next four days, Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) and Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Satyabrata Sahu on Saturday alerted all the district collectors and municipal corporations to take all precautionary measures for the heavy rainfall.



There is a possibility of flash floods and flood-like situations in the state due to the heavy rains, ACS Shri Sahu said and asked the Collectors and Municipal Corporation Administrations to take all precautionary measures.

According to IMD prediction, a cyclonic circulation lies over the Northwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining north Odisha-Gangetic West Bengal coasts and extends up to 5.8 km above mean sea level tilting southward with height.

It is likely to move west-northwestward across north Odisha and adjoining Gangetic West

Bengal & Jharkhand during the next 2-3 days. "On the effect of heavy rainfall, flash flood-like situations/water logging may arise in low lying areas. Keeping in mind you are requested to take immediate action," the SRC Shri Sahu said.

He has asked the Collectors to alert the field-level functionaries in strategic locations of flash flooding and water logging and they should not leave the headquarters.

In urban areas, in case of heavy rain, the people of low lying areas can be shifted to safer locations temporarily, he suggested.

The Urban Local Bodies

have been directed to keep drain/stormwater channels de-congested and deploy adequate dewatering pumps as per need.

The Collectors were asked to regulate traffic movement and ensure supervision of weak/vulnerable points in river/canal embankments.

Drainage clearance must be ensured for free flow of flood water, SRC directed.

The IMD said a cyclonic circulation lies over north coastal Andhra Pradesh and a cyclonic circulation is likely to be formed over the Northwest Bay of Bengal around July 16.

Under its impact, heavy precipitation is likely to occur from July 15 to 19 and may cause flash floods and water logging in certain areas. Another fresh cyclonic circulation is likely to form over the Northwest Bay of Bengal around July 18, and as a result, wet spells of monsoon rainfall activity are likely to continue over Odisha with isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall.

Met sources said light to moderate rain or thundershowers were very likely to occur at most places in the districts of Odisha and issued a heavy rainfall warning for the next five days. It said temporary

water logging is likely in low-lying areas, and there will be the possibility of the collapse of vulnerable Kutch houses during an intense spell of rain. Due to heavy rain in twin cities of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack, water logging problems were faced in many areas of the two cities on Saturday.

Due to the rain, water logging is reported in Nayapalli, Old Town, several areas of Cuttack City, Jharpada, and low-lying areas of Bhubaneswar. The Dadhinauti of Rameshwar temple on the premises of the Mausima Mandir in Old Town Bhubaneswar was damaged by lightning. The incident occurred while puja was going on in the temple, and several Sevayats and devotees were present. The officials of the Archaeological Survey of India visited the spot. An official said the ASI team would examine the temple after the rain stopped to assess the damage.

Odisha Crime Branch 'Chargesheet' In Former Minister Naba Das Murder Triggers Political Slugfest

Bhubaneswar(KCN): A day after final chargesheet in former Odisha minister Naba Das murder appeared in media, Opposition BJD heightened attack on the government stating that it is trying to mislead the investigation as the statements of the deceased's family members were not given due importance.



This comes close on the heels of a reaction of the party's Bargarh MP Suresh Kumar Puri saying the chargesheet was 'waste paper'. "The wife and son of Naba Das earlier said it to be a pre-planned murder and we have also been saying the same thing. Odisha Crime Branch has concocted a story through the accused Gopal Das. The probe agency's theory that Gopal had tonsured his head prior to committing the crime is quite interesting and astonishing. The State government has been trying to get rid of the issue again in the Assembly," Majhi stated.

Meanwhile, Soro BJD MLA Parshuram Dhadha rubbished the allegations of the Opposition. "It was not at all a pre-planned murder. Investigation into the high-profile crime has brought everything to the fore. The Crime Branch chargesheet not having mention of a motive behind the murder does not necessarily mean that there was no motive behind it." "Probe was carried out based on statements made by the family members of Naba Das. Truth has surfaced and everything is crystal clear now," the legislator asserted.

KIMS to Start Dedicated Burn Centre, Offer Soon Free Cleft Lip & Cleft Palate Surgeries



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) will establish a burn section to address the increasing number of burn-related cases and provide high-quality treatment. The announcement was made during the celebration of World Plastic Surgery Day, which was attended by KIMS Principal Prof Ambika Prasad Mohanty, Medical Superintendent Prof RC Das, Facility Director of KIMS Super Specialty and Cancer Centre Dr Shaktimaya Mohapatra, Vice-Principal Prof Subhranshu Patro, Deputy Medical Superintendent Dr Ashwini Sharma, and Dr Haribandhu Mohanty, and Head of the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Dr Sunil Kumar Rout. The hospital will also offer free cleft lip and

cleft palate surgeries for the benefit of patients coming from all sections of society. The establishment of the burn section aims to alleviate the suffering of patients seeking quality treatment for burn injuries. Speaking at the event, Prof Das highlighted KIMS' exceptional facilities in Odisha and the region for plastic surgery cases, boasting an experienced team of surgeons who have been providing critical services to both general and corporate patients. Prof Mohanty emphasized the historical origins of Plastic Surgery, crediting the great Indian sage Sushruta, known as the Father of Modern Surgery, for its development. He noted that while the world has benefited greatly from advancements in this discipline. Dr Rout explained the importance of educating

the public about the broad scope of plastic surgery beyond cosmetic procedures.

He highlighted the variety of procedures available, such as those addressing congenital defects, cleft lip and cleft palate surgeries, burn injuries and their subsequent complications, cancer reconstruction surgeries, road accident victims, and nerve injuries resulting in hand paralysis.

Dr Rout emphasized that KIMS Hospital, its Super Specialty unit and the Cancer Centre are well-equipped to handle all types of plastic and reconstruction surgery cases, offering comprehensive services under one roof. He applauded the initiative of Dr Achyuta Samanta, the Founder of KIIT-KISS, in creating state-of-the-art infrastructure and providing affordable services.

Bhubaneswar(KCN): In a major jolt ahead of the 2024 elections, the Congress has suspended two senior leaders including a sitting MLA and ex-MLA from the party for indulging in anti-party activities.

The All India Congress Committee (AICC) has

suspended Cuttack-Barabati MLA Mohd. Moquim and ex-MLA Chiranjib Biswal for indulging in anti-party activities, which are against the interest of the party, AICC General Secretary Tariq Anwar said in a press statement today.

The action was taken as per the complaint of Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) President Sarat Pattanayak. Following the complaint by the OPCC Chief, the matter was referred to the Disciplinary Action Committee (DAC). The DAC issued notices to both of them asking for their explanations.

"The replies received from them were

carefully considered



by the DAC and found them unsatisfactory. Accordingly, the DAC has decided to place both of them under suspension from the Party with immediate effect," said Shri Anwar, who is also the Member-Secretary of DAC.

This action comes ahead of the 2024 polls. So, this may affect the party's mission to win 90 MLA seats from the 9 seats it had won in 2019.

According to party

sources, the action was

taken as both the senior

leaders have organized a

India, UAE sign MoU to begin trade settlement in their currencies

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday held talks with UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, who received him at the airport on his arrival from France.

In a tweet, the PMO said: "Prime Minister Modi had a wonderful meeting with Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. Their discussions focussed on enhancing India-UAE ties in a host of sectors, including trade, economy, culture as well as people-to-people connect." During the meeting, Modi and the UAE President announced that their countries have agreed to begin trade settlement in their currencies.

"This is a very important aspect of India-UAE cooperation. It paves the way for enhanced economic collaboration

and will make international financial interactions simpler," PM Modi said in a tweet in reply to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) commenting on MoUs between the two nations.

The RBI and the Central Bank of the UAE on Saturday signed two MoUs to establish a framework to promote the use of local currencies for cross-border transactions and cooperation for interlinking their payment and messaging systems.

The MoUs were signed by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das and the Governor of the Central Bank of UAE, Khaled Mohamed Balama.

The MoUs were exchanged between the two Governors, in the presence of the PM Modi and Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

Sharing the details of the two MoUs, the RBI in a

statement said the MoU on establishing a framework for the use of local currencies for transactions between India and UAE, aims to put in place a local currency settlement system (LCSS) to promote the use of Indian Rupee and AED bilaterally.

It said that the MoU covers all current account transactions and permitted capital account transactions. It further said that creation of the LCSS would enable exporters and importers to invoice and pay in their respective domestic currencies, which in turn would enable the development of an INR-AED foreign exchange market.

"This arrangement would also promote investments and remittances between the two countries. Use of local currencies would optimise transaction costs and settlement time for transactions, including for remittances from Indians residing in UAE," it said.

It also said that under the MoU on 'Payments and Messaging Systems', the

two central banks agreed to cooperate on linking their fast payment systems (FPSs) – Unified Payments Interface (UPI) of India with Instant Payment Platform (IPP) of UAE and linking the respective Card Switches (RuPay switch and UAESWITCH) and exploring the linking of payments messaging systems i.e., Structured Financial Messaging System (SFMS) of India with the messaging system in the UAE.



Indian Science News Association (ISNA) celebrated its Foundation Day on July 12, 2023 in Kolkata

Kolkata (Partha Roy): Indian Science News Association (ISNA) celebrated its Foundation Day on July 12, 2023 at the N.R. Sen Hall, Science College Campus, Rajabazar in Kolkata. Dr. Amit Krishna De, Honorary Secretary, ISNA who anchored the program introduced all the dignitaries on the dais at beginning of the program.

The recorded welcome address of Dr K. Muraleedharan, President, ISNA, was presented for the

The dignitaries were welcomed with presents of saplings.

of saplings.
Prof. Manas Chakrabarty,

another Secretary of ISNA, briefly narrated the genesis of the organization, highlighting on the uninterrupted publication of Science and Culture (the mouthpiece of ISNA), the continuation of a Training Course on and ChatGPT under the theme - "Dear Data -The Good, the Bad and the Future of GPT". focussed on the early days and the present status of AI, including Chat GPT, especially on its importance in educational field and research.

Training Course on Science Communication and Media Practice and on the recent publication of two e-journals - Scientifica Communica (in English) and Bigyan Kahon (in Bengali). Prof. Souvik

Prof. Souvik Bhattacharyya, Principal Academic Advisor, TCG Centres of Research and Education in Science and Technology who was Chief Guest, spoke on new-age technology - Artificial Intelligence students. Dr. Kailash Bhardwaj, Senior Curator, NCSM (Hqrs) read out the speech of Shri Samarendra Kumar, Deputy Director General and Director Headquarters. Two



students, Miss Aditri Gupta and Miss Akansha Chatterjee, both from DPS, Ruby Park, are the two recipients of Mrinal Kanti Dewanjee 'Students Award on Basic Science Research', then briefly presented their proposals by powerpoint. A cash Prize of Rs. 10,000/- and a Certificate from ISNA were then given to each awardee by Professor Souvik Bhattacharyya. In the absence of Sri Prasanta K. Bose, the Editor of the two e-Papers, Joint Editor Dr. Arnab Banerjee and Assistant Editor Sukalyan Gain briefly stated the background of how they prepared the present issue (vol. 2, issue 2) of *Bigyan Kahon* which was shown to the audience and released officially by Prof. Souvik Bhattacharyya. Prof. Dhrubajyoti Chattopadhyay, Vice-President, ISNA and Vice-Chancellor, Sister Nivedita University delivered the concluding speech covering the activities of ISNA, its training programme and the importance of science education and teaching. He stressed on the role of science communicators in society. Finally, Dr. Amit Krishna De delivered a Vote of Thanks to all the speakers, the dignitaries and the members of audience.

Care For VSS Memorial



Sambalpur(KCN): Secretary to CM V K Pandian, visited Sambalpur District to review the progress of various developmental work in the district and redressal of public grievances.

Shri Pandian visited Kuchinda to participate in the public grievance

redressal meeting. He interacted with the citizens and assured timely redressal. He participated in similar programs at Rengali and Sambalpur. Shri Pandian visited Khinda, the birthplace and memorial of Veer Surendra Sai. He paid tribute to the freedom fighter and interacted with his family members and public. He informed Chief Minister over phone regarding the development proposal. Chief Minister immediately directed the Tourism Department to examine and process the proposal. Within an

hour, the sanction letter to take up project worth Rs 6.41 crores was issued. He interacted with the college students in Sambalpur. He informed them about Chief Minister approval for including all colleges in Sambalpur under 5T Transformation and sanctioning of Rs 27.75 crores for 59 colleges. He motivated the students to work hard in studies and personality development. Shri Pandian visited Maa Ghanteswari Temple and discussed regarding the Temple development and pilgrim facilities. R. Vineel Krishna, Special Secretary to CM, Deepak Kumar, IGP, Northern Range, Ananya Das, Collector, Mukesh Kumar Bhamoo, SP and senior officials of the district were present during the visit.

From Abadha Rate Chart To Its Sale, Srimandir Forms Panel To Look Into Issues



Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) has constituted a core committee to look into the issues of Ananda Bazar, the iconic dining area on the premises of Srimandir in Odisha's Puri city.

The core committee has 11 members comprising representatives from

Suar-Mahasuar Nijog of the shrine, Srimandir Managing Committee, SJTA and local police, sources said.

Members of Suar-Mahasuar Nijog, who have been entrusted with the responsibilities of cooking and selling Mahaprasad (Abadha) on the shrine premises, had earlier urged the SJTA to introduce appropriate measures to address various issues of Ananda Bazar and ensure discipline at the dining space. They had urged the SJTA to identify and remove unauthorized people from Ananda Bazar, display rate charts of Mahaprasad and ensure drinking water and other

facilities for the devotees. They also urged the temple administration to put up sheds at the dining area, set up a help desk for devotees and ensure cleanliness at Ananda Bazar. The Suar-Mahasuar Nijog has urged the SJTA to make necessary arrangements for the sale of dry Prasad at the North Gate of the 12th century shrine, sources said.

“The SJTA has constituted a core committee to look into the various issues of Ananda Bazar and also the demands of Suar-Mahasuar Nijog. The panel has been asked to submit its report within seven days. The SJTA will take appropriate steps after going through the report,” said a temple official.

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Satyaprem Ki Katha: Kartik Aaryan, Kiara Advani's Song 'Aaj Ke Baad' Wins Hearts, Crosses 30 Million Views



Bringing the tunes of pure love, Sajid Nadiadwala and Namah Pictures's 'Satyaprem Ki Katha's title song 'Aaj Ke Baad', started to take over the hearts of the masses in no time. After treating the audience with the romantic melody 'Naseeb Se', 'Aaj Ke Baad' undoubtedly is the most romantic soulful pure love song that has arrived after a long time. Having made its entry directly into the hearts, the song has crossed 30 million views in just 24 hours of its release.

Rejuvenating the feeling of pure love 'Aaj Ke Baad' is one of the songs that the audience heard in the teaser and from then they demanded its

release. As the song dropped, it started to spread its magic and collected 30 million

views in just 24 hours, becoming the most-viewed video worldwide across all platforms. The

song is also trending at the top of music charts and on YouTube in just 24 hours.

Having touched the hearts of millions with its melody, the song has profoundly proven itself

to be worth as good as iconic romantic numbers like 'Kesariya' and 'Kabira'. Moreover, Kartik Aaryan and Kiara Advani's crackling chemistry in the song makes them stand in the league of iconic pairs of Bollywood like SRK-Kajol and Ranbir-Deepika.

'Satyaprem Ki Katha' also marks a massive collaboration between NGE and Namah Pictures. Interestingly, Sajid Nadiadwala and Shareen Mantri Kedia with Kishor Arora and director Sameer Vidwans won a National Award for their respective feature films. 'Satyaprem Ki Katha' will be released in theaters on June 29, 2023.

Saif Ali Khan Indulges Himself Into Intense Workout For Action-Thriller Devara



Saif Ali Khan, the versatile actor, is currently engrossed in the shooting of his highly anticipated project 'Devara'. The film features intense action sequences between Saif Ali Khan and the acclaimed Telugu actor NTR, which has necessitated a rigorous work regime and dedicated fitness schedule for Saif.

In 'Devara', an action-packed thriller directed by acclaimed filmmaker Koratala Siva, Saif Ali Khan plays the role of a fearless and determined protagonist. To portray this character authentically, Khan has

taken on a rigorous fitness routine in Hyderabad, pushing his limits to achieve the desired physical transformation. Guided by a team of expert trainers and nutritionists,

Khan's dedication and hard work have been commendable.

Recognizing the importance of physicality in portraying a character convincingly, Saif Ali Khan has invested

significant time and effort into his training. His gym routine consists of a combination of weight training, cardio exercises, and functional training, carefully tailored to meet the demands of his role in

'Devara'. Khan's determination to excel in every aspect of his performance is a testament to his professionalism and passion for his craft.

Every character brings unique challenges and requires a certain level of dedication. For 'Devara', he wanted to not only understand the emotional depth of the character but also physically embody his strength and resilience.

It has been an exhilarating journey, and excited to bring this character to life on the silver screen. With 'Devara', Saif Ali Khan continues to push his boundaries as an actor, leaving a lasting impact.

Ananya Panday's

Cousin Ahaan Panday To Make Debut With

Aditya Chopra's Yash

Raj Films

Ahaan Panday, cousin of Bollywood actress Ananya Panday, is getting his big break under the guidance of Aditya Chopra. The actor has been undergoing intensive grooming for the past 3 years and is now set to be launched under the YRF banner. Aditya is known for his knack for creating stars from Anushka Sharma, Ranveer Singh to Ayushmann Khurrana.

As per a source, the film starring Ahaan will go on floors next year. The source informed, "It is the Gen Z era now and so it is highly likely that the next big star of India will be from this generation, someone who is relatable to today's youth. With Aditya Chopra feeling that Ahaan is a strong contender for this level of stardom, all eyes will be on the young boy to see how he can floor everyone with his first film."

"Ahaan has shown that he chooses to stay away from the public gaze in recent years to only focus on improving his craft and that goes well with the YRF ethos because the company always bets on talent and sincerity."

Vijay Varma Gears up for Berlin International Film Festival 2023 as 'Dahaad' is all set to be Premiered

Computer at Rotterdam and Suitable Boy at Toronto Film Festival!

This Vijay Varma starrer is set in a small town in Rajasthan and is an 8-episode slow-burn crime drama. Created by Reema Kagti, and Zoya Akhtar, 'Dahaad' is directed by Reema Kagti and Ruchika Oberoi. The show stars also star Sonakshi Sinha, Gulshan

Every time Vijay

Varma comes into the frame, he has stolen the show with a brilliant performance. Vijay has always been versatile and has won people's hearts with his exciting performances and he is going global again with his Web Series 'Dahaad' is all set to screen at the 2023 Berlin International Film

Festival. film of Vijay

after Monsoon Shootout, Gully Boy, Ok

Computer, and Suitable Boy, which will be

premiered at the International film

festival. 'Dahaad' is all set to become India's first

Web series to premiere at Berlin Film Festival. The

actor made a presence on the prestigious stage

along with the team.

As Vijay is gearing up for Berlin Film

Festival let's look back at his previous projects which were appreciated internationally -

Monsoon Shootout was

screened at the Cannes Film

Festival, followed by one of the most

amazing performances Gully Boy was screened

at the Berlin Film Festival then he has Ok

made you turn India into your home?

It has been so amazing. My husband Daniel (Weber) and I could erase some of the bad memories, but it has been a fulfilling decade

which we have spent here.

It's been a dream — we've gotten into

production, films,

shows, television and

entrepreneurship in

different spaces. I love

being here and I am very

happy about it. A long

time ago, Daniel and I

were staying at a five-

star hotel, our make-shift

home. I was shooting for

Jism 2 at that time and I

met a woman who had

told me that once you are

here, India will get a hold

of you and you will never

want to move to another country. She was right!

Like it happens to so many people who come

here, it happened to me,

too. There is something

magical about being in

India and being in this

industry. This country

holds you back in a good

way. I remember what

that lady said as I

complete each year here.

I never want to leave and

be anywhere else. This is

my home. At work, I

have tapped into so

many different outlets of

entertainment. India is

one of the fastest

emerging countries as far

as creating content goes

— we're doing so much

of it every single day. It's

unbelievable. If you are

a professional and



sincere, you will be very busy. If you just focus on work and go back home, and not steal someone else's hard work, you'll be home and at peace.

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Positive signs of poverty alleviation & economic progress



In the bright effect of 'AzadiKaAmritMahotsav', auspicious signs have started to shape the resolution of a poor-free India while creating a strong India. In the plans and targets set by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his government for the centenary celebrations of independence in the year 2047, comprehensive plans have also been made for eradication of poverty. Before this, the schemes made by the Modi government have brought miraculous results for poverty alleviation.

In a recently released study report by the United Nations Development Program and Oxford University, it was told that in the last fifteen years, India has managed to lift 415 million people above the poverty line. Undoubtedly, this news paints a happy picture of the Indian economy. Another good economic signal has come that according to the famous

financial agency Goldman Sachs, the Indian economy will become the second largest economic force in the world by the year 2075. In the last nine years, the Modi government has established many dimensions of development and empowerment, the government has implemented such schemes for the welfare of the poor, due to which meaningful efforts have been made to wash away the stigma of the shame of poverty on the face of India. Those living below the line have been elevated. From the year 2005 to 2020, about 41 crore people in the country have come above the poverty line, yet India is the only country in the world where poverty is highest. On the basis of the success and possibilities of India and its economy, political stability, Modi government's far-reaching and poverty alleviation plans have a big role.

The figures of UNDP's Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) also confirm the same fact. In the year 2005-06, about 645 million people in the country were living below the multidimensional

poverty line. At present, this number has reduced considerably, according to the Global Multidimensional Poverty Index, there are a total of 23 crore poor people in India.

Despite this, it is a clear indication that in spite of all the welfare schemes, the country is in dire need of economic self-reliance & self-employment for the poor with discussion on new ideas and welfare schemes to achieve the goal of poverty alleviation. A balanced social structure can be made only by overcoming the selfish political mentality of distributing free hawkers to the poor and collecting their votes. The Modi government has been politically stable and poverty alleviation has been one of its priorities.

The government of the great economist Manmohan Singh was also stable and he too took concrete initiatives to eradicate poverty. This effort has been going on continuously since the time of his government. The unique thing is that both these governments have stood on two opposite political polls, but their economic philosophy has been the same. But the policy makers of the Indian economy need to take a

serious look at some of its anomalies. As much as it is necessary to end poverty in the country, tackling economic disparities is no less citizenship? Indian ruling establishments have to find logical ways to control these anomalies. We cannot forget that even above

as India's growing gap between rich and poor is a cause for concern, which should have been a major political issue, but unfortunately never



important than that.

A recent Oxfam report had revealed that 60 per cent of the country's wealth is held by just five percent of Indians, while the bottom 50 per cent own just three per cent of the national wealth. We should be happy that we have lifted so many crores of people above the poverty line in a decade and a half, but we cannot ignore the fact that more than 80 crore people are being provided free ration. A significant number of our millionaires and billionaires are also settling down in other countries. Shouldn't there be some effective penal system for billionaires who give up Indian

the level at which our poverty line is fixed, life is very difficult. That's why efforts should be made to make these happy economic pictures pleasant for crores of marginalized Indians. The two agencies which have presented a happy and prosperous economic picture of India, in that picture one is related to present India, the other is related to future India. Both the pictures are highlighting the point of becoming the biggest economic power of New India, Strong India, Developed India and others. More caution and vigilance is expected in these happy moments. These are more challenging times,

became a political issue. Perhaps the shops of political parties are run on the strength of these rich and persistence of poverty is the biggest weapon to bring them to power. It is unfortunate that the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer. What better issue can there be before the opposition? For the reduction in poverty figures, mention of two developments is being heard these days. First, massive cash payments through various programs like the Rural Employment Guarantee and second, subsidized fuel and free food grains under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan

rebellion within him. Inflation is increasing rapidly these days. Tomatoes have turned red, should they never become a big political weapon like onions? Certainly, the solution of inflation is a burning issue, in addition to the efforts of the Central Reserve Bank on the monetary front, more efforts are expected from the Central and State Governments, such as reduction in excise duty, VAT etc. taxes, adequate supply of essential commodities, prohibition of black marketing, simplification by reduction in customs duty on imports, promotion of trade and enterprise at grassroots rather than large industrial and trading houses, etc. With this, the deposit-capital and income of the poor will be safe and the way will be prepared for them to come out of the poverty line. Like countries like Japan and China, every citizen of India has to be linked to the product and enterprise.

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Gender equality in sustainable development



habits and roles. The relationship between men and women in the family, workplace or public sphere is determined by patriarchy.

While there is a clear mention of equality between men and women in the Constitution and Declaration of Human Rights. Gender equality is the process of achieving justice for women and men. Efforts to ensure this have been ongoing at the local, national and global levels for a long time. Gender equality requires that women and men have equal access to social power, decision-making, opportunities, resources and rewards. What is said remains only in words, not in actual action.

Virginia Woolf wrote in her essay "A woman should have her own room. Where she can feel free enough to see herself in both fictional and non-fictional ways. As in

writing fiction, we are free to write whatever comes to mind and let our imaginations fly." Similarly, in her personal space, a woman should have the freedom to fly at every level without fear. That can reflect her intelligence at the level of subtle thinking. It should be her choice who can be present in her personal space. Only then she can have her own thoughts, her own opinions, needs, language, symbols can even express the question of her sexuality. As one person wrote in his essay - "These private rooms give women the ability to think freely and without hindrance."

Recently, the United Nations Development Program's 2023 'Gender Social Norms Index' has been published. Discrimination against women has been assessed in it. Based on political, educational, economic and physical integrity, this index shows people's attitude towards the

role of women. According to the index, about 90% of the world's women have some form of prejudice against women. For example, almost half of the population thinks that men can be better political leaders than women. Globally, women hold only 24 percent of parliamentary seats, and only ten of the 193 member states have a female head of state. That is despite equal voting rates between men and women. According to the report, 28 percent of people think that a man tries to silence his wife.

In fact, recent events indicate that this thinking is changing. Raquel Laguna of the UNDP gender group said - the 'me too' movement has signaled the women's rights movement around the world. Because new ideals and alternatives are needed. As a result, conscious people are campaigning for gender equality. But it is also a fact that many practices and

prejudices prevalent in our society hinder the path of gender equality. For example, in many districts of Rajasthan, an evil practice called Atta-Sata is prevalent. In which a girl is exchanged for a girl. That is, the house from which the girl is taken, is given to her daughter. Means a replacement girl. This is especially the case in those families where sons may be married or unmarried for one reason or another.

They are not getting married or their marriage is hindered due to old age or lack of money. In such a situation, the girls are exchanged with mutual understanding to solve the problem. It is argued that doing so saves a lot of wedding expenses, or that many couples get married for less. But even in this practice, most of the girls have to compromise with their likes and dislikes. Sometimes girls are exchanged at a young age. As a result, many incidents have come to light

from time to time, in which women have committed suicide due to this evil practice. Because if he breaks his marriage or refuses to marry, then his brother's house will also be destroyed. They are forced to commit suicide due to fear.

The main reason for the increase in violence and crime against women in today's society is that they are only seen as objects of physical enjoyment. Ignoring their knowledge, economy, power, ideas and political acumen. However, it has always been neglected. There are countless such examples in society. It is true that women have actively participated in all those fields, but the society ignores their participation and contribution by putting their bodies in the front (centre) and treating them as toys for enjoyment. It is not that there have not been any positive changes in the status of women since ancient times. But it is also true that there

has not been any significant change in the mentality of the male society towards women.

That's why sociologists suggest - the oppressors trying to take away women's freedom have to look for human rights. Because it cannot be denied that women themselves do not exist in the consciousness of women. They have limited their scope. Because they are only thinking about husband, children, cooking, clothes and house. However, in today's society, the role of working women is changing drastically. Now women in some areas are aware of their rights and responsibilities. Gender equality ranks fifth in the list of Sustainable Development Goals to be achieved by 2030. But at the rate at which the incidents of violence and abuse against women are increasing, it does not seem easy to achieve this goal by 2030.

In this regard, in summary, it can only

be pointed out that in order to create a society free of social equality and gender discrimination, there is a need to change the attitudes towards women in the society. Some aspects have to be looked at such as not disrespecting the talent of women, not treating them as non-economic units, not accepting their bodies as mere objects of fortune, not believing that they lack the power to make decisions. All these can easily give them confidence and help in establishing their identity. Especially in this era, central and state governments, administration and education institutions and intellectuals have to take strict measures with awareness. So it is believed that women can be provided with a safe society.

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Science City & NSSO organised "Waste to Wealth" Awareness program for underprivileged children during "Swachhata Pakhwada" in Kolkata

Kolkata (Partha Roy): Science City Kolkata in collaboration with National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) organised four day "Waste to Wealth" workshop on cleanliness for underprivileged children from July 10-13, 2023.

Science City Kolkata a unit NCSM of Ministry of Culture and NSSO a unit of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation of Government of India collaborated and organised workshop to train the underprivileged children to develop art and craft items out of waste materials as well as spread awareness on Environmental issues and climate change.

Thirty children of different age groups participated in the workshop.

The resource persons of Science City Kolkata trained these children to empower children with skills in creativity and problem solving. A quiz was organised to evaluate understanding of environmental awareness.

Two puppet shows on "Cleanliness" and "Safe environment" were also organised to emphasize the idea of Cleanliness and to raise awareness of the safe environment.

The Additional Director General, NSSO Shri P.



"Waste to Wealth" workshop by Science City & NSSO



Sangeet Kumar mentioned that several initiatives are taken by NSSO across the country to raise awareness about Swachhata. He wholeheartedly appreciated the role of Science City, Kolkata to execute this workshop as conceived. Shri Onkar Prosad Ghosh, Deputy Director General and the Chairman, Organizing Committee, Survey Design and Research Division, NSSO said that the effort can be treated as one of the pioneering components in the Swachhata Movement in the country involving science, art and

environment-friendly way by handholding with different organizations of Government of India and common citizens of the country involving all concerned stakeholders. Shri Nirmal Kumar Tudu, Deputy Director General and Chairman, Organizing Committee, Data Processing Division, NSSO said that the effort can be treated as one of the pioneering components in the Swachhata Movement in the country involving science, art and

economics under one umbrella. "Swachhata" encompasses both physical and mental hygiene, extending beyond a one-day event to become a lifelong pursuit for individuals. In urban areas, the escalating issue of waste poses a significant challenge. Very few people are aware of its potential for reuse, a concept known as upcycling, which can lead to recycling and reuse of materials. To address this, NSSO and Science City, Kolkata

have collaborated and organized this four-day workshop called "Waste to Wealth". I hope the underprivileged children will be immensely benefitted from this initiative and learn a valuable skill for swachhata as well as for economic upliftment." – said Shri Samarendra Kumar, DDG, National Council of Science Museums (NCSM). More than 150 underprivileged children from different NGOs of Kolkata participated in the valedictory program. The workshop initiative of Science City Kolkata and NSSO share the spirit of and nearly coincide with United Nations' World Youth Skills Day which is observed on 15th July every year. Theme of World Youth Skills Day 2023 : " Skilling Teachers, Trainers and Youth for a Transformative Future". The objective of Science City Kolkata and NSSO workshop aptly match with theme of World Youth Skills Day 2023. Youths and children with proper skills and having awareness and understanding of environmental challenges are going to play important roles to tackle climate change as well as other environment related challenges and create socio-economic prosperity in the society.

162 Battalion CRPF Holds free medical camp in Dudhwan-Kupwara



Kupwara Jk (Aasif CRPF Shri Rajiv Kumar, Malik): A free Medical Assistant Commandant health check-up camp was organized in Abhishek Yadav, Dr. Dudhwan Kupwara under the Civic Action Ajay Kumar Medical Officer 162 Battalion and other dignitaries were present on this occasion.

During the Medical camp a large number of people including women, children, senior citizens of the area visited to take advantage of the camp. Second-In-Command 162 Battalion CRPF Shri Rajiv Kumar said while talking to media, "today we have organized a free medical camp and consultancy for those who require medical

assistance and you see a large number of people turned up in the programme. The aim of such Programmes is to have good relations with locals and also help them in difficult times. It's a continuous process and 162 Battalion is periodically conducting community outreach programs in one or other way. In the past also such free medical camps were organized in Kupwara District". Meanwhile the locals extended gratitude to 162 Battalion CRPF for conducting the medical camp in the area.

Bihar emerging as Ethanol Hub of India :Bihar's ACS Sandeep Poundrik

Kolkata (Partha Roy): Bihar is emerging as ethanol production hub of India as said by Additional Chief Secretary of Industry of Bihar Shri Sandeep Poundrik at Bihar Investment Meet in Kolkata on 14th July 2023. Bihar Investors' Meet was hosted by Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in Kolkata in collaboration with Government of Bihar. Bihar investors' roadshow centred on business opportunities and investment opportunities in Bihar.

Chief Minister of Bihar Shri Nitish Kumar in a video message called upon Industrialists, Business Chambers and others to provide necessary inputs and suggestions to Government in development of industry friendly Industrial development policy of Bihar.

The session was addressed by a Shri. Sandeep Poundrik, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Industries, Government of Bihar, Dr. Rajeev Singh Director General, Indian Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Sanjay Jain Chairman, ICC Textiles Committee & MD, TT Limited and Mr. Naresh Juneja Chairman, ICC Leather Committee & Chairman, Fenasia Ltd. The Bihar Investor's Meet was attended by industrialists, Corporate Houses representatives, textile and leather industries specialists, ready-made garments and wide range of leather goods manufacturers, diplomats, business leaders from various

sectors. Shri Sandeep Poundrik spoke on Investment Policies of Bihar Government with special thrust on Textiles, Leather and Biofuel policies.

ACS Sandeep Poundrik mentioned last year four ethanol plant started their operations and eleven ethanol plants are under various stages of construction. Sandeep Poundrik also mentioned Bihar is expected to have largest number of ethanol plants in the country.

Development of Biofuel sector will lead Bihar to play major role in energy sector of the country.

Bihar offers Customised Incentive Package on Investment in Plant and Machinery above INR500 crores as well as employment of more than 500 persons.

While speaking on the business and investment opportunities in the state of Bihar, Shri. Sandeep Poundrik, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Industries, Government of Bihar, commented, "Whenever people hear about Bihar, they often form an impression that is generally unfavourable or unflattering. Bihar boasts a substantial pool of highly skilled human resources. Following the COVID-19 pandemic, a significant number of 1.5 million individuals returned to Bihar, contributing to the abundance of manpower available in the State. Our state is also blessed with abundant water resources, including prominent rivers that provide a valuable resource for the textile and

leather industries. We also excel in the production of fine-quality silk. Notably, Bihar holds the top position in jute fibre production within the country and is home to 8% of the nation's total bovine population. Moreover, we provide robust policy support and foster congenial industrial relations, such as the Bihar Textile & Leather Policy 2022, the Bihar Start-up Policy 2022, and many more. I would like to highlight the strategic location and significant market linkages of the state, accompanied by its substantial consumer base.

With a population of approximately 13 crores, Bihar stands as the third-most populous state in the country. Its advantageous position provides convenient access to neighbouring countries. Furthermore, Bihar also boasts a strong base of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), contributing to exceptional economic growth. Even amidst the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we achieved a commendable growth rate of 2.5% in 2020-21, while the national growth rate stood at -7.2%.

Furthermore, Bihar's growth rate for 2021-22 reached 10.9%, surpassing the national growth rate of 8.7%. Additionally, Bihar exhibits a transparent and proactive governance approach, facilitated by a robust online single-window system, ensuring timely payment of incentives. I can assure that we pay incentives on time



with an accuracy rate of 95%. The Bihar Industrial Investment Promotion Policy 2016 provides incentives for industrial investment, including interest subvention, tax benefits, reimbursement of SGST, electricity duty reimbursement, and support for skill development. The policy offers interest subventions of up to 10% or 12%, reimbursement of SGST up to 80% or 100%, full reimbursement of electricity duty, skill development incentives up to INR 20,000, 100% reimbursement or exemption from stamp duty registration fees, and 100% exemption from land conversion fees depending on the industry. Just as Dhaka in Bangladesh serves as a prominent industrial hub, there exists a place in Bihar bearing the same name—Dhaka. Our objective is to transform Dhaka, Bihar, into a thriving centre for the textile industry. To conclude, I can highlight that we provide comprehensive services, including guided tours to available plots and Plug & Play facilities, opportunity

assessment, support in obtaining necessary NOCs/ licences and departmental approvals, Single Window Clearance, assistance in bank linkages, and 3-6 months of training support for skill development."

Dr. Rajeev Singh, Director General ICC in his welcome address, said "The Indian Chamber of Commerce has a presence in Patna, and the organisation is dedicated to doing whatever in its power to assist the state of Bihar in luring investors. In any event, the chamber's mandate includes supporting our members' industries and assessing their expansion plans in addition to working with state governments. Mr. Poundrik has been a constant factor, highly committed to the industry growth in the state. There is no doubt that the state of Bihar has the largest domestic market and the most important thing is the workforce. Bihar has a large population of highly trained individuals who are everywhere. I'm confident that it will be seen positively in light of

the potential, the market, and the Bihar Government's offer. While addressing on the theme, Mr. Sanjay Jain Chairman, ICC Textiles Committee & MD, TT Limited, stated, "Having met many bureaucrats, I can confidently declare that Mr. Sandeep Poundrik is the greatest I have yet to meet. Despite being the additional chief secretary of the Bihar government, he is quite grounded. He has very clear thinking. As the head of the most important department, the Industries Department, he is always available, even for minor clarifications. It was eye-opening for me to see how the government and bureaucracy embraced the industry when I was in Bihar in June of last year for the introduction of the Textile Policy. The policy is unquestionably fantastic, but I've been following the different phases for the last year, so I can state that it isn't just a paper policy that should be used, followed, and appreciated. The reason I chose Bihar is because, as the chairperson of the textile industry, if you are running an industry today, you will know there are two things that are going to be a premium in India as well as abroad, which are labour and water. In all honesty, people are always a little afraid of the name Bihar. Due to frequent rains and the gift of Mother Ganga flowing from the state's

centre, Bihar enjoys a surplus of water. If you visit any region of the nation, you will see workers from Bihar operating machinery and industries that produce things for export. Bihar also has a lot of labour, and the country runs thanks to them. Labour is a crucial component if we want to be a powerhouse.... I believe this is an excellent chance to have a positive administration, positive policies, a positive outlook, and investments in plug-and-play for the businesses, particularly the labour-intensive ones that require water. Additionally, they have supporters who wish to extend directly across the border as well as a stronghold in Bengal, our native state. I also recall seeing a map showing that Bengal has leather facilities and that they are aiming to build leather facilities directly across the border, so you may place your units there. This is a really nice comment because it comes from a businessperson, not the government. You provide less, but you make sure it's given to industry on time, and industry itself is your strongest advocate, as I mentioned in Bihar last year in front of our CM and other officials. They are maintaining their word, therefore it's time we had a close look at them before being compelled to visit their state. It will be better if we make a humble beginning and see what they are offering. They way real estate in Bihar is growing offers an enormous market due to the high density of the population, just like Bengal and UP. We are very thankful to the government for coming down here looking for opportunities. We can open up to a flurry of opportunities to take advantage of the knowledge, strength and skills for getting a foothold in a market that is equally important and provides a conducive investment environment." While delivering the vote of thanks, Mr. Naresh Juneja Chairman, ICC Leather Committee & Chairman, Fenasia Ltd, said, "I believe the session enhanced us and gave us important information on the Bihar investors' meet. Bihar is actively developing a supportive environment and forming policies so that businesses may come and expand and revitalise the state's economy for the benefit of the whole country. Investors are receiving a lot of help from Bihar. In terms of connectivity, Bihar is a popular investment destination. Investors may benefit from the state's top-notch logistics infrastructure. In the upcoming years, the government hopes to make Bihar the next startup hub in India. Further we would like to organise a exclusive gathering for leather industry professionals and do a few roadshows, starting in Kolkata and Kanpur before expanding to the rest of India."

KIIT Student Snehadeep Kumar Becomes Youngest Participant at UK National Astronomy Meeting

KIIT is the only institute in the world to produce undergraduate delegate in NAM history

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Snehadeep Kumar, a 2nd year Electronics and Electrical student of KIIT-DU, remained the cynosure of all eyes at the prestigious National Astronomy Meeting (NAM) 2023 held in the UK last week.

Snehadeep garnered admiration as he became not only the youngest to present a poster at the meeting but also the only undergraduate student at the event, surprising the President of the

Royal Astronomical Society (RAS) Dr Mike Edmunds and several other scientists. The meeting was held at Cardiff University, Wales, UK from July 3 to 7.

KIIT, as a matter of fact, became the only institute in the world to produce an undergraduate delegate in NAM history, as said by the RAS Council Members.

Representing KIIT-DU, Snehadeep presented a poster on "Saha's theory of

thermal ionization in star formation". KIIT became the only Indian university ever to present a talk or a poster at NAM, where only 176

research posters from around the world were selected. Such an opportunity



is usually given to 600 delegates attending each year. University's support. Congratulating researchers and scientific professionals.

The National Astronomy Meeting is the Royal Astronomical Society's annual scientific conference of astronomers and functions as the primary annual meeting of the Royal Astronomical Society. It is one of the biggest astronomical conferences in the world, with about

600 delegates attending each year. Apart from Dr Edmunds, Dr Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS wished his bright future. Earlier, he participated in various conferences across the globe, such as the International Astronomical Congress 2023 in Baku, Azerbaijan. He will also participate in the NAM 2024 which will be held at Hull, England next year.

Why we need TPT (TB preventive medicine), if one person is infected with TB in our family or in close contact

Dr Reeta Sahoo

As experienced from a visit and discussed with the families when a special campaign for active case finding was going on in Bhubaneswar and comes to know that there is a family and all the members are infected with tuberculosis. This family is migrated from Phulbani district of Odisha. The only earning member is working in a private hospital as a fourth-class employee. All of them are 7 members staying in one room. They are Chumki Digal, her treatment initiated on July 16, 2021, Banita Digal, she initiated her treatment on August 23, 2022, Subhankar Digal initiated his treatment on August 24, 2022, Satya Digal initiated his treatment on September 5, 2022, Madhismita Digal

initiated her treatment on November 11, 2022 and lastly Santosh Digal initiated his treatment on July 16, 2023. After continuous follow up and counselling it was identified that treatment adherence and empowering the people living with TB and their family member is a difficult task.

If we look into the above situation, we need to analyses how this family members are responsible themselves for this fatal disease spread through air.

Fortunately, there are ways to prevent the spread of disease. Early detection like contact tracing, early diagnosis, quarantine and medication specially manages drug adherence and nutrition prevents us from the infection of TB. If we neglected, we may suffer first.... We all have to know

as well understand that the TB preventive treatment (TPT) is important for one and all because it stops TB infection from progressing to disease in those who are infected and can protect both the individual and the community from TB.

What is TPT: - TPT consists of a course of one or more anti tuberculosis medicine given with the intention of preventing the development of TB disease.

There is a medicine the regimen duration is once weekly doses for three months only. Who is eligible for TPT: - In children under 5 years of age, TPT will be offered after ruling out active TB, without testing for TB infection. In children more than 5 years and adults,



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Congress Observes 12-Hour Bandh In Odisha's Malkangiri

Malkangiri: The Congress is observing a 12-hour bandh in Odisha's Malkangiri district today demanding fulfillment of four-point charter of demands.

Workers of the party, led by District Congress President Govind Patra, staged road blockade at various places, affecting movement of vehicles.

Educational institutions, shops, business establishments and offices remained closed in view of the bandh observance. The impact of the bandh was evident in seven blocks of Malkangiri district.

The party has been raising protest alleging inadequate health and education infrastructure in the district.

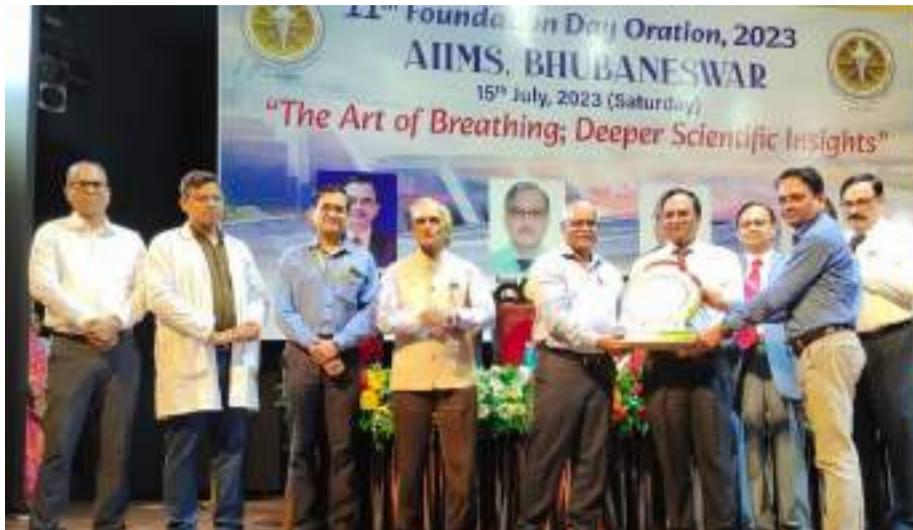
"We are expressing our

dissatisfaction with the biased treatment of the Odisha government towards Malkangiri district. We had apprised the Collector, but no action was taken, leaving us with no choice but to observe the bandh," said Patra. He accused the government of shifting from district-wise employment opportunities to a

AIIMS Bhubaneswar Celebrates 11th Foundation Day National Institute goes digital, starts E-office facility

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Successfully completing the glorious journey of its first decade, AIIMS Bhubaneswar has celebrated its 11th Foundation Day today. On this occasion, the premiere national health institute has started the E-office facility. The facility will make the administrative process faster and bring more transparency in the health care process, said AIIMS Bhubaneswar Executive Director Dr. Ashutosh Biswas. In an endeavour to fulfil Hon'ble Prime Minister's mandate of Digital India mission, AIIMS Bhubaneswar has started the E-office to bring more productivity as well as quick delivery of the things, added Dr. Biswas.

On this occasion, he also informed that "AIIMS Dharmasala" started functioning from today. Any patient or his/her attendant requiring accommodation should approach the Dharmasala reception or Medical



Superintendent office. Dharmsala would be fully functional (occupancy) in a phased manner. The concerned treating doctors need to sign in the request form for the patients interested to avail the facility, informed Dr. Biswas. Delivering foundation day oration as chief guest AIIMS Patna Executive Director Prof. Gopal Krishna Pal put lights on deeper scientific insights regarding the art of breathing. He stressed upon practicing Pranayam, a person can regulate the breathing system for a healthier and long life. Dr. Pal also congratulated AIIMS

Bhubaneswar for securing 17th rank in NIRF and 18th in India Today ranking. Addressing the gathering, founder Director of AIIMS Bhubaneswar Prof. Ashok Kumar Mahaapatra emphasized on the significance of spiritual health in human life. AIIMS Bhubaneswar President Prof. Akshya Kumar Bisoi said that, be it patient care, research or other social welfare activities, the institute has earned many accolades and has won the hearts of people of Odisha as well as from the neighbouring states. Distinguished guests & dignitaries gracing

Bhubaneswar has signed MoUs with premiere national institutes like IIT Bhubaneswar, SVNIRTAR, CCRH and CCRAS.

Earlier in the day, dignitaries paid floral tributes to former Prime Minister and founder of AIIMS Bhubaneswar Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Moderated by Dr. Sweta Singh, the ceremony was attended by faculty members, staff and students.

It may be noted here that former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had laid the foundation stone of AIIMS Bhubaneswar on 15th July 2003 and the institute started functioning in 2012. Hospital was inaugurated in 2014. AIIMS Bhubaneswar is the only AIIMS whose foundation stone was laid by Shri Vajpayee. As per recent data, AIIMS Bhubaneswar is witnessing around 4500 patient footfalls per day for consultation.

FURO Sports Shoes welcomes Shahid Kapoor as its Brand Ambassador

Bhubaneswar: FURO Sports Shoes, (from the house of Red Chief Shoes), is thrilled to announce its much-coveted collaboration with the Bollywood Superstar, Shahid Kapoor. Shahid's youthful and sporty personality of an affable boy gel with the aspiring core values and ethos of FURO Sports Shoes. Shahid appeals to a wider audience across all age groups. While his exceptional fitness lifestyle, dancing prowess, and romantic-action-oriented movies attract the youth, his responsible family guy persona connects with relatively mature age groups as well. Mr. Manoj Gyanchandani (Managing Director) expressing his views on the collaboration, shares, "We are extremely honored to welcome Shahid Kapoor as the newest FURO family member. We couldn't have asked for a better partner in 2022 who comes with such high credible energy which is much needed in such dynamic times to inspire the youth towards athleisure lifestyle. We look forward to a successful partnership with him and hope to have a mutually beneficial long-term relationship."

Mr. Rahul Sharma, (Marketing Head) further shared "To continue leveraging our association both in mass media & digital platforms – Shahid would be part of our forthcoming Brand campaigns, which are back to back lined up starting few weeks from now."

BOB Financial crosses the 1 Million Credit Cards mark

Mumbai: BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda (Bank) that issues and manages Bank of Baroda Credit Cards, has crossed the 1 Million Credit Cards mark.

As per Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, Bank of Baroda Credit Cards have grown 9X over the last four years – from 0.12 million cards in March 2018 to over 1.1 million cards in March 2022. Further, the monthly spends on credit cards have grown 10X over the same period – from Rs.80 crore in March 2018 to Rs.830 crore in March 2022.

In CY2022, cobranding with IRCTC, HPCL, Defence Services, and partnerships with fintechs have been some of the key initiatives in the ongoing transformation journey.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Shailendra Singh, MD & CEO, BFSL said, "In 2017, we started on a journey of transforming BOB Financial into a leading credit card issuer in India. Crossing the 1 million credit cards mark is an important milestone. However, while we celebrate this achievement, our ultimate aspiration is to become one of the largest Credit Card issuers in the country, serving customers of every demographic and socio-economic classification."

BFSL has been focusing on investing in people, processes and technology to enhance customer experience.

India Mobile Congress's 7th Edition Set to Take Place on October 27th-29th

Bhubaneswar : The seventh edition of Asia's premier digital technology exhibition, India Mobile Congress (IMC), co-hosted by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) will be held from 27th – 29th October at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi this year. With the theme of 'Global Digital Innovation', IMC is an ideal meeting point and showcase for industry, government, academics and other key stakeholders in the technology ecosystem. The prestigious IMC 2023 event will witness around 1,00,000 Plus participants, 5,000 Plus CXO-level delegates, 350 Plus speakers, and 400 Plus exhibitors. Since its inception in 2017, IMC has promoted India's positioning and serves as a key forum for global thought leaders to design the next wave of digital

innovation, with India leading the charge. Last year, IMC received an overwhelming response from the industry with Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launching 5G in India. This year, the key programs will put spotlight on 6G advancements in 5G networks, the increasing use of AI in telecommunications and other domains, Edge Computing, Industry 4.0, and the emergence of India Stack. IMC 2023 would also widen to related technology domains such as Broadcast, Sat-Com, Manufacturing, Semiconductors through partnerships with various associations such as Elcina, IESA, ISPA, DFI and others. IMC 2023 also planned to introduce several B2G & B2B Forums and Industry Round Tables, Big university and student engagement, and Global buyer forums. COAI

Ambuja Cements introduces Cool Walls, a special product that keep homes cool in summers and hot in winters

Mumbai : Ambuja Cements Ltd, one of India's most sustainable cement manufacturers, is now offering an innovative green solution for constructing strong walls.

Ambuja Cool Walls is a unique wall solution that keeps the house cool during summer and retains inside temperature to make the house warmer in winter. Ambuja Cements is among the first Indian cement companies to offer this unique block and mortar solution to individual house builders.

Ambuja Cool Walls is a sustainable product made with an innovative heat-barrier technology that is far superior to any other products available in the market. The 'heat barrier technology' of this product helps to maintain inside temperature of any house lesser by 5°C as compared to external temperature. These innovative heat barrier

technology, consistent quality and enhanced strength (>5 MPa) are the main differentiators of this product.

Ambuja Cool Walls is an innovative solution to the problem faced by traditional construction with non-sustainable products. The challenge poised by traditional construction today are efflorescence on walls, termite attack, water absorption and highly prone to earthquakes. Ambuja Cool Walls along with unique jointing mortar makes the wall stronger and eliminates the problem faced by traditional construction practices. This helps the consumers in cost saving on electricity due to thermal insulation, low frequency of repeat painting because of no efflorescence, lesser repeat maintenance and lower construction cost. Additional benefits include noise reduction,

KiiT International School becomes the only school from Odisha to win at Toycathon

Bhubaneswar: The revered founder of KiiT International School, Shri Achyuta Samanta, has always inspired and encouraged the youth to think outside the box. This motivation has led to an immense achievement for the school. A game, 'Untold Stories', designed by Shree Roy, a 10th Grade student of KiiT International School, has been selected as one of the top 7 winning games at Toycathon, an inter-ministerial initiative of GOI, in association with AICTE.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Mona Lisa Bal, Chairperson, KiiT International School said, "This is an extremely proud moment for KiiT International School family. I congratulate Shree for her endeavours. This is an

accomplishment not just for her but the entire school. We always nurture our students to think beyond their textbooks and take interest in activities outside their classroom. I am glad that this morale-boosting has steered us to achieve this great honour. I firmly believe that these leaders of tomorrow can drive us towards a better tomorrow with proper education and guidance."

Shree's game 'Untold Stories' is a multiplayer game where one must answer questions about India's heritage to move on to the next level. With this game, Shree intended to revive the art and culture of India. With modernization and technology, most youngsters are glued to their smartphones and the internet. Shree designed this

Flipkart clocks over 200 Million Fashion products in the Spring-Summer

Bhubaneswar: As the Spring Summer season 2022 draws to a close, Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, has recorded a sale of over 200 million fashion products across close to 19,200 pin codes. The Spring Summer Season also played a key role for customers and sellers and saw close to 175,000 fashion sellers participating. These sellers came from not just metros but from tier 2 and tier 3 towns as well. Customers shopped for fashion and lifestyle products including sarees, men's t-shirts, watches, sunglasses, women's kurtis and footwear, from national,

international and homegrown fashion brands. The season saw customers shopping for fashion products from across the country including metros and a majority of these customers also from tier 3, 4 and 5 cities shop for fashion products from cities like Ranchi, Ernakulam, Kanpur, Medinipur, Cuttack to name a few; and a substantial number of the overall customer base were first-time fashion shoppers.

Sandeep Karwa, Vice President, Flipkart Fashion, said, "We are extremely delighted with this overwhelming response from the

IIT Delhi Student Wins Coveted TCS CodeVita Season 10

MUMBAI: Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) (BSE: 532540, NSE: TCS), announced the winners of Season 10 of its flagship global coding contest, TCS CodeVita, at a virtual grand finale. CodeVita, holder of the Guinness World Records™ title as the world's largest computer programming competition, has been inspiring students across the world to build and test their coding expertise for the past 10 years. The contest promotes programming as a sport and encourages participants to pit their skills against each other and solve intriguing real-life challenges.

The winner claimed the grand prize of \$10,000, while the first and the second runners-up were awarded \$7,000 and \$3,000 respectively. In a first, the third runner up, Michal Stanik from Czech Republic, was also recognized by TCS with a prize of \$1,000. Moreover, all four winners earned an internship opportunity with TCS' Research & Innovation organization. Registration for Season 11 of TCS CodeVita will commence soon. "Season 10 of CodeVita has been remarkable in harnessing the passion for coding among the youth. We were thrilled to see how the four finalists

solved all the 10 problems, which has never happened before. I am happy to see CodeVita is encouraging youngsters to write good code and apply it to solve challenging problems," said K. Ananth Krishnan, Chief Technology Officer, TCS.

Winner Kalash Gupta said, "Thank you so much, it's unbelievable! When I started with the contest, I never thought I would even be in the top 3 but this is a very humbling experience. I'm very excited about the prize money. Initially I was not confident, as I took longer than I expected to solve the first problem.

BFSL has been focusing on investing in people, processes and technology to enhance customer experience.

Mhambrey chuffed with all-round application on dry Dominica pitch

New Delhi: After batting across the first two days in Dominica for 152.2 overs and burying West Indies under a mountain of runs, India needed just 115 overs to bundle out the home side twice. It gave India the perfect start to the series, allowing Rohit Sharma's side to swiftly move on from the disappointment of their loss in the WTC final just last month while also getting off to a flyer in the next cycle. "Honestly if you ask me, I didn't expect it to be this easy," India's bowling coach Paras Mhambrey said after the win by an innings and 141 runs.

"Yes looking at the wicket, it was difficult as the day progressed, it started turning a little more, it was dry earlier on but the way we applied ourselves in terms of batting and bowling, I was extremely happy to see that." The first look at the Dominica surface, where India last played in 2011, gave the visitors a feeling of familiarity. They anticipated spinners to have a big say as the game progressed and it played out exactly as expected, as Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja posed problems that the

West Indies batters just couldn't solve. Ashwin added to his first innings five-wicket haul - his 33rd in the format - with seven in the second innings to take his Test wickets tally for India to 709 - two past Harbhajan Singh's numbers. This was also Ashwin's eighth 10-wicket haul in a match - equalling the tally held by Anil Kumble. Jadeja meanwhile, picked three wickets in the first innings and two in the second.

"When we came on the first day, the pitch looked a little dry and from the stats we'd seen of the

local games here, the spinners had dominated. So we felt that as the game would progress, it'd get tougher for batting. The way Ash and Jadeja bowled deserves a lot of praise. If you ask me, Ashwin is one of our greatest match winners. The way he's won us matches, the way he's performed over the years, what more do I say," Mhambrey said.

But before Ashwin could weave his magic on West Indies batters, the edifice of India's massive victory was built on their batting effort that saw them pile on the misery for the hosts with a 400-plus

total. "One thing is how the wicket was, and the other was how we used that wicket. When we batted, it was important to play long and score big and we did that. That became the base for the bowlers," Mhambrey said. The support staff member was particularly pleased with how debutant Yashasvi Jaiswal took to the opening slot with a stellar 171 - just 17 short of the highest score by an Indian batter on Test debut. Jaiswal walked into the series on the back of a breakthrough IPL season where he scored runs for fun and at a strike rate of

163.61. But none of those short-format habits came to the fore as he bided his time on a slow pitch to make an impact with his first opportunity. "I think the way he batted, it's been fabulous. For a debutant to come in not on an easy wicket - it was obviously a slow wicket that got slower as the game progressed. Stroking wasn't easy. If you look at the way he's batted earlier, he's the kind of a guy who likes to take on the game, likes to play his shots but the way he applied himself on that wicket was very good to

see," Mhambrey opined. "I think that's what you need at the international level, to be able to adapt yourself to different conditions and situations. More importantly, that was expected by the team and he did that role for the team. It was very heartening and positive to see and from the performances that he's done, it should give him a lot of confidence going ahead," he added. Rohit, who was banking on his fellow Mumbai batter to come good as an opener, reiterated Mhambrey's thoughts and reckoned Jaiswal showed

Hridoy-Shamim partnership reflects Bangladesh's new-found T20 mantra

Dhaka: When Shamim Hossain walked to join Towhid Hridoy after the dismissal of Shakib Al Hasan in the two-match T20 series opener against Afghanistan, it looked all but over for hosts. However, the duo had different plans.

Shakib departed making just 19 runs but the way he tried to accelerate before getting out trying to slash a delivery surely had an impact on the mindset of the two batters and they just looked to carry on with the momentum.

Chasing a modest target of 155 runs, Bangladesh were left struggling at 64-4 in the 11th over but what followed later was nothing short of a scintillating chase by the home side, that too against one of the best bowling attacks in the world at present.

The duo shared 73 runs between them to script the memorable win in front of the house-full Sylhet Stadium, which hosted a T20I match after a gap of five years.

Since the morning there were occasional drizzles in the Sylhet city but that hardly mattered for fans as they defied all odds to make sure they are present on the occasion that was made a



memorable one by Hridoy and Shamim. Both looked focused on following one mantra that their captain Shakib revealed ahead of the game - they are not thinking too much about any particular name.

Hridoy (47 not out) and Shamim (33 off 25 balls) put up the match winning fifth wicket partnership to brought the hosts back in the contest, though there were lot of drama in the last over courtesy, Karim Janat hat-trick.

"I was normal and confident all the time as we just needed two runs," Hridoy told reporters while explaining what was going through his mind when he was watching wicket fall one after

another in the last over. "I just told Shoriful that if he cannot hit the ball at least he should run," he said.

The left-arm pacer did not disappoint Hridoy as he scored the winning run but if he hadn't, the whole scenario could have been different and that wouldn't have come as a shock, given the several examples of Bangladesh losing close matches in the past.

The way the duo batted also showcased their maturity levels as they took calculative risks,

picking up their bowlers like picking 21 runs in the 13th over of the game but what really give them the boost was when they took on Fazalhaq Farooqui in

the 17th over, picking up 16 runs that included an authoritative pull from Hridoy for six followed by an excellent improvisation from Shamim, who went well across the stumps for a paddle-pull against a slower ball that was pitched outside off.

Hridoy said that he just wanted to make sure they don't lose the opportunity by getting too excited or by panicking.

"I just told Shamim (when he came to bat) that we have won these kind of matches a lot in the domestic cricket. Because we play in the middle order we have faced such situation a lot. If we can bring the momentum in one or two overs the match will shift and we managed

to do that because the momentum changed with those two overs (Azmatullah and Farooqi)," said Hridoy. We had a plan that they are one of the best spin attack and scoring runs against them is difficult. Still we tried to take calculative risk and tried to execute it well. "I think in international cricket every match is challenging and every opponent have their own strength and we just tried to execute our plans," he said.

"We just wanted to be positive and kept one thing in mind that we will play according to the situation," he added.

The duo certainly did that to help the host take 1-0 lead in the T20I series but more importantly kept their momentum in the shortest format in the right direction following their maiden series win over world champions England. Bangladesh now have a big chance of clinching their maiden T20 series victory over Afghanistan when they face the touring side in the second and last game of the series at the same venue on Sunday and if they can achieve it that will surely be a moment to cherish for the host and their die-hard fans.

NEW DELHI: Fast bowler Jess Kerr has been ruled out of New Zealand's upcoming tour of Sri Lanka due to a broken toe. Kerr was struck on the toe while batting in the nets last week, and subsequent scans showed a fracture. She now needs up to six weeks of rehabilitation. Leigh Kasperek has been named Kerr's replacement.

"Picking up an injury so close to departure for a tour is always disappointing," New Zealand women's team head coach Ben Sawyer said. "Jess is a key part of our bowling group in both formats and will be missed on what will be a challenging tour.

"Jess has been working really hard over the winter and we were excited to see how she would perform in new conditions for her, but we're confident she will be back fit and ready for our next challenge after Sri Lanka," Sawyer added.

Kasperek meanwhile, has been picked to be part of the New Zealand squad for the first time

since the tour of England in 2021. She has featured in 39 ODIs and 46 T20Is before with 65 and 75 wickets to her name respectively. Her T20I tally puts her second on New Zealand's list of all-time leading wicket-takers in the format. Kasperek comes in with a rich vein of form in domestic competitions for Wellington Blaze.

"Leigh has had a challenging 18 months since the World Cup but has always been a player that has been on our radar," Sawyer said. "She's been kept out of the side given the form of Fran (Jonas) and Eden (Carson) who've been performing consistently well and those spin positions have probably been the most hotly contested in our team." "With Leigh, Fran, Eden and Melie (Kerr), we have strong depth in our spin bowling stocks, and ultimately that's the level of depth we want to get to in all positions. Leigh brings a wealth of international experience to the group and I'm sure she will thrive in the Sri Lankan conditions if given an opportunity," Sawyer added.

The New Zealand women's team are currently at NZC's High Performance Centre in Lincoln for a training camp, and will depart for Sri Lanka on Thursday.



MLC's first season to be played in Dallas and Morrisville

New Delhi: Dallas, Texas, and Morrisville, North Carolina, have been chosen as the two venues for the first edition of Major League Cricket (MLC) in the United States. The tournament is scheduled to take place from July 13 to 30. The North Carolina ground regularly hosts Minor League Cricket fixtures.

The inaugural season will feature six teams, with four of them being associated with the Indian Premier League (IPL). The participating IPL franchises are as follows: Chennai Super Kings (Texas Super Kings), Mumbai Indians (MI New York), Kolkata Knight Riders (Los Angeles Knight Riders), and Delhi Capitals (Seattle Orcas). The remaining two teams are Washington Freedom



and San Francisco Unicorns, both of which also have Indian stakeholders. The matches will be held at two cricket-specific venues: Grand Prairie Stadium in Dallas and Church Street Park in Morrisville. The league will initially run from July 13 to 18 at Grand Prairie Stadium before moving to Church Street Park. The league returns to Dallas for the playoffs and final, to be held from July 27 to 30. Below is the schedule for the tournament:

La Liga: Nacho Fernandez Takes Over Real Madrid Captaincy After Karim Benzema, Brushes Away MLS Rumours

New Delhi: Real Madrid defender Nacho confirmed he will stay with the team despite interest shown by clubs like Roma, Inter Milan and the Major League Soccer in the United States. According to Goal.com, Nacho will also wear the club's armband and has taken over the position of captain from Karim Benzema, who recently left Real Madrid after an illustrious 14 years with the club.

"I have decided to stay at Real Madrid. There are offers as always but I want to stay one more year, I am so happy about it," he said.

The defender has made over 300 appearances



for the Spanish giants ever since starting his senior career with its B team, joining the club in 2011. He has won the UEFA Champions League with the club five times and La Liga on three occasions. Nacho has been associated with Real Madrid for his entire career.

Earlier in June, it was announced that Benzema will leave the

club after his contract expires at the end of the season. Real Madrid released a statement about the departure of the veteran striker.

"Real Madrid CF and our captain Karim Benzema have agreed to end his brilliant and unforgettable period as a player for our club. Real Madrid wants to show its gratitude and all its affection for who is already one of our greatest legends," it said.

In 2009, at the age of 21 Karim Benzema found his way to Los Blancos and since then he has been a fundamental figure in creating a golden decade for the Spanish Giants.

After spending fourteen seasons with the club he has won 25 titles, a record number for Real Madrid, 5 European Cups, 5 Club World Cups, 4 European Super Cups, 4 Leagues, 3 Copas del Rey and 4 Spanish Super Cups.

The Frenchman has made a remarkable 647 appearances for Real Madrid, and he is the second all-time goalscorer for Real Madrid with 353 goals behind Cristiano Ronaldo (450). Along with this, he is also the fourth goalscorer in the history of the UEFA Champions League.

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