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Balasure (KCN) :Citizens Human Rights Clinics conducted 8th National Human Rights Congress at Udyog Bhaban, Balasure150 delegates from West Bengal, Jharakhand,U.P.,

Andhra Pradesh and Odisha attended the Congress. Prof.Anil ku.Mohapatraof Fakir mohane University, Professor Banshidhar Mallik of National Institute of Advanced

Manufacturing Technology, Ranchi, Dr. Nagendra Nath Pardhi, Reader in Political Science, Gopalpur College, Gopalpur, Balasure, Narahari B h u y a n , f o r m e r

Headmaster, Balasure Public School, D r . M r u t y u n j a y P a n d a , C h a i r m a n Balasure Child Welfare & protection Unit, D r . M a h e s w a r Mohapatra, former

Senior Reader,Udala college, Brajendra Mallik, etc spoke on the occasion. Gopabandhu Mallick, Chairman ,Citizen's Human Rights Clinic presided over the Congress.Three local

NGO'named,Help for You Foundation, Jaleswar, Saradhabali Sanskritika Yuba Parisad, Bahanaga, Adarsha Juba Parisad, s Soro,Who had rendered selfless services to the rail

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Biswakeshan Behera, Sk.Muktar Uddin,Sanjay Ku.Patra, Paresh Nath P a t r a , H e m a n t a Ku.Sahoo etc were also facilitated for doing selfless service to Mankind.

Heavy Rains From 3 July



districts of Coastal and South Odisha between July 3 to 5 while interior districts might get moderate to heavy precipitation on July 5. Thereafter, rainfall would be scanty over the state from July 6 to 9. The release said there was probability of another cyclonic circulation over north west Bay of Bengal and adjoining areas on July 9 which might subsequently cause the formation of another low pressure area on July 10 or 11. The rainfall intensity would further increase in North and Interior Odisha from July 9, it said.

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Though the South West Monsoon has become weak in Odisha with the westerly wind prevailing over eastern India, the state's coastal and southern region could experience heavy rains from July 3 as a cyclonic circulation was likely to form over west central and adjoining north west Bay of Bengal, according

to SOA's Centre for Environment and Climate (CEC) here. Models indicate the possibility of the cyclonic circulation leading to the formation of a low pressure area along South Odisha and North Andhra Pradesh coast on July 4, a CEC release said on Saturday. It may cause moderate to heavy rainfall in the



Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik at the Nijukti Parva of FARD department at Convention Centre, Lokasava Bhavan

Odisha: Mystery Deepens In Taxi Driver Murder Case As CCTV Footage Surfaces

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Ghasipura police in Keonjhar district have launched a probe into the alleged murder of taxi driver Bhagaban Bairiganjan, a resident of Kanas area in Odisha's Puri district. A police team led by Ghasipura Inspector In-Charge (IC) Bikram Bhuyian today reached Malgodown police station in Cuttack city and collected certain information in connection with the case. The team also recorded the statement of Raj Kishore Biswal, the owner of the taxi, as part



of its investigation, sources said. According to police, Bairiganjan was working as a taxi driver by staying in Cuttack city for the last few years. Some people had booked Bairiganjan's Maruti Swift Dzire taxi bearing no. OD 02AA 1962 for a

trip to Jajpur Road from College Square in Cuttack June 24. However, he did not return to Cuttack after dropping the passengers, sources said. Bairiganjan's family members lodged a missing complaint with Malgodown police in

Cuttack after they failed to contact him over phone. Bairiganjan's decomposed body was found near NH-20 at Darakhala under Ghasipura police limits on 28. His taxi was found abandoned on a river embankment in Niali area of Cuttack district the next day, sources added. Ghasipura police have registered a murder case as per the complaint lodged by Bairiganjan's family. Sources, meanwhile, claimed that three persons, including a woman, had hired Bairiganjan's taxi for a

trip to Jajpur Road. The police have collected CCTV footage in this regard, they said. The police have also collected CCTV footage featuring Bairiganjan's taxi from two toll gates during its journey to Jajpur Road from Cuttack. However, there was no such footage during the return journey, sources added. "We are looking into all angles in connection with the murder case. Our team has also visited Govindpur in Niali area of Cuttack to get some clues to the incident," said a police official.

GST Up @ 10 Percent



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha has recorded a growth of 10 per cent in gross GST collection in the month of June 2023 in comparison to June 2022.

According to official sources, the State has collected GST revenue of Rs 4,379.98 crore in the month of June 2023 while it had collected Rs 3,965.28 crore GST during June 2022. The State had recorded a gross GST collection of Rs. 4397.73 crore during May 2023 with a growth rate of 11.17% against the collection of the same month in previous year. The collection to be retained by the State consisting of the OGST portion of IGST was Rs

409.84 crore during June 2023. The all-India gross GST revenue collected in the month of June, 2023 is Rs 1,61,497 crore of which CGST is Rs 31,013 crore, SGST is Rs 38,292 crore (including Rs 39,035 crore collected on import of goods) and cess is Rs 11,900 crore (including 1,028 crore collected on import of goods). At national level, the Government has settled Rs 36,224 crore to CGST and Rs 30269 crore to SGST from IGST. The total revenue of Centre and the States in the month of June 2023 after regular settlement is Rs 67,237 crore for CGST and Rs 68,561 crore for

the SGST. The revenues for the month of June 2023 are 12% higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year. During the month, the revenues from domestic transactions (including import of services) are 18% higher than the revenues from these sources during the same month last year. It is for the fourth time the gross GST collection has crossed Rs. 1.60 lakh crore mark. The average monthly gross GST collection for the first quarter of the financial year 2021-22, 22-23 & 23-24 are Rs. 1.10 lakh crore, Rs. 1.51 lakh crore and Rs. 1.69 lakh crore, respectively.

CBI Files FIR Against Bhubaneswar-Based Jeweler For Loan Fraud

Bhubaneswar/New Delhi(KCN): The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has filed an FIR for loan fraud against Bhubaneswar-based Dwarka Jewelers and its partners for allegedly cheating the Indian Bank by submitting fake property documents to obtain a loan. A senior CBI official said they received a written complaint in February from the bank,

alleging that Dwarka Jewelers; its partners Dwarka Nath Patro, Pushpanjali Patro, Uma Shankar Patro, Subhashree Patro; guarantor Bilkish Patro; and others committed fraud, criminal conspiracy, cheating, and forgery in connection with a Cash Credit Facility of Rs 6 crore sanctioned in 2013 by the erstwhile Allahabad Bank (now Indian Bank).



The firm had taken the loan for the purpose of trading in gold, silver, precious stones, and diamond ornaments/jewellery but allegedly later engaged in fraudulent activities.

"Dwarka Jewelers was a partnership firm established in 2001, and it became a non-performing asset (NPA) in 2020. The firm transferred Rs 3.55 crore through various transactions to Uma Shankar Patro and GDS Builders, which constituted a diversion of funds. It was alleged that the partners misused the funds for purposes other than those for which the loan

was sanctioned," stated the CBI. "The official mentioned that it was discovered that some of the properties kept as mortgage against the loan were not registered in the names of the partners. Fake documents were allegedly submitted to deceive the bank." Based on this complaint, the CBI has now filed an FIR and is investigating the matter.

Rain deficit, dry canals dash hopes of farmers in Odisha

BARIPADA (KCN): Farmers across 26 blocks in the Mayurbhanj district are a worried lot. Though the southwest monsoon made a delayed onset and has covered most parts of the state by now, the northern district continues to reel under extreme rain scarcity.



The district has recorded 55 per cent rain deficit so far. Against normal rainfall of 264 mm between June 1 and 30, it has received just 119.5 mm. As a result, farm activities have been limited to below 10 per cent (pc) as against more than 20 pc to 30 pc during the corresponding period last year. Khageswar Tudu, a farmer of Nuagaon in Shamakhunta block, sounds hopeless as he

has not started farming work yet. In Bangiriposhi, Pritish Mohanta had started plantation around the same time last year but this time, he is yet to commence any activity. Farmers of the district are heavily dependent on rain rather than mega water projects but that has come as a double whammy. The Subarnarekha irrigation project

irrigates farmland in Sarasikana, Bangiriposhi, Kuliara, Baripada, Suliapada, Moroda, Rasgovindpur and parts of Jaleswar and Basta blocks in Balasore district. With the Jharkhand government not releasing a drop of water to canal systems for irrigation purposes this year, farmers are unable to start sowing

activities. The canals of Subarnarekha project remained dry after the winter season. Though in some patches water is available in the canal systems, it is inadequate to reach farmlands. A similar situation prevails in Deo irrigation project in the Karanjia subdivision. Official sources in the Water Resources

department said the canal systems across the district are drier and can carry water to the farmlands only after the district receives good rain. Rainfall monitoring system's monthly report revealed that the district received 33.74 mm rain in April against normal rainfall of 52 mm.

In May, it received 73.74 mm against the normal of 101.2 mm. The June deficit has been over 55 pc. Chief district agriculture officer of Mayurbhanj Pradeep Kumar Sahu said the department is yet to prepare a detailed report on crop coverage for the kharif season. "The recent rains will help survive the saplings only for a couple of weeks," he said.

Crackdown on illegal sale of seeds and fertilisers in Odisha

NUAPADA: The Agriculture department has launched a crackdown on traders across the district to check the distribution of unauthorised seeds and fertilisers.



The crackdown started last week as a team of officials led by the agriculture development officer of Khariar along with the additional tehsildar and fertiliser and seed inspectors raided the sale points of traders.

Sources said two sale points in Bargaon village, one in Sinapali block headquarters and another in Komna were raided. A total of 66.66 quintal of private paddy seeds of 32 varieties were seized as the traders could not produce any valid licenses. Similarly, around 19 quintal of fertilisers were seized from these outlets. Chief district agriculture officer (CDAO) Himansu Mohapatra said the raids were carried out to ensure

supply of quality inputs to farmers. The authorised dealers in the district have been approved to sell seeds of a few particular companies.

However, some unscrupulous traders have been selling seeds of several other companies under one license. "Earlier, we had asked them to apply for requisite licenses if they are willing to sell other seeds. However, many traders continued to sell seeds and fertilisers without valid license following which the crackdown was launched. The raiding teams inspected the traders' shops and godowns and also verified their registers.

The seized stock has been handed over to Sinapali PACS and appropriate action taken against the traders," the CDAO informed. Official sources said at least five traders have been booked for violation. While three were served show cause notices, two have been asked to stop sale immediately. This apart, a seed license issued during 2021 for Agraza seeds has also been cancelled. Mohapatra said the detailed report and FIR in this regard will be submitted to the Nuapada collector on Saturday. The enforcements will be strengthened and more raids carried out in the coming week, he added.

Krishan In Lord's Love



Puri (KCN): Come Rath Jatra, a name reverberates among the sevayats, pundits and others engaged in seva of Lord Jagannatha-Dr. Krishan Kumar. 2002 Batch IAS Dr. Kumar, who was Chief Administrator Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) is now Joint Secretary Ministry of Commerce at New Delhi. Though Dr. Kumar has

left the State for more than one year to serve in the Union Government, however he is remembered by these people fondly, even today. In fact when Dr. Kumar recently landed at Puri to have Darshan of Trinity in Rath Jatra and all of them welcomed the Ex-Chief Administrator SJTA with open heartedness. People flocked to him and talked

to him at length about his wellbeing and other issues. This is because, not only Dr. Kumar is an ardent devotee of Lord Jagannath, but also a very kind hearted and helpful administrator, said a Maharana Sevak. He said we are small people, but during COVID-19 Pandemic, Dr. Kumar visited our homes and extended all out support, when other

did not turned up for help. A veteran Sevayat, echoed Maharana Sevak, who was all praise for his humane approach and kindness towards poor and needy people. Facing lot of odds, Dr. Kumar in a determined manner organized successful Rath Jatra taking the support of sevayats and common servitors, said a veteran sevayat.

Kangaroo Kids International Preschool expands in Bhubaneshwar

Bhubaneshwar (KCN): Kangaroo Kids International Preschool, India's No. 1 Premium International Preschool Brand, launches the new age iCan Curriculum for the new academic year. Kangaroo Kids aims to offer the young children of Bhubaneshwar an innovative learning environment and an International iCan Learning System that helps each individual learner with opportunities to maximise their inherent potential. With more than 30 years of experience, Kangaroo Kids International Preschool is known for its path-breaking

pedagogy and learner-centric approach that seeks to make young children lifelong learners. Whilst most schools focus on Math and language alone, the iCan Learning System focusses on imparting 9 future skills and 15 habits of mind as well, in young children through a well-researched and meticulously executed curriculum design within an emotionally safe environment that encourages children to reflect, think, and apply their learnt skills while having lots of fun. Commenting on the entry into Bhubaneshwar, K. V. S. Seshasai, CEO, Pre-K Division, Lighthouse

Learning, said, "Our goal at Kangaroo Kids International Preschool has always been to provide transformative experiences through immersive learning for young children. Parents across geographies are looking to provide the best early childhood education possible for their young children. With the Kangaroo Kids International preschool centers in Budha Nagar & Infocity, Bhubaneshwar, we are excited to offer a new learning environment that will help children reach their full potential." With this expansion in Bhubaneshwar, Kangaroo Kids

International Preschool aims to amplify each child's individuality with a fluidic learning methodology that allows the children to learn and transition to the next level learning by using their strengths and consistently working towards age appropriate skills and habits. Along with its best in class teacher-child ratio of 1:6 and immersive learning spaces, Kangaroo Kids International Preschool create an environment that blends with the learning needs of the child; one of the many reasons why the preschool has been a raging success among children and parents for 30 years.

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Vijay Devarakonda's Birthday Special: From Arjun Reddy To Dear Comrade

Actor Vijay Devarakonda has several powerful characters and delivered stellar performances on-screen. On his birthday today, we thought of going down memory lane and checking out the best ones. Therefore, here is a list of his superhit films that made him established as the most desirable and bankable actor in the country.



Touted to be a career-defining film, Vijay metamorphosed his most memorable character role in Arjun Reddy. Having played the character with such finesse that it is hard to imagine any other actor playing the role with such perfection. He left his stamp on this iconic character Arjun Reddy - a young surgeon with functioning alcoholism and a furious temper spirals into self-destruction when he learns that his girlfriend is marrying another man. The film received praises from the viewers and Vijay got his first Filmfare Award for Best Actor. **Dear Comrade** Yet another remarkable film from VD that will be cherished by the audience and his

ardent fans for long. Given the time his character arc changes and the ease with which he adapts to it, is testament to his talent as an actor. He proved that he isn't just an angry man or a compulsive flirt, he is the complete package. His chemistry with the gorgeous Rashmika Mandanna was like an icing on the cake! **Geetha Govindam** Vijay Deverakonda pairs up with Rashmika Mandanna in this romantic family entertainer. His irresistible chemistry with Rashmika who plays the role of Geetha, an independent and a level-headed woman, makes the film i n c r e d i b l y

entertaining. While the film impressed audiences and critics alike with its exciting screenplay and story, it also extracted the best out of Vijay in an out-and-out comic avatar. **Taxiwaala** Similar to his larger-than-life, heroic characters, Vijay pulled off the role of a taxi driver effortlessly and with great conviction. When nothing seems to work out for his character in the film, he decides to become a taxi driver to make a living. On his hunt for a car, he stumbles upon a vintage car. He gives it a makeover and the car turns his luck around. However, his joy is short-lived as he soon finds out that the car is

possessed. The movie worked wonders for the makers, largely thanks to a wonderful performance from VD! **Pelli Choopulu** Vijay Deverakonda and Ritu Varma starrer 'Pelli Choopulu' was one of the best Telugu films of the decade it released. The film was a massive hit, and the stars received a lot of praise from all corners. The film won not only positive reviews from critics but also received two National Film Awards for Best Telugu Film and Best Screenplay at the 64th National Film Awards. It was a breezy romantic entertainer with soulful music by Vivek Sagar.

The Kerala Story Actress Adah Sharma Is Grateful To Fans For Making The Film 'A Trend'



Amid the controversies surrounding 'The Kerala Story', the lead actor of the movie Adah Sharma thanked fans for making the film 'trend'. The actor tweeted, "Thank you to all the crores of you who are going to watch our film, thank you for making it trend, thank you for loving my performance. This weekend the 12th #TheKeralaStory releases internationally in 37 countries (or more) #adahsharma"

Apart from Adah Sharma, Yogita Bihani, Siddhi Idnani and Sonia Balani acted in lead roles in the movie. A massive controversy erupted around the film after its trailer claimed that 32,000 women from Kerala had gone missing and joined the terrorist group ISIS. However, in the face of protests, the contentious figure in the trailer was later withdrawn. Its trailer description was later changed to a story of three women from Kerala. Asked about the numbers which caused a disruption in the political scenario of the nation, Adah told ANI, "The story is really scary. The fact that people are calling it propaganda or are thinking about numbers only above the missing girls is scarier. Instead, it would have been the opposite that we would have discussed that girls are missing like this and then given a thought about the numbers." Exuding confidence about the subject matter of the film, Adah said, "You won't be discussing numbers, once you watch the movie". Adah started her career in 2008 with '1920.' After that, she featured in movies like 'Hasee Toh Phasee', 'Commando 2' and 'Commando 3'. Meanwhile, the Trinamool Congress government in West Bengal banned the film 'The Kerala Story' citing "maintenance of peace" and to avoid incidents of "hatred and violence" in the state.

'Jhoothi' Shraddha Kapoor Interacts With Fans on Instagram as They Catch her Lying

Shraddha Kapoor aka Jhoothi is currently busy with the promotions of her upcoming film with Ranbir Kapoor, 'Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar'. The star has served some incredible moments for her fans; ever since the promotional events kickstarted from recreating hilarious video of 'Tere Pyaar Main' eating pani puri to having grabbed all the attention with her hot looks in the 'Tere

Pyaar Mein' song from 'Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar', Shraddha Kapoor seems to be fully drenched in her character of Jhoothi from the film. While everyone just can't resist their excitement to watch her playing a Jhoothi in the film, this Sunday morning Shraddha treated her fans with a pretty picture and was seen interacting with the fans while she made them engage with her character of Jhoothi in a

fun manner in the comment. Taking to her social media, on Sunday, Shraddha Kapoor posted pictures from her latest photoshoot on Instagram with a caption that confused many of her followers, she wrote jokingly, "It's Monday! Let's slay today." After Shraddha dropped the post, The fun and witty conversation between Shraddha being a Jhoothi and her fans was seen in the comment section. While Shraddha

can be seen fully in her character with her comments, it led to a fun conversation with her fans, many of her followers flooded the comments with compliments. One user wrote, "Uff ye Adaa." Another commented, "Cuteness overload." Some even dropped heart and fire emoticons. Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar is directed by Luv Ranjan, produced by Luv Films' Luv Ranjan and Ankur Garg, and presented by T-Series'



Gulshan Kumar and release worldwide in Bhusan Kumar. It is all cinemas on Holi, 8th set to have a festive March 2023.

Salman Khan poses with Aamir Khan's family for an adorable picture as the Dangal actor turns photographer for them

As opposed to traditional Bollywood rivalry, the three Khans of tinsel town namely Shah Rukh, Salman and Aamir share a great camaraderie with each other and are deeply appreciative of each other's work. While Shah Rukh Khan is currently in the news with his movie Pathaan setting the box office on fire, Salman Khan, who has a cameo in the movie has been grabbing eyeballs too, with fans loving his role in the high octane spy thriller. On the other hand Aamir, who had announced that he is taking a break from the movies last year is now only seen at non Bollywood events such as his daughter's engagement and other private parties.



Recently, Salman Khan was seen visiting Aamir's house, a day before Pathaan's release. While the purpose of his visit was not clear, it seems like he was warmly welcomed by Aamir's family as he posed for a pic with Aamir's sister Nikhat Hegde, his mum Zeenat

Hussain and the rest of the family. Nikhat, who incidentally has a cameo in Pathaan too, shared the image on her insta handle, that showed her brother Aamir clicking the adorable pic. Sharing the same, she wrote, "For those who were missing Aamir ??" On the workfront,

Salman will be next seen in Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan with Pooja Hegde and Shehnaaz Gill. He also has Tiger 3 with Katrina Kaif in his kitty. Aamir on the other hand, as mentioned earlier is currently on a break and hasn't signed any new movies after Laal Singh Chaddha.

Jackie Shroff Joins Rajinikanth's 'Jailer', Shares Intense First Look Poster



Actor Jackie Shroff shared his look from the upcoming film 'Jailer' on Sunday. Taking to Instagram, Jackie posted the look with the caption, "Repost from @sunpictures, Jackie Shroff from the sets of #Jailer." In the frame, Jackie's face is half covered with a torn scarf. Jackie's rugged look intrigued his fans and followers. Jackie's wife and Ayesha Shroff and daughter Shroff posted fire emojis on his post. Starring Rajinikanth in the lead role, this movie also includes stars like Ramya Krishnan, Priyanka Arul Mohan and Shiva Rajkumar and Tamannaah Bhatia. The 'Lingaa' actor has teamed up with filmmaker Nelson Dilipkumar for this project. In the poster, Rajinikanth was seen wearing off-white shirt and khaki trousers. He was also seen keeping his hands at the back and a full-sleeved off-white shirt. Turning 66 this year, Jackie will be next seen in 'Baap' alongside Sunny Deol, Sanjay Dutt, Jackie Shroff and Mithun Chakraborty.

DU- From humble beginning to gigantic university

Vivek Shukla



As Prime Minister Narendra Modi was all praise of Delhi University's yeoman contribution in building India on last June 30th, it is time to remember those who were present on the first convocation of DU that was held on March 26, 1923. Delhi University is a movement, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi as he inaugurated the centenary celebrations of the varsity recently. Of course, DU can boast of the fact that many alumnus of it have become head of the states of their respective countries. Pakistan's President Zia Ul Haq studied in St. Stephen's college from 1941-1945. He even visited his alma mater in 1983 when he was here to attend the Non-aligned summit. India's 5th president Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed was also from St. Stephens's college. Controversial leader from Myanmar Aung San Suu Kyi was a student of Lady SriRam college. Currently in jail, Aung San Suu Kyi was the State Counsellor of Myanmar. Malawian president Bingu Mutharika graduated in BCom (H) from Shri Ram College of Commerce in 1961, after which he pursued his masters degree in the Delhi School of Economics for two years. Malawi is a

democratic country located towards the south of the African continent. G.P. Koirala was in Kirori Mal college before he became the Prime Minister of Nepal. Of course, Delhi was a tiny city in 1923 compare to present day gigantic Delhi. DU had just three colleges- St. Stephen's College, Hindu College and Ramjas College in 1923. Now, DU has 90 colleges, dozens of departments and countless students, teachers and employees. Well, Lord Reading, the then Viceroy of India, and Hari Singh Gaur, were the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of DU respectively. Naturally, they were there when the first convocation was held. Perhaps old Delhiwallas would recall that Mandir Marg in Gole Market was earlier known as Reading Road. Interestingly, Rai Kedar Nath, a rich landlord of Anand Parbat area, established series of Ramjas schools and college in the memory of his father Lala Ramjas, was also there. There were two faculties: Arts and Science and eight Departments: English, History, Economics, Sanskrit, Arabic, Persian, Physics and Chemistry in DU in 1923. The early days of DU were very humble. The DU University Library started with a collection of 1380 gifted books in 1923." And in 1924, Indraprastha College for women was started. It was a big leap for DU as IP College was the first women college in North India. Gul-e-Rana,

the wife of first Prime Minister of Pakistan, Liaquat Ali Khan, was teaching here when partition of the country took place. And in 1925, the old Delhi College was revived as Anglo-Arabic College (present day Zakir Husain Delhi College) and got affiliated with the University. So, the strength

established. Sir Maurice Gwyer is credited with having founded the Miranda House. Fittingly, DU has named the first students hostel after Maurice Gyer 1948. Further, University Hall was named as Gwyer Hall and Rajpur Quarters as Maurice Nagar. With the passage of time, Delhi University Teachers' Association (DUTA) was

it world class. Meanwhile, the special convocation to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of DU was held in 1948 which was due in 1947. It was also attended by the then Prime Minister Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, Lord Mountbatten, Union education minister Maulana Azad, Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur, Union health minister and noted scientist

nationalist Mahatma Hansraj from Lahore. Of course, the coming years were momentous for DU as in 1949, the then Deputy Prime Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel laid the foundation stone of the All-India Tuberculosis Institute, now known as Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute. Venerable Delhi School of Economics was also set-up

Library has a wide-ranging collection of literature on social sciences and business material, serving a rich resource pool for the students and faculty. The red brick building of Lady Irwin College designed by Edwin Lutyens was inaugurated in 1932. Not many people that US vice president Kamala Harrias too has some links

When it comes to Commerce, nothing to beat SRCC," says Riaz Umer. SGTB Khalsa College was also founded in this very year in Dev Nagar, Karol Bagh. "When it was established, youngsters from from Karol Bagh, Patel Nagar and other West Delhi colonies used to join it. The noted Hindi writers Dr. Maheep Singh and Janardan Dwivedi (former Congress MP) , Dr Ashok Prasad (Physics) and Subba Rao, one of the founders of PUDR, also taught there. Ashok Prasad now teaches in Colorado University," informs Punjabi poet Dr. Harmeet Singh 'Pahar Ganj', who was studied here and later taught and served as Principal. The Khalsa College of main campus established in 1975. Meanwhile, the first college of DU in trans Yamuna was Shyam Lal College in Shahdara. Then seven more colleges- Gargi College, Kalindi College, Maitreyi College, Mata Sundri College for Women, Swami Shradhanand College, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, and Nehru Homeopathic Medical College and Hospital were established in 1967. In 1968, Jesus and Mary College was established. And now, DU has a strong presence in south campus. Established in 1973 as an effort to cope with its expansion, it moved to its present location on Benito Juarez Marg, near Dhaura Kuan, in 1984. The campus is spread across 28 hectares (69 acres). One only hopes that DU would not spare any stone unturned to build India in years and decades to come.



of DU colleges has increased to four. Maurice Nagar to Gayer Hall. Meanwhile, Maurice Gayer was appointed the Vice-Chancellor in 1938. He was a visionary and workaholic. Gwyer presented a memorandum to the Government of India outlining his vision of an all India university for the capital and wished for a complete overhaul of the University of Delhi. And in 1948, Hansraj College and Miranda House were also

constituted in 1945. According to Dr. Harish Khanna, who even served as DUTA general secretary, "The DUTA has done yeoman service for the rights of teaching community. The DUTA members always take positions on key issues related to DU as well as the country. Once India got freedom, DU made long strides. It was a new dawn for DU too. New colleges, hostels and facilities were created. There was a strong feeling among the DU community to make



Dr. Shanti Swarup Bhaatnagar. Do you know Miranda House has some strong ties with Connaught Place? Well, the architects of Miranda House and Regal Building of CP were designed by Walter George. He even designed St. Stephen's College and Sujana Singh Park. As far as Shahrukh Khan's alma mater Hansraj College is concerned, it was founded on 26 July 1948 in memory of the prominent Arya Samaj educator and

under the watchful eyes of legendary Prof. VKRV Rao. The venerable teachers' likes of Dr. Manmohan Singh, Dr. Raj Krishan, Dr. A.M. Khusro, Prof. Sukhmoy Chakarverty, Amartya 'the argumentative Indian' also taught there. If we talk about D School, we have to talk about the very rich Ratan Tata Library of Delhi School of Economics. Considered one of the best equipped libraries in Economics and allied fields in Asia, the Ratan Tata

to it. Well, Shyamala Gopalan, the mother of Kamala Harrias, was studied here. And the pride of DU, Lady Hardinge Medical College (founded in 1916) got affiliated to the University of Delhi in 1950. It is perhaps the first all women medical college in Asia. And in 1951, Shri Ram College of Commerce was established in main campus. It is a different matter that it was running from the Commercial Building in Darya Ganj. "It is a flagship college of DU.

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EMULATE LORD RAMA'S IDEALS BUT NOT USE HIS NAME FOR ELECTORAL DIVIDENDS



While theists believe in the existence of God, atheists don't believe in the existence of God and don't accept what is written in mythology. Atheists think God is myth. But this article does not deal with the existence of God but rather raises the question of why people's religious faith and devotion to God is misutilised especially for political gain and religious faith is converted into religious fanaticism to divide and polarise society. The ancient culture of India is famous all over the world, and Hinduism is considered the oldest religion. In the Hindu religion, many deities are worshipped. Lord Rama, the seventh avatar of lord Vishnu, is the central character of the Hindu epic Ramayana written by Valmiki and is considered the most important avatar of the deity in Hinduism. The original Ramayana by Valmiki is written in the form of poetic verse (shlokas), narrating the life of the legendary prince of Ayodhya, Lord Rama. It is believed that the scripture was authored based on information provided by Rama's wife Sita, during her banishment from Ayodhya. According to Valmiki, the seventh avatar of Vishnu did not know his divinity while in mortal form. He says, "I am only the son of King Dasaratha." Yet there is an occasion when he "forgets" and behaves like

the god he actually is. Lord Rama is believed to have lived in the Treta Yuga, 1.2 million years ago. Rama is considered to be an enlightened man, with great regard for morals and values. He has also been given the title of Maryada Purushottama, which means the perfect man. Ram Navami is a Hindu festival that is celebrated in order to honour the birth of Lord Vishnu's incarnation, Lord Rama. This day marks the end of the nine-day Chaitra Navratri celebrations, which are celebrated in the Hindu month of Chaitra which falls on the cusp of spring and summer. Wishing people, the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami on March 30, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrote on Twitter, "Maryada Purushottam' Lord Ram's life was based on sacrifice, tapasya, restraint, and resolve. The life of Lord Ram will be an inspiration for humanity in every era. Home minister Amit Shah said that everyone should learn from Lord Ram to have "patience and a sense of kindness even in critical situations". Best wishes to everyone on the great festival of Ram Navami. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi tweeted, "Best wishes of Ram Navami to all the countrymen. I hope this auspicious festival brings happiness and prosperity in everyone's life". But the question creeps into mind: why do most politicians especially the ruling class do just the opposite of Lord Rama's ideals while advising people to emulate him? Why people's devotion to Lord Rama is utilized for political gain? Why religion is mixed with politics. For

the present ruling dispensation at the Centre, Lord Rama and the building of the Rama temple are used for the electoral dividend. Let's take a look at the best of his qualities He has even been defined as, "the embodiment of truth, of morality, the ideal son, the ideal husband, and above all, the ideal king," by Swami Vivekananda. He was the epitome of kindness, sympathy, truthfulness spirituality, humility, and sensitiveness. Lord Rama is revered in Indian mythology for his exemplary leadership and his commitment to the values of truth, justice, and compassion. Rama is the embodiment of chivalry and virtue. For millions of Bharatiyas, Lord Rama's life is seen as a life of holy compliance, purity, simplicity, self-sacrifice, and renunciation. Lord Rama was famous for visionary leadership, ethical decisions, - empathy and compassion, effective communication, adaptability, and resilience. But the present ruling class who cites the name of Lord Rama lacks all the above qualities. However, Lord Rama is being criticised on three aspects: the way he banished Sita and asked her to testify chastity that led to her immolation; the deceptive way he killed Bali; killed Shambhuk, a shudra ascetic, for attempting to perform tapasya in violation of dharma, resulting in the bad karma. According to the story, Shambuka..Another speculation behind the killing of Shambuka is that he wanted to get killed by Lord Rama so that he could attain salvation. Dr B R Ambedkar was a great critic of lord Rama. However, Lord Rama was

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loyal to Sita and never thought of a woman other than Sita in his entire life when polygamy was the order of the day. Even after Sita vanishes, he never married again. Ram was a one-woman man with great love for his wife Sita. He resisted any temptation that could come in the way of his love for his wife. But now people worship lord Rama, but extramarital or illicit sexual relation is rampant. People are changing life partners frequently even like clothes. He was satisfied with whatever he had, even a little less couldn't have bothered him. For one, his lack of greed, when he promptly accepts being exiled. But today, human beings have become greedy especially politicians have become avaricious for any wealth and power. They want to accumulate power and wealth at any cost or by hooks or by crooks transcending all moral values. Human beings have become so greedy, and rapacious that it is overexploiting nature leading to natural catastrophe. Most of the time, the Rama temples are overcrowded with devotees but you will find many of such devotees neglecting their parents just contrasting to Rama's ideology who voluntarily embraced the punishment of

was in his governance. Bit, now ruling dispensation at the Centre is always resorting to advertisement blitzkrieg to magnify their achievements and camouflage failures. Every day, there is a new slogan, shifting the goalpost. Neither attempt is made to know the weakness in governance nor effort taken to address the problems of the masses. Now dissent is treated as treason, and hatred is created against those who expose failures of government or make a critical analysis of government policy. Deliberately scurrilous, abusive language is used against dissenters or critics. Media is not allowed to express independent views and is battered, and pounded to present a rosy picture about governance and obfuscate failures of government. Lord Rama was against corruption and criminal activities. But now corruption and criminal activities are rampant. According to a report by an NGO Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), People having criminal activities are more likely to win the election. The chances of winning for a candidate with declared criminal cases in the Lok Sabha 2019 is 15.5 per cent whereas for a candidate with a clean background, it is 4.7 per cent. According to a report by an NGO Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), as per the details mentioned in the self-sworn affidavits, out of the 539 winners analysed in Lok Sabha 2019, nearly 43 per cent or 233 MPs have declared criminal cases against themselves. This is an increase of 44 per cent in the number of MPs with declared criminal cases since 2009. Out of the 542 MPs analysed during Lok Sabha elections in 2014, 185

(34 per cent) winners had declared criminal cases against themselves while out of 543 winners analysed during Lok Sabha elections in 2009, 162 (30 per cent) had declared criminal cases against themselves. There is an increase of 109 per cent in the number of MPs with declared serious criminal cases since 2009. Among the new Lok Sabha MPs, there are 10 who have declared convicted cases against themselves. There are 11 MPs with declared cases related to murder (Indian Penal Code Section-302) and 30 winners with declared cases of attempt to murder (IPC Section-307). There are 19 MPs who have declared cases related to crimes against women. Out of these, three have declared cases related to rape (IPC Section-376) and six have declared cases related to kidnappings.. Around 29 winners have declared cases related to hate speech. Anybody believing in philosophy of Lord Rama will never allow people with criminal records in cabinet. He/she will never allow rich to dominate or garner major share. According to ADR, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's new Cabinet, which comprises of 58 ministers, has a total of 51 crorepati. While the average assets of all the ministers' account for Rs 14.12 crore, four ministers have declared more than Rs 40 crore worth of assets. Lord Ram is not about "Hindu identity" but about "Hindu values". If Lord Rama wanted to spread Hinduism, he could have converted all the Rakshasas/demons into his own clan after killing Ravana. But he preferred not to do so. The fight was over principles and not over the identity of the two parties involved in the war. They are the same principles on which we need

to fight today rather than fighting over identity. The principles of truthfulness, integrity, and honesty need to be rejuvenated in our society, and obsession with identity needs to be reduced. 'Mahatma Gandhi brought 'Ram Rajya' into contemporary discourse. A devout Hindu, Gandhi was greatly influenced by the teachings of the Ramayana. But what did Ram Rajya mean in the 20th century in the Gandhian sense? Ram Rajya envisages a society in which virtue, morality, and justice are the core ideals around which day-to-day interactions between citizen and citizen and state and citizen occur. According to Gandhiji, Rama Rajya means both prince and pauper have equal rights. Ramarajya does not mean Hindu Raj. Ramarajya means Divine Raj, the Kingdom of God. For Gandhiji Rama and Rahim are one and the same deity. I acknowledge no other God but the one God of truth and righteousness, Gandhiji said. But the rulings classes do not adhere to the philosophy of Lord Rama. There is a saying that service to humanity is service to the Almighty. God is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent. Duty is God. Then why, there is religious fundamentalism, why are temple politics so rampant? Why so much hatred for other communities? Why religion is mixed with politics.

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Glimpse of the cultural performance at the 17th Indian Cooperative Congress at Pragati Maidan, in New Delhi on July 1, 2023. PM graced on the occasion.

"You're Leading Largest Opposition Party": Trinamool's Reply To PM's Speech

New Delhi: The Trinamool Congress on Saturday called Prime Minister Narendra Modi the leader of the "largest opposition party", which is "opposed" to providing jobs, nurturing democracy, preserving federalism and controlling prices. The party was responding to PM Modi's attacks on "opposition parties" in his speech in Shahdol in Madhya Pradesh. Trinamool Rajya Sabha member Derek O'Brien accused the BJP of being opposed to jobs, democracy and federalism. "These are NOT 'opposition parties', Mr Prime Minister! It is YOU who is leading the largest 'opposition



party'. Your party is opposed to giving young people jobs. Opposed to nurturing democracy. Opposed to preserving federalism. Opposed to controlling prices," he said in a tweet. PM Modi in his speech said, "The social media posts of those (opposition parties),

who want to come together, are getting viral these days. These opposition parties are only uniting to promote dynastic politics." After the recent meeting of the Opposition parties in Patna, the BJP has questioned the purpose of the meet as well as the unity among the participating parties.

National River Ranching programme at Patna



Patna(KCN) :ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (ICAR-CIFRI), Barrackpore organized 'National Ranching Programme-2023' under Namami Gange Programme at Patna for fish conservation and restoration of river Ganga. Till date more than 88 lakhs of fishes have been ranched under the ICAR-CIFRI-NMCG project in different riverine stretch of river Ganga flowing through Indian states. In continuation of this, a ranching cum awareness programme was organized at Raja Ghat, Patna, Bihar in the presence of Dr. Rameshwar Singh Hon'ble Vice Chancellor

BASU, Patna. Dr. Basanta Kumar Das, Director ICAR-CIFRI and Principal Investigator, NMCG project highlighted the importance of ranching and conservation in river Ganga. A total of 2.0 Lakh artificially bred wild fish germplasm of Rohu, Catla, Mrigal and Calbasu seeds were released into the river at Raja Ghat. Above all the species Catla contributed the most(60%) with average size of 400 g. The event was also attended by Dr. Kamlesh Sharma, HoD, ICAR-RCER Patna, Shri N. Jawahar, Principal chief conservator of Forest (climate change and wetland Bihar) and

dignitaries from Dept. Of Fisheries, Bihar and CRPF Patna. The efforts of ICAR-CIFRI will help in boosting the livelihood of then local fishers beside conservation of native fish germplasm. Besides ranching program, a public awareness program was also organised ICAR-CIFRI, where more than 50 local fisher folks were present and promised to participate in govt. initiative for sustainable fisheries of river Ganga. In this present program, active participation of fishers were observed. Besides this distribution of fishing nets were also provided to local fishers of Ganga.

Mehbooba Mufti Requests CJI Chandrachud For Early Hearing On Article 370 Petitions

Jammu: Peoples Democratic Party President Mehbooba Mufti today requested Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud for an early hearing of a batch of petitions challenging the revocation of Article 370 in August 2019. CJI Chandrachud is currently on a tour of Jammu and Kashmir and delivered the inaugural address on the second day of the 19th All India Legal Services Authorities meeting in Srinagar on Friday, besides attending the foundation laying function of the new high court complex in Jammu a day earlier. "We welcome CJI to Jammu and Kashmir and want to remind him of Article 370 and the commitment of the people of the country to maintain the special



status (of J&K under the constitutional provision) when the Muslim majority region joined hands with India without any c o m p u l s i o n , " Mehbooba told reporters here. The PDP leader requested the CJI to ensure an early hearing of the petitions on Article

370. "We want to invite the attention of the CJI to the petitions which are pending in the Supreme Court for the last four years and also towards the plight of... people, especially the youth who are in jails within and outside J-K without any trial," Mehbooba said. The PDP, National

Conference (NC) and other parties in Jammu and Kashmir have opposed the scrapping of Article 370 which gave special status to J&K. "The BJP revoked Article 370 unconstitutionally and illegally despite several past rulings by the Supreme Court in the cases filed by

Sampat Prakash (1968), Vijayalaxmi Jha (2018) and Prem Nath Kaul (1959), reiterating that the Article will not be touched unless J&K constitutional assembly recommends for the same," Mehbooba claimed. Earlier in a tweet, Mehbooba said Article 370 is a constitutional commitment of this nation to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Listen to the latest status, only on JioSaavn.com "...J&K acceded to India out of choice & not compulsion. Then why is it being deprived of basic fundamental rights & guarantees given by the Constitution itself? I earnestly hope your presence throws light upon these pressing issues," she said.

Netherlands Hosts First Ever Car Festival at Almere

Almere (KCN):Annual Car Festival was celebrated at Almere city of Netherlands with much pomp and massive fanfare. Since the Rath yatra was being organised for the first time in this European Nation, unexpected interest, unusual enthusiasm and unprecedented excitement were visible among the hundreds of Odia and Non Odia devotees gathered here along with their family members and relatives to witness the Holy Event. Organised by Odia Socio Cultural Association, Netherlands (OSCAN), the Rath Yatra day started with a special worship, performed by the priest before Four Deities stationed at Audrey Hepburnstraat. Then the Deities were brought to the Ceremony site at D. Ruimte

Auditorium. The Festival venue was aesthetically and elegantly decked up befitting to the Grand Occasion. Then the Idols were taken in a procession to the colourfully decorated Chariot stationed inside the Auditorium. The entire atmosphere got reverberated with the recitals of hymns, roaring of slogans like Haribol and Jai Jagannath, sounding of Huluhuli, blowing of conch and playing of musical instruments such as Ghanta, Kartala, Mardala, Jhanja and the devotees. The long awaited and much expected pulling of Chariot commenced at around 12.30 p.m. in afternoon. The Chariot was pulled till 1 km within the periphery and then pulled back to inside



the Auditorium. The auspicious view of the Trinity in a majestic pose aboard the Royal Chariot during their sojourn on the street of Netherlands

was momentous and mesmerising. The Deputy Chief of Mission of Indian High Commission based at the Hague Mr Gince Mattam

graced the celebration as Chief Guest and inaugurated the cultural programmes by lighting the ceremonial lamp. The Car Festival witnessed a

spectacular cultural extravaganza, which include recitals of Bhajans & Odia Songs, presentations of Odissi and Bharatnatyam Dance

items and playing of instruments by Kids. The special attraction of the show was staging of a play entitled God of Devotee: Dasia Bauri. Basing on the theme of the equal treatment of Lord Jagannath to everybody irrespective of their status, belongingness and profession the audiences were completely moved and spellbound by the perfect and passionate acting of the superbly talented artistes. Paintings and traditional dress competitions were the other highlights of the Fiesta. The invited Guests and attendees were served the delicious Odia foods like Ghee Anna, Dalma, Besara, Khata, Saga, Rasagola, Tanka Torani and Chudaghasa prepared by Charcoal caterings at the end of the programme. The whole Rath Yatra

Ceremony was conducted with the guidance and advise of Gajapati Maharaja Dibyasingh Deb. The Maiden Festival has become a huge success because of the astounding organising skill displayed by OSCAN team which include President Saswat Padhi and senior members Sushil Das Mahapatra, Anshuman Mishra, Paritosh Mahapatra, Nilamadhab Mishra, Somanath Lenka, Lopamudra Nayak, Deepak Parida, Debadatta Dash, Aurobindo Ghadai and Suvendu Acharya. The First Ever Rath Yatra in Netherlands was actively co-operated and logistically supported by institutions like AAONXT, Nobel Mortgages, Geeksoft Consulting, Prilk Consulting, Etia Consulting and Innoveren IT.

29 Bodies Identified Co-op Congress Meet

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Four weeks after the deadly train accident in Bahanaga, the AIIMS Bhubaneswar authority was able to identify 29 of 81 dead bodies preserved in containers in the institution here. To identify 81 bodies, 88 DNA samples were sent to New Delhi, of which test reports of 29 claimants have been arrived, said Bhubaneswar Mayor Sulochana Das. "We have informed the family members of the identified 29 deceased. Five people have already arrived at AIIMS and others will

also come soon," she said. At least 293 people died and over 1000 were injured after Chennai-bound Coromandel Express, Howrah bound SMVP-Howrah Superfast Express and a good train were involved in a tragic accident near the Bahanaga Bazar railway station in Odisha's Balasore district on June 2 evening. Of the total deceased, 81 bodies remained unidentified as the government has halted the process to hand over the bodies after multiple persons came

to claim a single body. The other bodies have been handed over to the family members of the deceased after verification of related documents. Samples of hair, teeth, bone, nails and muscle tissue for each of these victims were sent to the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) in New Delhi. Of which, DNA reports of 29 bodies matching with their claimants have been received by the AIIMS Bhubaneswar. The test reports of remaining bodies will come up in another two phases, the

source said. After getting information about the arrival of DNA reports, the family members of train tragedy victims rushed to the AIIMS and waited to get bodies of their loved ones. The officials of Bhubaneswar municipal corporation, railways, Odisha transport department and AIIMS are there in the hospital premises. The identified dead bodies will be handed over to the family members in presence of officials of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI),

the source said. The Odisha transport department will provide free transportation to those family members who want to take bodies to their native place. About 10 ambulances have been kept ready in AIIMS premises, said a transport department official. If any family member decided to perform the last rites in Bhubaneswar, the local administration has made all arrangements for them in Bharatpur and Satya Nagar crematories.

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the 17th Indian Cooperative Congress at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on 1 July at 11 AM.

Driven by the Prime Minister's firm belief in the vision of "Sahakar Se Samridhi", the government has continuously been taking steps to boost the cooperative movement in the country. A separate Ministry of Cooperation was created by the government to give strength to this endeavour. Prime Minister's participation in the programme is another step in this direction.



The 17th Indian Cooperative Congress is being organised on 1-2 July, 2023. Its objective is to discuss various trends in cooperative movement, showcase best practices being adopted, deliberate challenges being faced and chalk out future policy direction for growth of India's cooperative movement. There will be seven technical sessions on the main theme of "Amrit Kaal : Prosperity through

Cooperation for a Vibrant India. It will witness participation of more than 3600 stakeholders including cooperatives from primary level to national level, delegates of International Cooperative Organisations, representatives of International Cooperative Alliance, representatives of Ministries, Universities, eminent institutions, among others.

Ginger seed price shoots, Odisha farmers in spot

JEYPORE(KCN): Ginger growers of hilly areas of Laxmipur, Dasmantpur, Lamtatpur, Pottangi, Semiliguda, Nandapur, Borigumma areas in Koraput district are shying away from taking up the crop due to the hike in market price of the underground rhizome seed. Unless the government steps in to provide them with subsidised seeds, the farmers said they are not inclined to continue growing it for kharif. Though ginger is grown on more than 2500 hectares of land in the district, farmers reportedly incur loss in buying the root from open market for cultivation purposes. This year ginger seeds prices touched ~300 per kg in some markets of Pottangi and Semiliguda while it was hardly Rs 60 to Rs 70 per kg in the past years. Normally, farmers collect the rhizome seed by May and cultivate



during June taking the local weather condition into consideration. However, this year, due to price rise and non-availability of good seeds in local markets, cultivation has been restricted to 20-25 per cent land. The price hike of ginger is attributed to acute summer condition in the tribal areas due to which the seeds could not be preserved by growers for further production. Even in many places, the ginger meant for seeds was sold in the market creating a

shortage. "We usually cultivate the root during June but this year we did not get good quality ginger locally and those available were highly priced," rued Ramahari Mali, a ginger cultivator of Nandapur. Discouraged by the problems, the ginger growers are pinning hopes on the government to provide them with quality seeds in subsidised prices for the upcoming kharif season. "Its time the horticulture department identified the ginger

cultivators and provided them seeds at the earliest," said convenor of Koraput Krushak Kalayan Manch, Narendra Pradhan. Koraput deputy director of horticulture Sudam Charan Biswal admitted there was a problem in the supply of ginger seeds to farmers this year through government agencies. "However, as per norm, we are providing subsidy to farmers purchasing the root seed from their own sources and cultivating it," he added.

Koraput mandis hit a low in rabi paddy purchases

JEYPORE(KCN): Having procured about 8.21 lakh quintal paddy during the rabi season, the civil supplies department-run mandis closed in Koraput district on Thursday. This is probably the first time in a decade that the government target of procurement has not been achieved. The state government had set a target to district civil supplies and consumer welfare department to procure about 12.47 lakh quintal paddy from around 20,000 farmers of the district.



but due to strike by LAMPS, the process started a week late. In a departure from the past, this time mandis saw slow participation of farmers as well as low procurement by the agencies. As the mandis closed shop on Thursday, only 8.21 lakh quintal paddy was procured by the agencies which is said a first in the last decade. Normally, farmers demand increased procurement, and complain about process inadequacies which have

been absent this season. Sources said most of the big and middle farmers of Jeypore, Kotpad, Borigumma and Kundra blocks sold their paddy stocks to traders of Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh as they offered good price compared to what was being paid at the mandis. This led to a precarious situation in procurement this year. "Farmers received up to Rs 1,950 per quintal paddy from private traders who showed up at their

doorsteps and happily sold their stocks to them instead going to the mandis", said Narendra Pradhan, leader of Koraput Krushak Kalyan Manch. On the other hand, the farmers used to get only Rs 1,850 per quintal at the mandis which factored in transportation and labour costs as well deduction of paddy by millers. District civil supplies department sources, however, said no extension will be given to mandis to achieve the procurement target of the district.



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Second Russian Forum-Festival 'The Arctic. The Ice Has Broken' Held in Murmansk

New Delhi : Participants of the Second Russian Volunteer Forum-Festival 'The Arctic. The Ice Has Broken' business programme discussed the development of Arctic tourism and a comfortable urban environment in the Far North, how to protect the environment in northern latitudes, and environmental initiatives to this end in Murmansk on 22-25 June. The event was held as part of the plan for Russia's chairmanship of the Arctic Council in 2021-2023. Chairmanship events have been operated by the Roscongress Foundation. "The state has been paying priority attention to the exploration and harmonious development of the Arctic. It is notable that volunteers, students and representatives of public organisations and businesses, who are energetic and caring people with a responsible stand in society and life, are actively contributing to dealing with these challenging issues. I know that they have already accomplished a great deal: they have cleaned 110 hectares of the Arctic and removed over 5,000 tonnes of waste. This ambitious and much-needed project will continue. I am confident that during this forum you will discuss a broad range of issues pertaining to environmental protection

and will map out new objectives and plans," Russian President Vladimir Putin said in his opening address to event participants. One of the forum-festival programme's most important events was the plenary session 'To Live, Work, Learn, and Discover in the Arctic'. Speakers included representatives of the Ministry for the Development of the Russian Far East and Arctic, the State Duma, the Federation Council, regional Arctic authorities, and public organizations. They joined the volunteers in discussing how to raise the local living standards, environmental volunteering, improving human resources in Arctic constituent entities, and modernizing environmental legislation, monitoring the permafrost, and organizing volunteer activities. The forum also included an 'Arctic Dialogue' on business development and attracting young people to the Murmansk Region. It was attended by representatives of the Ecosystem movement, the Arctic Initiatives Centre, and Clean Arctic partner companies Rosatom, Nornickel, PhosAgro, and Arktikugol. "Russia has held

the chairmanship of the Arctic Council for 2021-2023. Environmental conservation has been one of our chairmanship's main priorities. The development of the Arctic territories has meant an increase in the number of icebreaking ships and tourist and freight traffic along the Northern Sea Route and lending the issue particular urgency. The forum-festival 'The Arctic. The Ice Has Broken' is a unique platform where solutions to the most important issues facing the climate and environmental agenda - such as the development of the Northern Sea Route and its environmental monitoring system, the functioning of specially protected areas, and a general clean up of the Arctic - can all be explored," Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation and Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy to the Far Eastern Federal District Yuriy Trutnev said. During the forum-festival, experts and volunteers also discussed the implementation of the Northern Sea Route project, the functioning of specially protected natural areas, and the training of personnel for the regions of the Russian Arctic zone of the Russian Federation.

Myntra's EORS-16 is geared to serve over 50 lakh shoppers

Bhubaneswar: The 16th edition of Myntra's biannual EORS, India's grandest fashion event is arriving, bringing with it the joy and euphoria to the millions of fashion aficionados in the country. The event, which will be held from 11 to 16 June, is going to be bigger than previous versions, comprising the biggest-ever collection of 14 lakh styles across 5000+ brands. The 6-day event is set to provide unprecedented offers from fashion, lifestyle, beauty and personal care and home categories, catering to over 50 lakh unique customers across the country, with an expected uptick in demand by over 3X of BAU and 26% increase in traffic over the

previous July edition. Myntra expects over 1 million new customers with over 40% of the overall traffic coming from tier 2 and 3 cities and towns. The brands have specially curated a vast selection with a strong focus on summer essentials, Gen-Z trends, beauty and personal care as well as celebrity-led EORS special collections. First-time shoppers will get ₹500 cashback on their initial transaction, exciting coupons for future use and free delivery for the first 4 orders. On the payments front, there are exciting offers too from banks, such as ICICI and Axis Bank, offering a 10% instant discount, while users

of Paytm will get assured cashback on wallet & postpaid transactions. To cater to the changing needs of the customers, Myntra has on-boarded 100 new brands ahead of EORS and increased its style selection by a whopping 40% from the previous July edition, giving shoppers a wide catalogue of products from the best of international and domestic brands, including D2C brands to choose from. Speaking about EORS, Nandita Sinha, CEO, Myntra, said, "Over the years, EORS has become one of the most sought-after fashion events in the country.

NHAI's escrow guidelines a huge positive for BOT road projects: Infomerics Ratings

New Delhi: National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) recently issued a guideline on Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to monitor the escrow defaults and take appropriate action to safeguard the NHAI interest in the arbitration matters on claims made by the concessionaire.

It is observed that at times the waterfall mechanism where escrow account has been in place between the NHAI, the concessionaire & the lender, is not followed. Adherence to waterfall escrow arrangement is the basic premise while assigning ratings to such projects. The applicability of the new SOP to all BOT projects, whether toll or annuity where escrow mechanism is in place, has been mandated to

with ensure that all project cash flows (inflows & outflows) must be necessarily routed through the escrow accounts and funds shall be applied in the waterfall of priorities set forth in the concession agreement. Any deviation by the escrow lender will be a breach of trust to be dealt in accordance with the provisions of concession agreement and the lender shall be liable for damages.

Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India inaugurates its 3rd Skill Enhancement Centre in Rourkela, Odisha

Rourkela, : Committed to Skill India Mission, Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India (HMSI) inaugurated Odisha's 3rd Skill Enhancement Centre at Rourkela in collaboration with Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI) of the city. The new centre will empower local youth with job-oriented technical skill training in the city. The inauguration was held in the august presence of Sh. Subrata Kumar Pattnaik (President, Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Rourkela, Odisha), Sh. Bibhabanjan Samantasinghary (Regional Transport Officer, Rourkela, Odisha), Sh. Dhananjaya Khura (Principal, Industrial Training Institute, Rourkela, Odisha), Sh. Rajendra Bhimrao Shinde (General Manager, Regional Business East Customer Service, HMSI) and other dignitaries from



Government ITI, Rourkela and HMSI. On this occasion, Mr. Atsushi Ogata - Managing Director, President & CEO, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India said, "Fulfilling its corporate social responsibility, HMSI

proactively supports Skill India Mission to empower Indian youth. Constant changes in rapidly evolving automobile industry have raised the demand of skilled technical manpower. Keeping this as a priority, HMSI has inaugurated its third Skill Enhancement Centre of Odisha. The new developed centre in Rourkela is a testimony to our commitment to upskill local youth and enhance their employability." HMSI's Skill Enhancement Centre at Jail Road, Near Reserve Police line in Rourkela has a fully functional workshop with two-wheelers and service infrastructure and latest tools & technology to give practical training to students on technical aspects of two-wheelers maintenance & repair and empowers them with recruitment opportunities at two-wheeler dealerships across India.

Jindal Stainless invests over 120 crores to install rooftop solar plants at its Jajpur and Hisar units

Jajpur: Furthering its commitment to reduce its carbon footprint, Jindal Stainless plans to install two rooftop solar plants of 21 Megawatt Peak (MWp) capacity at its Jajpur and Hisar units respectively. The roofs of various shop-floors at both units have been identified to install these rooftop solar plants with an overall investment of more than INR 120 crores. Both projects are scheduled to be completed by March 2024.



The two rooftop solar plants will be generating about 795 million units of electricity, with a carbon abatement potential of 5, 64, 450 tonnes in its life span of 25 years. In addition to the environmental benefits, these rooftop

solar plants will also save 108 acres of land that would have been used if the plant was located on the ground. Commenting on this development, Managing Director, Jindal Stainless, Abhyuday Jindal, said "This is an important step towards achieving our Net Zero

target. Solar rooftop plants are a great alternate source of energy in a tropical country like ours. Jindal Stainless is known across the globe for its product stewardship. Our aim is to make sure that our growth stems from finest sustainable

practices that revolve around social upliftment, good governance, decarbonisation, waste management, and digitalization." Jindal Stainless' Hisar unit has already commissioned rooftop solar projects of 4.1 MWp which is capable of generating 110.7 million units of electricity and reducing 78597 tonnes of CO2. The company is taking significant strides towards achieving its Net Zero carbon emissions by implementing sustainable initiatives and adopting

renewable energy solutions. From introducing a senior position of Chief Sustainability Officer (CSO) to becoming India's first stainless steel company to install a Green Hydrogen Plant at Hisar, Jindal Stainless is dedicated to helping India attain its reduced carbon footprint target. The company successfully reduced its carbon emissions by 1.4 lakh tonnes in FY22. Recently, it also signed a contract with ReNew Power to develop a utility scale captive renewable energy project for its plant in Jajpur. This project will generate 700 million units per year using a combination of solar and wind power generation technologies.

TPCODL warns customers against fraudulent messages for updating KYC

Bhubaneswar: TP Central Odisha Distribution Limited (TPCODL), the joint venture between Tata Power and Odisha Government for power distribution in Central Odisha region, has issued an advisory for its consumers against the unscrupulous elements, who are misleading people with messages to update their KYC to avoid disconnection of electricity supply.

With malicious intent these individuals are engaging with customers without any authorisation of TPCODL. Such messages threaten the consumers stating that their power supply will be disconnected at 9.30 pm on the same day as they have not updated their KYC and advise to contact the electricity officer at certain phone numbers which are different from TPCODL's dedicated customer care numbers.

TPCODL urges customers to take all precautions before responding to any such messages / calls. The company never asks any customer to share any password, OTP or any other personal details with any Executive. The company urges to customers to use TPCODL Mitra App to verify the credibility of their employees.

TPCODL has dedicated 24x7 Toll Free Number 1800-345-7122/1912 as a one-point solution for all the grievances. The company urges all its customers to immediately report any such message / call by any individual asking for transaction or banking details. Customers can also e-mail at customercare@tpcentralodisha.com for any queries. "While our team is keeping a close watch on such fraudulent activities, we intend to alert our esteemed customers as well. We request our customers to use the TPCODL Mitra App and follow authorised channels / gateways to reach out to us for any grievances or queries," said Mr. Shenbagam, Chief Executive Officer, TP Central Odisha Distribution Ltd.

Tata Steel announces winner of its open innovation programme MaterialNEXT 3.0

Jamshedpur: Team 'Nano Tribe' of IIT Hyderabad was declared the winner of the third edition of 'Tata Steel MaterialNEXT' at the Finale held in Jamshedpur on June 1, 2022. The team comprising Sushmitha Veeralingam, Hari Prakash, and Jaladurgam Eshwari, was mentored by Dr. Sushmee Badhulika and presented the solution titled 'self-powering sensor to detect pre-diabetes in human breath'. The winning team received a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh.

Team 'Materials Engineering lab' of the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS) Kolkata showcased the solution titled 'facile, high yield and room temperature synthesis process for two-dimensional (2D) materials' and secured the 1st runner-up slot. The members, Sukhendu Maity and Dr. Krishnendu Sarkar, were mentored by Dr. Praveen Kumar and received a cash prize of Rs 2.5 lakh. Team 'TCN-IITRPR' of IIT Ropar which showcased the solution titled 'Recovery of pure hydrogen from H2S by greener electrochemical approach', bagged the 2nd runner-up position. This team, consisting of a member Mukesh Kumar, was mentored by Dr. C N Tharamani and received a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh.

been to tap into the innovation ecosystem that exists outside of the Company, work with scientific establishments, academic institutions, and start-ups to create sustainable solutions and accelerate our journey to becoming a technology leader in the metals and mining space. The breakthrough ideations, initiatives and innovations evolved by the young minds, who participated in the competition, are indeed laudable and offer a glimpse into exciting times ahead."

Congratulating all the winners and the finalists, T. V. Narendran, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, Tata Steel, said: "Knowledge and Technology have emerged as key enablers for driving value creation and enhancing the geopolitical worth of our country. As India moves forward to become a \$10 trillion economy in the next few decades while also realising its net zero ambitions, it is imperative we achieve this in a clean, smart, and innovative way. At Tata Steel, our endeavour has

On the occasion, Dr. Debashish Bhattacharjee, Vice President, Technology & New Materials Business, Tata Steel, said: "Technological excellence of an organisation does not happen in isolation, it needs a highly capable and supportive ecosystem. Students and academia form the foundation of such an ecosystem of a country.

India bilateral media rights tender delayed as broadcast firms request for more time

New Delhi: The much-awaited bilateral media rights of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) might face further delays as the interested broadcast firms have requested for more time. Ernst & Young (EY), recently appointed by the BCCI as consultants for the bilateral rights, has received these requests. The rights deal with Disney Star Sports had concluded after the India-Australia series in March, leaving the BCCI without a sponsor for the domestic matches. The board initially targeted locking in the new broadcasters by July, but the process seems likely to extend beyond August. One reason for the

postponement request is the impending merger between Sony and Zee, a much-talked-about deal which was expected to be completed by December 2022 but has not yet seen the light of the day. The industry chatter provides indications of a possible cancellation of the deal but parties involved say they are still interested in integration but it is not a slam dunk yet. Legal litigations involving Zee network have caused delays, leading to the speculations but the parties involved insist on their continued interest in integration. The idea of a joint bid from Sony-Zee is believed to hold more force, resulting in a



fierce contest between the parties for the rights. The tender is anticipated to be released in July or even pushed to August to ensure the highest value for the media rights. Given that India has no bilateral games scheduled until December, where they are set to host Australia in five ODIs, there is no immediate urgency to finalize the deal. However, India will play three ODIs before the World Cup in September as part of their preparation for the event in October-November. Whether the BCCI will go for an interim arrangement or finalise the deal is still not known. EY has been engaging with potential broadcasters and will

recommend the appropriate timing for the BCCI to issue the tender. It remains uncertain whether the Board will opt for an e-auction or closed bidding. Under the ICC FTP from 2024-27, India is scheduled to play 141 games, including 38 Tests, 42 ODIs, and 61 T20Is. In other news, the BCCI has entered a four-year partnership with Dream Sports for the sponsorship of the Indian team's jersey. Dream 11 will replace Byju's and will feature prominently on the sleeves of Indian players across formats and teams. Dream Sports has been associated with cricket properties, including the ICC, for a considerable period.

Warner eyes SCG farewell from Tests in 2024

New Delhi: David Warner, the Australian batter, is hoping to end his Test career at the Sydney Cricket Ground following the three-match home series against Pakistan early next year, the 36-year-old stated on Saturday (June 3).

Warner is undergoing a poor run of form - having scored only 1 century in 17 Tests over the last two years. He had already mentioned that he wanted to bring curtains down on his international career following this year's 50-over World Cup in India, but is hoping for a farewell at his home ground in the Australian summer.

"I've always said the World Cup would probably be my final game. I probably owe it to myself and my family - if I can score runs here



and continue to play back in Australia - I can definitely say I won't be playing that West Indies series. If I can get through this and make the Pakistan series I will definitely finish up then." Warner, who is a part of the Australian squad for

the upcoming World Test Championship final and the Ashes, has featured in 103 Tests, 142 ODIs and 99 T20Is for Australia since making his debut in 2009. "I've always played every game as if it's my last. It's how I've always played, it's my style of cricket, I love being

around the team and try to be that ball of energy around the group. I just keep working as hard as I can to get to there. It starts this Test against India and I'm just looking forward to that challenge and then the challenge that presents itself against India." However, Warner - who

had made his international debut in Twenty20 even before featuring in a first-class game - hopes to be a part of the Australian team in next year's T20 World Cup. In T20Is, he has been prolific, scoring at an average of over 40 and a strike rate of 147 since 2021.

"I want to play that 2024 World Cup. It is something that is on the back of my mind. We've got a lot of cricket before that, and then I think it stops from February. So for me, then I'll have to play obviously IPL, some of the other franchise leagues and then get into that rhythm to play in June. There will be a bit of cricket around to play. Who knows I might go back and play a Shield game for New South Wales."

How SA20 retention rules differ from IPL and offer financial security

New Delhi: The SA20 retention rules differ significantly from those of the IPL and are highly protective of the players' interests, particularly the South African players' interests. If a player is released by the franchise and fails to find a buyer at the auction for at least one more year, he will still receive their full fee. According to the rules shared with the teams, a South African player who participated in Season One and was released but subsequently not bought in the Season Two auction will be guaranteed his initial auction fee. Furthermore, if a player is bought for less than their first-year fee, the team that owned him will be required to

compensate for the difference. Graeme Smith explained this point. "For Season 2 of Betway SA20, South African players on multi-year contracts may be bought out of the second year by their franchise. The player will then return to the auction pool, but they are guaranteed their fee from the original contract, which will be offset against their new league fee if taken up at the auction," the SA20 commissioner told Cricbuzz on Friday (June 30) through a statement. For example, Tristan Stubbs, who was bought by Sunrisers Eastern Cape for R9.2m in the first auction, will be guaranteed that amount for the second year if his franchise releases him or if he is bought for a lesser

amount in the second-season auction. If he attracts a higher value, Sunrisers Eastern Cape will have no liability. This rule significantly differs from those in the IPL, where players, particularly Indian players, do not enjoy such protections. However, this shield only applies to this year, as the players were signed for three years on a 2+1 clause, which mandates the teams to protect the players' interests. If a player is released after Season Two, the franchise will have no such liability. "It is not in the supreme interest of a franchise, but it is a rule of the league that we have to follow," said an owner of a team who requested anonymity due to confidentiality clauses.

New Zealand tour of Bangladesh sandwiched around World Cup 2023

New Delhi: Sylhet International Cricket Stadium is all set to host its first Test match after five years as New Zealand is scheduled to play their opening Test of the two-match series in November-December. No Test match has been played in Sylhet since hosting a Test between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe in November 2018 though seven ODIs and eight T20Is have been played in the venue so far.

Bangladesh Cricket Board's director Shafiqul Alam Chowdhury Nadel, who represents Sylhet Division in the board, confirmed the development to Cricbuzz on Friday.

A four-member representative board from New Zealand Cricket (NZC) -- Security consultant Reg Dickason, Head of security Greg Mann, Evan Jones of Players' Association and the team's logistics manager Riaan Muller -- arrived

in the country and paid a visit to the venue in Sylhet on May 31 in order to inspect the wicket, security and venue facilities. According to BCB officials they were quite impressed with the overall arrangements. "We are expected to host the opening Test of the two-match series against New Zealand in November-December and this will be quite a big occasion for us as we will be hosting a Test match after five years," Shafiqul told Cricbuzz on Friday. "They (NZC representatives) are quite impressed with our facilities and it looks like we have met all their requirements," he said adding that they are looking forward to host more Test matches at the venue in the coming days. New Zealand are scheduled to play a three-match ODI series against Bangladesh in September this year

according to the FTP. Furthermore, after the ICC World Cup in India in October-November, New Zealand are scheduled to return to Bangladesh again to play two Tests. BCB have prepared a draft itinerary for the series and Cricbuzz learnt that the three ODIs will be held on September 21, 23 and 26 respectively at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium. After completing the series, the touring side are expected to fly to India for the World Cup. New Zealand will return to Dhaka on November 21, and they are scheduled to play a two-day practice game on November 23-24 at Sylhet before the series opener at SICS from November 28 to December 2. The visitors are scheduled to play the series-concluding last Test at SBNCS in Dhaka from December 6 to 10.

Pope gears up for the Ashes with maiden double ton

London: A maiden double hundred from Ollie Pope and a career-best 182 by Ben Duckett extended England's domination over Ireland in the one-off Test at Lord's as the home team batters made merry before leaving Ireland in a lot of trouble by the time Stumps were drawn. Pope's knock, which was also the fastest double hundred in England and his first hundred at Lord's, is something the 25-year old is hoping to draw inspiration from as England play the Ashes in less than two weeks' time. Before this game, Pope had only one half-century at the Lord's in seven innings, averaging 27.50. Although his first three-figure score at this venue came against an attack that may not be as penetrative as some of the other teams, Pope called it 'special' and hoped that this could help him get into the habit of raking up big scores. "It's very special. Lord's is not somewhere I've done that well over the years, I think I got 70-odd against



South Africa but other than that I've hardly scored a run here. So, it's nice to get that one off my back, especially leading into a big summer. There's no denying that Australia's attack is stronger than Ireland's but scoring runs at Lord's and scoring runs in Test matches is a habit, a good habit to get into early," Pope said after the second day's play on Friday (June 3).

The 2021-22 Ashes

series was not a best of times for Pope as he scored only 67 runs in six innings, averaging 11.16 with a highest of 35. That was a period when Pope was struggling for runs, managing only two half-centuries in 26 innings from August 2020 to the first Test against New Zealand at Lord's in June 2022. "That last tour was a big learning curve for me. If I'm being brutally honest I don't feel like I knew my game well enough and probably wasn't

putting quite enough time in. I'd hit a lot of balls in the nets and think I was training in a good fashion, but I wasn't thinking about my technique and how to attack each style of bowler. That's not me saying I wasn't working hard enough, because I was. I was probably not working smart enough. That's where I've got better over the past 12 months or so," admitted Pope.

But since the

Nottingham Test against New Zealand in June 2022, Pope has scored 997 runs in 21 innings, with three hundreds and five fifties, averaging close to 50, and the runs have come at a strike rate of 80.01. Pope is hoping to continue in the same vein during the Ashes. "There's no denying the fact there are more eyes on Ashes series. It's important I go about it the same as I have in every other Test over the last year. Hopefully the runs come from there." The double centurion also praised debutant Josh Tongue, who picked up all three Ireland wickets that fell towards the end of the day as the visitors ended Day 2 at 97/3, trailing by 255. "For him to dive into that role he did this evening...the way he did that was perfect. He has been awesome this week, he looks the part and has been great around the changing room too. I don't think you would know it's his debut," said Pope.